



Integrated Assessment Framework in Shetland

What is the IAF?

Where has it come from?

The IAF is the result of the Scottish Government's national initiative — Getting It Right For Every Child. (GIRFEC)

The Scottish Government is encouraging each area to come up with their own framework for integrated working.

In Shetland, the Integrated Children & Young People's Services Planning Group established a working group to develop a local framework.

This was followed by the

creation of the IAF Project Board and IAF Project Team in January 2008 to carry on developing Shetland's framework.

The IAF will not replace Child Protection. If a child/young person is at immediate risk of harm, practitioners should always follow the Shetland inter-agency Child Protection Procedures.

One of the main objectives of GIRFEC is that each child or young person who requires

integrated services should have in place a single plan. This plan should clearly identify the actions to be taken to meet the needs of the child/young person and is used by all the relevant agencies involved in that child/young person's life.

The framework being developed in Shetland provides a structure to enable practitioners to produce such a plan in a consistent and effective way across all agencies.

The IAF Pilot

Shetland has developed a draft process and set of documentation for the IAF. Practitioners across a wide range of agencies are trying this out in the South Mainland. The main aim of the Pilot is to identify whether the draft process and documentation improve outcomes for children & young people.

The Pilot should also help demonstrate whether the IAF assists integrated working in Shetland.

The Pilot is due to run until 31st October 2008—but may be extended if necessary.

If you want to know more about the IAF Pilot in the South Mainland or think you have identified a child/young person who resides in the South Mainland and could benefit from the IAF —please contact Kristen Johnston, IAF Project Manager.

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IAF Project Board

In Shetland, we have established the IAF Project Board. The Board consists of senior managers who are committed to implementing the IAF in Shetland.

- ☉ Dr. Sarah Taylor—NHS Shetland
- ☉ Chief Inspector Malcolm Bell—Northern Constabulary
- ☉ Catherine Hughson—Shetland Council of Social Services
- ☉ Hazel Sutherland—SIC Education & Social Care
- ☉ Helen Budge—SIC Schools Service
- ☉ Stephen Morgan—SIC Children's Services

Interim IAF Project Team

- ☉ Kristen Johnston—SIC Solicitor & IAF Project Manager. (01595) 744 097 / kristen.johnston@sic.shetland.gov.uk
- ☉ Jane Cluness—Data Sharing Manager & IAF Project Team Member, (01595) 744 4931 / jane.cluness@sic.shetland.gov.uk

Management Consultation

A management consultation exercise is underway to re-enforce commitment to the IAF at all levels. The IAF Project Team have been carrying out this consultation to ensure that managers fully understand the potential impact on their staff and service.

So far, all of the management groups consulted have been willing to formally sponsor the IAF and have signed the following sponsorship statement—

"We are committed to supporting the progress & implementation of the IAF in Shetland in order to better meet the needs of children & young people in our islands. Children & young people should be encouraged and supported to enjoy being young and to lead full, safe, healthy, active and responsible lives in their communities."

The management groups that have formally been consulted so far are:-

- Head Teachers
- Integrated Children & Young People's Services Planning Group
- SIC Community Care Management Team
- SIC Schools Service Management Team
- Housing Steering Strategy Group
- Data Sharing Partnership
- Community Health & Care Partnership
- Shetland Childcare Partnership
- Shetland Alcohol & Drugs Action Team
- SIC Education & Social Care Management Team
- Shetland Domestic Abuse Partnership
- SIC Executive Management Team
- SIC Children's Services Management Team

The management groups waiting for consultation are:-

- SIC Sport & Leisure Services Team
- SIC Community Learning & Development Professional Team
- Child Health Strategy Group
- Community Mental Health Team
- Community Planning Board
- Child Protection Committee
- Community Safety Partnership
- NHS Clinical Services Management Team
- Shetland Recreational Trust
- NHS Senior Management Team
- NHS Board
- SIC Social Work Resources Team
- Active Lives/Sport Partnership

If you think there are any management groups missing from this list, please contact Kristen Johnston, IAF Project Manager.

Strategies & Policies

If any service is working on strategies or policies that involve delivering an integrated approach to identifying and meeting children & young people's needs, they must consider the IAF and whether that is the process that should be used once it is implemented in Shetland.

The IAF Project Team are happy to be involved in the drafting of strategies and policies to ensure future planning for using the IAF is fully considered.

For Further Information

If you or your team would like more information on the IAF in Shetland please contact a member of the IAF Project Team.