

**GIVE KIDS A CHANCE (GKAC)  
ADVISORY GROUP MEETING  
Minutes of meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at  
Summerfield House - Video Conference**

**Present:**

Linda Smith, Public Health Lead, Aberdeen CHP, NHS Grampian  
Ivor Lee, Local Integration Support Officer, Buckie, Keith & Speyside,  
Moray Council  
Susan Leslie, Health Improvement Officer (Schools) Moray CHSCP  
Pauline Gerrard, Liaison Officer, Aberdeen Council of Voluntary  
Organisations  
Babs Davidson, Parent Support Worker, St Machar Parent Support  
Project, Aberdeen  
Heather Wilson, GKAC Project Manager, NHS Grampian  
Grace Hanvey, GKAC Admin Assistant

<b>Item</b>	
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Graham Jarvis, CL&amp;D Manager, The Moray Council Rona Benzie, Community Learning Development Officer, Children &amp; Young People, Aberdeen City Council Jennifer Hall, Public Health Lead, Aberdeenshire CHP, NHS Grampian John Carney, Social Work Manager, Moray Council Tracey Gervaise, Public Health Lead, Moray, NHS Grampian Kim Penman, Public Health, Aberdeenshire CHP, NHS Grampian Chris Stewart, Deputy General Manager and Lead for Children Services, Aberdeen CHP, NHS Grampian Caroline Clark, Public Health Co-ordinator, Abdnshire CHP( North) Geoff Marshall, Acting Youth Strategy Team Leader, Aberdeenshire Council Gary Sutherland, Chair, North Aberdeenshire Alcohol, Drug and Blood Borne Virus Forum</p> <p>Heather welcomed Susan Leslie to the meeting. Susan was attending on behalf of Tracey Gervaise.</p>
2.	<p>Heather explained that there was no agenda for this meeting but the purpose was to finalise comments for Section 5 of the Critical Review Report; Discussion and Conclusion.</p> <p>Those attending were in agreement that too much detail had been included in the draft circulated and effort should be made to summarise this and identify</p>

key points for discussion.

It was suggested that in order for the report to be objective it should not be completed by Heather, but by someone who did not know the project so well.

Bullet points and tables for easy reading and a smart action plan were necessary. This could include devolved responsibilities for each area.

During the course of the meeting the following points were discussed:

- Most professionals responding to the survey were from social work backgrounds.
- The focus is definitely on early intervention as apposed to prevention as was the aim when the project was first established in 1997.
- More awareness of project in Aberdeen, least in Moray.
- Community Planning Structures across all areas have changed – where does GKAC fit into each of them? No direct link for GKAC. This is certainly a missing link for the project.
- Single Outcome Agreements for each area also different with GKAC not achieving specific single outcome agreement targets but contributing towards the more holistic aspirations of the National Outcome Agreement.
- Were separate action plans required for each of the 3 geographic areas? Low awareness levels could be attributed to lack of inclusion in service delivery plans such as Local Management plans, Integrated Children's Services Plans. GKAC involvement should be more explicit.
- Challenge of delivering on a Grampian wide basis - lack of local knowledge for Moray and Aberdeenshire areas.
- Where is GKAC best placed in order to support sustainability. This is a small project based within Public Health, not NHS Grampian. One option suggested was to link with another voluntary organisation.
- Most respondents had heard of GKAC through word of mouth and self promotion by the GKAC team. The GKAC website has not been the source of information but links to GIRFEC sites across all three areas could be considered.
- Lack of awareness of the criteria for referring to GKAC was evident with examples of inappropriate referrals quoted in the review responses.
- GKAC is a small project within Aberdeen CHP. There is no back up for the project apart from the support provided by Heather & Grace.

**Actions**

1. Heather to contact Caroline Clark to check situation in Aberdeenshire in relation to GIRFEC websites and Community Planning Structures.
2. Heather to contact Jill McGee regarding the Moray GIRFEC

	<p>website.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Linda Smith to contact Lorriane Currie regarding concerns relating to the governance of the project.</li> <li>4. Heather to source someone to complete the Critical Review Report.</li> </ol> <p><b>Themes that are/could be used to report on GKAC within Community Planning groups in each of the areas:</b>  Aberdeen: Achieving Potential Group  Aberdeenshire: (Heather to find out)  Moray: Smarter Group</p> <p>It was acknowledged that although an NHS Grampian representative would be attending these meetings there was no direct link to GKAC.</p>
3.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be arranged.</li> </ul>