**NATIONAL SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT COLLABORATION**

**NOTE OF MEETING – 5TH JUNE 2023**

***In attendance by video conference:***

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| Donald Macleod (SDS Scotland) (chair) | Cheryl Taylor (SDS Practice Network) | Lewis Shaw (Alliance Scotland) |
| Sean Macaskill (Autism Knowledge Development) | Anna Stansfield (Scottish Government) | Lucy Devlin (COSLA) |
| Rob Gowans (Alliance Scotland) | Ellie Mae Garnish (Alliance Scotland) | James Carle (Scottish Care) |
| Pauline Boyce (Glasgow Centre for Independent Living) | Becs Barker (Community Contacts) | Kayleigh Hirst (SDS Scotland) |
| Wendy Brooks (Voice Of Carers Across Lothian) | Gordon Dodds (Scottish Government) | Olivia Mann (CCPS) |
| Lyn Pornaro (Disability Equality Scotland) | Hannah Tweed (Alliance Scotland) | April O’Neil (Inclusion Scotland) |
| Kaye Robertson (Community Brokerage Scotland) | Danielle Farrel (In Control Scotland) | Brett Rogers (In Control Scotland) |
| Anne-Marie Monaghan (Community Brokerage Scotland) | Billi Allen-Mandeville (Alliance Scotland) | Toria Fraser (Scottish Government) |
| Mark Han-Johnston (SDS Scotland) | Alastair Minty (In Control Scotland) | Elspeth Critchley (Encompass) |
| Les Watson (Personal Assistants Network Scotland) | Beth Kirby (Scottish Government) | Robert White (ILF Scotland) |
| Joanne McGee (Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living) | Laura Hendry (Aberdeenshire HSCP) | Ali Upton (SSSC) |
| Hannah McShane (Scottish Government) | Ruth MacMillan (Shetland HSCP) | Frank Reilly (BASW) |
| Des McCart (Healthcare Improvement Scotland) | Jane Kellock (Social Work Scotland) | Donna Murray (Social Work Scotland) |
| Noleen McCormick-Harte (East Renfrewshire HSCP) | Laura Finnan Cowan (Social Work Scotland) | Calum Carlyle (Social Work Scotland) (notes) |

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| **Welcome and Matters Arising** | **Actions** |
| DMd welcomed the group.  Apologies were received from: Ashley Drennan, Jaynie Mitchell, Elaine Torrance, Beth Anderson, Anna Stansfield, Violet Keenan, Morag Duncan, Iain Ramsay  The previous meeting minutes were approved by assent.  DMd, AMM, PL and JK addressed the [Health, Social Care and Sport Committee](https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/health-social-care-and-sport-committee-june-4-2024) at the Scottish Parliament as part of the post-legislative scrutiny of SDS. AMM will be speaking to the committee again in two weeks, representing some of the voices of the national SDS collaboration. |  |

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| **National SDS Collaboration Position Statement** | **Actions** |
| It was recognised, in response to a query from the group, that the position statement is informal, and exists to inform the evidence being given to the Scottish Parliament. In future, the statement of intent, which is under development, will be to explore and to state the purpose, aims and intention of the national SDS collaboration going forward.  AMM agreed, saying that the position statement is more a list of important points, which AMM will hope to cover during her committee interview later in the month. AMM ran through the points contained in the statement:  *(double click to view the key messages in the position statement)*  BB – this will be the third opportunity for representatives of this group to speak to the committee about SDS implementation, and it would be good to reiterate some of those points, particularly the pressure being put on option 1 due to over-regulation in options 2 and 3.  JK suggested submitting the points to the committee before the meeting. RG of the Health and Social Care Alliance will also be addressing the committee on the same day (18 June) as well as DMt of Healthcare Improvement Scotland. This group of representatives will liaise ahead of the meeting.  AM suggested that this be called a “commitment statement” rather than a position statement.  There was discussion about the committee’s understanding of the national SDS collaboration, and agreement to make sure this is portrayed as clearly as possible in the committee meeting. The group agreed by assent to the addition of an introductory paragraph in the statement, explaining the status of the national SDS collaboration. |  |

