
Report To:	Community Health & Care Partnership Sub Committee	Date:	12 January 2012
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Subject:	Barnardos' Bid to Big Lottery Fund		

1.0 PURPOSE :

- 1.1 To advise the Sub-Committee of a Barnardos bid to the Improving Futures Fund of the Big Lottery.

2.0 SUMMARY :

- 2.1 Barnardos, in partnership with the CHCP, have submitted a bid to the Improving Futures Fund of the Big Lottery. The Bid is to support the development of Family Support Services on an early intervention model.
- 2.2 The initial bid has been successful and the proposal has been progressed to round 2. The value of the Bid is £900,000 over a 3 year period, with an option of an application for a further 2 year period.
- 2.3 The Big Lottery has provided Barnardos with a small development grant to support the development of the final project submission (approx £8,000).
- 2.4 The Big Lottery have also funded an independent consultant to support the final project submission and, if successful, implementation.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION :

- 3.1 That the Sub-Committee note the above workstream and seek the support of committee during the project development plan.

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4.0 BACKGROUND :

- 4.1 Barnardos Scotland have had a longstanding involvement in Inverclyde. As an organisation, Barnardos typically provide high quality services for vulnerable families. Uniquely among the major Scottish charitable organisations, Barnardos often make financial contributions from their own reserves to local services. In Inverclyde this equates to £180,000 per annum.
- 4.2 In January of this year Barnardos bid for, and were successful in securing, Fairer Scotland Funding for activity involving parenting, young people's mental health work and infant and maternal nutrition. This is work that relates to SOA7, 'The best start in life'.
- 4.3 During the period when this workstream was being developed the Big Lottery invited applications for the Improving Futures fund. The criteria for applications was for work that would focus on children in the age range 5-10 and where the oldest child in the household does not exceed 10 years. The target group is children that are living in families where there are complex problems but where the children do not routinely receive social work services.
- 4.4 The local interpretation of this criteria is vulnerable families where the level of vulnerability does not meet the threshold for social work intervention but where in the absence of targeted support would be likely to require costly services at some point in the future.
- 4.5 Working with the CHCP Barnardos submitted a bid developed around the theme of Nurturing Inverclyde. This involves the provision of intensive family support services using a range of evidenced based approaches on an early identification and early intervention basis.
- 4.6 The model if successful as well as improving outcomes for individual children should over time result in a reduction in rates of referral/more appropriate referrals to targeted services including social work, the children's hearing and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- 4.7 The model developed is highly consistent with the principles contained in Getting it Right for Every Child. While the criteria for the Children's Change fund has not yet been issued early indicators are that this model would position Inverclyde very well for progressing that work stream.
- 4.8 250 applications were submitted to the fund from across the 4 UK nations. 20 Bids have successfully passed the first round. 4 of these are from Scotland and one of these is the Barnardos Nurturing Inverclyde bid. The value of the bid is £900,000 over 3 years with a possible option of a further 2 years extension.
- 4.9 It has been made clear to Barnardos that given the current economic environment Inverclyde are not able to commit any financial resource and are also clear that we are unable to commit any resource in respect of sustainability.
- 4.10 The commitment requested from Inverclyde is in respect of partnership working, support in kind and visible leadership particularly during the process of the Bid.
- 4.11 Notwithstanding the clarity of Inverclyde's position of being unable to commit any resource to this project, should the project result in significant and demonstrable saving and should the parameters of the Children's Change fund permit, it is recommended that this position be subject of review.

5.0 PROPOSALS :

- 5.1 The Big Lottery have awarded Barnardos a small grant to facilitate the full application progressing to round 2 of the approval process.
- 5.2 A series of staff engagement events have taken place to facilitate the views of staff members and managers across the Local Authority area including other third sector partners. The outcome of this has informed the final bid.
- 5.3 Barnardos have commissioned a newly developed social enterprise company 'SNOOK' to undertake

consultation with children, young people and parents. SNOOK are themselves a group of young people.

- 5.4 The consultation has included those young people in Inverclyde who have flourished and have achieved well throughout their childhood. It is hoped that these young people can help to identify what made a difference to them. However the views of very vulnerable children and care leavers will also be sought again with a view to shaping services that reflect their needs.
- 5.5 Work is ongoing between Barnardos, CHCP, education services and property services to give consideration to possible sites/locations for services provision.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS :

6.1 Legal:

6.2 Finance:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments

6.3 Human Resources :

Should the bid be successful there would be an opportunity to consider co-location of staff and possibly staff secondment. This would be mainly in respect of health, education and social work.

6.4 Equalities:

7.0 CONSULTATION :

7.1 There has been extensive consultation to date and this is continuing.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS :