

**Meeting of the In-care Abuse Survivors Sub-Group of the Adult Survivors  
of Childhood Sexual Abuse Reference Group**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007 11-1pm  
Marine Crescent Glasgow**

**Present:**

Gary Westwater	(Chair) - Co founder of INCLUDEM
Heather Gray	Who Cares Scotland- Director
Moyra Hawthorn	Scottish Institute on Residential Childcare Reference Group
Helen Holland	Reference Group
Chris Daly	Reference Group – Petitioner to Scottish Parliament
Harry Aitken	Independent
David Whelan	Former Boys and Girls Abused in Quarriers
Jackie Brock	Scottish Executive -
Carolyn Wales	Scottish Executive (minute)
Jeannie Hunter	Scottish Executive – Community Care, Health Department
Annie MacDonald	Professional Adviser to National Reference Group

**1. Minutes from previous meeting amended and agreed (to be circulated separately)**

**1. 1 Matters arising**

**a. Update from Jackie**

- Jackie confirmed that letters had been sent out to all local authorities and independent residential units reminding them of their obligations in relation to keeping children safe. This is one of a range of actions taken in response to Glasgow's investigation of abuse at Kerelaw school
- Tom Shaw's report is due in September-October 2007 and Ministers will consider the findings in the autumn. The findings will be released by the Executive thereafter
- Carolyn will contact the Scottish Law Commission to arrange a suitable time for one of their representatives to come along to a future meeting. It was asked if the SLC could send someone who will have some understanding from the perspective of survivors
- **AP1: Carolyn to contact SLC**

**b. Update on work of National Strategy**

- Jeannie has updated the Reference group on details of the first meeting of this sub group
- Annie is looking for help on content of In Care section on website from sub group. She will aim to have paper copies of the website at either the next meeting of the sub group on the 27th August, or the one thereafter. Jeannie will be contacting the Executive solicitors to run all content past them before it goes live
- The work of the group will have its own section within the website. Minutes from each meeting will be posted on the website and there will be a section on the aims of the subgroup.
- The website will feature a virtual network, where information on services, events, etc can be shared, There will also be a space where individual stories of recovery will be told, These will have to be cleared to ensure no inappropriate details, etc are included.

Harry commented on the National Strategy Document produced by the Scottish Executive, which Jeannie had brought to the table. On the whole he thought that it was a first class document, however, he would have liked to have seen references to the data that had been published in the document, and was disappointed that In care organisations did not receive any publicity in the report.

Jeannie explained that a lot of work had to be done in a short space of time while writing this report and but that it would be updated and linked to the Survivorscotland website.

## **2. Framework document**

Harry talked us through the Framework document, commenting that there was nothing in this document that was not already in the strategy paper. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

## **3. Independent Enquiry of Fife Council**

Annie had provided extracts from the Fife report. She provided a summary of the document and background information. The group agreed that it would be of benefit if we could see the full document

**AP2: Carolyn will copy the full document and send out to the group for discussion at the next meeting.**

## **4. Draft Letter**

Annie will compose a draft letter for voluntary and statutory organisations that provide advice, advocacy, support and counselling for survivors to identify if they make provision for those abused whilst in care, as well as to raise awareness of the sub group's work and to ascertain what facilities are available in each local

