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Michelle Kennedy (programme manager, infant, children and young people's transformational change programme) gave an update on the **GIRFEC Leadership Programme** which will aim to increase capability and capacity around collective leadership in partnerships, in Ayrshire as a whole, to drive forward integration and embed GIRFEC at a local level. This should lead to improved service delivery and better outcomes for children, young people, carers and their families. The application is being submitted on Friday 26th April, the decision will be made in May. If successful, a working group would need to be formed – could be a Pan Ayrshire group.

Lauren Cameron, gave a presentation on the **Child Poverty Action report** which is to be submitted in June. Child poverty figures have been rising and will continue to rise if a plan is not put in place and actioned. North Ayrshire shows over 10% more children living in poverty – the National average is 18% - North Ayrshire is 29.26%. Laura asked for any relevant Case Studies to be forwarded to her for inclusion in report. The Scottish Government are currently working with Glasgow Caledonian University to find something consistently measurable.

With regards to Health and Wellbeing, the extended outreach continues. The project at Kilwinning has been very successful and they are looking to roll out the same in Largs.

Intergenerational Case Studies have been gathered from across North Ayrshire these will be positive impact stories and share good practice.

Public Health – Poverty Action Plan: it was suggested the PLACE document is useful and covers restraint in schools, and the consequences of dealing with pupils on steroids in schools.

The Named Person service currently being reviewed/evaluated. i.e. what has the impact been since introducing this?

Andrew Kier gave an update on **corporate parenting**. The March steering group meeting was cancelled. The Continuing Care Sub Group has now disbanded. Corporate Parenting Audit and Evaluation Sub Group met in February 2019, they reviewed the CP Action Plan and updated actions discussed. The annual evaluation workshop to be arranged for May but could now be June. The Employability and Skills Work Sub Group have 10 modern apprentice placements and they will be offering work placements as some apprentices left halfway through. A Peer Research Event took place for the Champions Board and looked at stigma and language – a lot of information came out of it and is still to be collated. Care Experienced Attainment Fund for laptops, educational resources and wifi upgrade – also looking at mental health toolkit and CIF Funding for young people. Michelle Kennedy suggested trying North Ayrshire Venture Trust for funds. KA Leisure cards are now available to all young carers.

Child Protection Committee are currently working on a Child Sexual Abuse Strategy.

There is lots of work being done on internet safety.

East Ayrshire have a Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy. North Ayrshire may be the only authority looking at Child Sexual Abuse Strategy but will look to East Ayrshire for help if necessary. Child Protection Committee are working on a Child Sexual Abuse Strategy. One of the outcomes once it has been circulated will probably be that there will be an increase of reports of abuse. This won't happen immediately but will definitely increase in the long term.

In response to report from Children Services Providers Forum – we asked the question around third sector services procurement around PEF and **Attainment Challenge Fund**: PEF is down to individual head teachers to administer and there is currently no framework (East Ayrshire work differently) It is finance discussion and could be picked up with Andrew McClelland. Attainment funding is likely to be non-recurring. Donna McKee referred to Community Wealth Building and the third sector coming up with ideas of what schools need, then start to look at a framework. It is a very complex situation but Donna sees the issue highlighted.