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| **Transitions Strategy** | **Actions** |
| The Scottish Government Transitions team have recently published a Statement of Intent, which sets out the rationale and proposed scope, vision, and priorities for inclusion in the National Transitions to Adulthood Strategy. The analysis of the responses to the statement of intent has also been published recently:   * Introduction - National Transitions to Adulthood Strategy - statement of intent: engagement analysis - gov.scot (www.gov.scot) * [Statement of Intent (Full Version)](https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781835212288)   *(double click to access the presentation)*  *Some discussion and comments –*  BB – A lot of the points raised here are already in the SDS framework of Standards, so I would suggest linking across to the SDS standards.  JK – We are doing some such mapping across in our project team, so please feel free to get in touch about that.  SMl – It’s good to see rights being enshrined, but there needs to be funding in order to allow these changes to happen. Without adequate funding, young people will just be even further disenfranchised. What consideration has been included of the funding gap?  BK – This is more of an exercise in creating a joined-up picture of what’s already there. It is up to different policy areas to resource their own areas of responsibility, so that isn’t directly within the scope of this work.  RW – The Independent Living Fund uses its Transitions fund to work with Young People, many of whom have had no life-planning. One of your outcomes is practitioners being confident to adopt person-led approaches. If Person-centred planning is the best model, then this should be emphasised in the detail.  AM – Agreed, person-centred planning needs to be thought about in a bit more detail. Also, consideration of whether people have to go through a complaints procedure when their rights aren’t being met, rather than a person-centred process. Complaints procedures are exhausting and we should be able to resolve most things without recourse to that.  BK – Yes, that is being considered in the coordination of individual support and communication.  AMM – In the context of massive cuts in Education, we need to bear in mind that Education is responsible for initiating the process of involving Social Work in transitions. The concern is that such cuts might be detrimental to the success of this initiative.  BK – that has been raised, and we are also aware of the shortage of Social Workers in Scotland. This strategy won’t fix everything, but it will help professionals and Young People to find the relevant information that they need.  Engagement events are upcoming, here are the dates (and contact email address):   * 19 June – 10:00-12:15 (Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-transitions-to-adulthood-strategy-solution-focussed-engagement-tickets-906295182287> * 26 June – 10:00-12:15 (Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-transitions-to-adulthood-strategy-solution-focussed-engagement-tickets-906846972707> * 18 July – 10:00-12:14 (Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-transitions-to-adulthood-strategy-solution-focussed-engagement-tickets-906317749787> * **24 July - 14:00-16:15 (Online)** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-transitions-to-adulthood-strategy-solution-focussed-engagement-tickets-920113503257> * 30 July – 14:00-16:15 (Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-transitions-to-adulthood-strategy-solution-focussed-engagement-tickets-906861014707>   Contact: [DCYPtransitions@gov.scot](mailto:DCYPtransitions@gov.scot)    Members were encouraged to share the details of these engagement events as appropriate. |  |

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| **Accessible Information on SDS - Lived Experience Report** | **Actions** |
| *(double click to access the presentation)*  The Health and Social Care Alliance have recently published a report on peoples’ experiences of accessible information around SDS and social care. This work was completed on behalf of Scottish Government, and reflects the experiences of people who are Deaf, Deafblind, and who have Visual Impairments. HT presented today on the findings.  The full report, a summary, and a BSL video (with captions and voiceover) of the findings [are available here.](https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/news/accessible-information-on-self-directed-support-lived-experience-research-report/)  Some comments and questions –  MHJ - Regarding people's communication needs being costed as part of their SDS budget - could people ask for this to be included?  HT – It’s very rare that this is included. On the occasions where this had been costed in, it was often under another heading, which isn’t in the spirit of the legislation.  DM – That point also applies to training needs being costed in a person’s Direct Payment budget. |  |

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| **Revised SDS Standards** | **Actions** |
| LFC presented the newly published [revised SDS framework of standards](https://hub.careinspectorate.com/resources/self-directed-support-library/self-directed-support-framework-of-standards-2024/) and other related documents in [the SDS resource library](https://hub.careinspectorate.com/resources/self-directed-support-library/self-directed-support-framework-of-standards-2024/) (The SDS toolkit and the Reflections on Practice documents).  *(double click to access the presentation)* |  |

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| **National SDS Stakeholder Updates** | **Actions** |
| **SDS Scotland** – SDSS have today launched their new website - <https://www.sdsscotland.org.uk/>  There is a dedicated page on the site for the national SDS collaboration –  The PA Programme Board will have an open meeting on 27th June, and it is an opportunity to hear an update on the past year, and what is planned for the year ahead.  SDS Scotland will hold their AGM online on 13 November, and this will include workshops for attendees.  **In Control Scotland** – Research on pooling budgets is well underway, anyone interested in finding out more can contact: [info@in-controlscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@in-controlscotland.org.uk).  Action Learning Set for option 3 started yesterday, and there will be a new set of action learning sets coming soon on option 2. In Control are collaborating with South Ayrshire looking at new ways to engage with microproviders under option 2, and In Control will be presenting a seminar in collaboration with Social Work Scotland tomorrow (6 June) on Resource Allocation.  Working Together For Change will begin in September, and will run for six months with three in-person and five online sessions. Applications will open at the end of this month, please contact [info@in-controlscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@in-controlscotland.org.uk) if interested.  **Scottish Government** – SG have now issued a note to local authorities notifying them of the revised SDS standards, and we are in the process of archiving the older ones.  SG are continuing to work with a group of national SDS collaboration members to develop a learning approach to evaluation of the SDS Implementation Plan, and are hoping to come back to the Monitoring and Evaluation subgroup of the national SDS collaboration for next steps. |  |

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| **Any Other Business** | **Actions** |
| The next meeting of this group will be on [**Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 1pm-3pm**](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTFhNDI5NTEtNzIxZC00YjI1LThlMjEtMTM0Njc0MGY1Mjcy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223f56ffd8-b90c-4687-b8ed-f572197e94cf%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%226b5f8009-5ce2-4c65-922f-43460a4bf777%22%7d)**.** |  |