

# Children's Hearings Scotland Board Paper

## Agenda Item 1.6

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| <b>Date of Meeting</b> | 19 January 2012   |
| <b>Paper number</b>    | CHS1112-029   |
| <b>Title</b>           | <b>Update from Project Manager</b>  |
| <b>Purpose</b>         | The purpose of the paper is to note the update from the Project Manager.                |
| <b>Options</b>         | <b>Note</b> the update from the Project Manager.  |
| <b>Recommendations</b> | The Board is recommended to—<br><br><b>Note</b> the update from the Project Manager.    |
| <b>Attachments</b>     |   |
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## Update for CHS Board: 19 January 2012

### Key activity

#### Area Support Teams

Formal agreement with David Hume to work with CHS on securing agreement on ASTs. He has spoken informally to a number of Chief Execs about both the AST project as a whole and about the position of their authorities individually.

The development of a comprehensive package of papers for LAs to move forward discussions on ASTs: answers to AST consultation questions; draft Partnership Agreement; short guide to the Act and ASTs; draft roles and responsibilities for all AST members; individual letters addressing specific issues and outlining what a proposed AST might look like and cost. This package to issue by 27 January.

Work to identify who within each LA will be conducting SLA discussions and the mechanism for securing Partnership Agreement with all 32 LAs.

David Hume and Kit Wyeth had a positive discussion with George Black, Chief Exec of Glasgow City Council and followed this up with an initial discussion with the official leading on Partnership Agreement discussions.

Kit Wyeth had a positive meeting with the CPAC clerks from the 3 Ayrshire authorities re a joint AST and what that might involve.

Meetings with various CPAC representatives which have helped bring clarity about the remaining tasks and challenges in securing AST sign-off.

David Hume has secured a slot on the SOLACE agenda at its meeting on 27 Jan to talk about ASTs

#### National Standards

Have appointed Debbie Bayne as National Standards Project Officer for 6 months to take forward the national standards.

Draft National Standards to be published for consultation 31 January. Hard copies will be sent to all panel members.

A series of consultation workshops organised across Scotland in February and March.

#### Training

Have had discussions with Sponsor Team about training options beyond December 2012.

Discussions with SSSC about them carrying out a short-term piece of work looking at possibilities for training and providing an options appraisal for panel member training.

### Engagement with panel members and the panel community

Regular communication with panel members and others on CHS activity and National Convener issues

Communication and engagement strategy worked up by Lesley Taylor

### Corporate governance

Fiona Grieg and the team have made quick and significant progress on corporate governance issues

### Staffing

CHS now has 9 members of staff in post, including the Project Manager. Additional staff member starting next month to work on advice to hearings. CHS will also be looking to recruit additional staff shortly to work on AST issues and Panelpal.

All CHS staff now located in Ladywell House.

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