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Who sits on the Children’s Services Committee?

**Key Statutory Agencies**
Level within organisation of representative
Consistency re attendance

**Other Organisations**
Existing partnership work
Other opportunities for representation
Negotiate and agree – may need revisiting

- Frequency and length of meetings
- Schedule number of meetings ahead
- Format of meetings
- Option of “shadows” – could be an opt out!
Different agencies / organisations may not have a shared understanding of terms .......

- Training to ensure that people understand what outcomes, indicators and outputs are

- How does the work of the CSC get translated into the Business / Service Plan of each Agency / Organisation
Information - what do we know about our children today?

- Sharing information
- Identifying what it is we need to know
- Using the data to plan work
- Information sharing systems
5 Working Groups

Safe & Secure
- Streetwork

Health & Holistic Well Being
- Home Visiting

Education and Learning for Children
- Early Reading Initiatives with parents

Economic Security
- Lone Parents - training

Information
- Annual Report

Operational
- Meeting of Chairs of Groups
Opportunity for extending representation within existing CSC Partners and also to engage other groups

Operationalising the work of the CSC – plans into action!
Critical – one we are still working on!

- **Logo** – branding, people becoming familiar with the term CSC, recognition.
- **Representation** - representatives reporting back to own agency / organisation. Each needs to organise training on CSC for all managers and in turn this needs to cascade down
- Newsletter and website
- Linking CSC outcomes to events and other work (early mapping exercise)
Again one we need to work on particularly re the voices of children, young people and families!

Young people now attending CSC meetings from the Donegal Youth Council. Also being asked to input into the different Working Groups.

An additional Working Group to specifically address Youth Participation set up

Young people will participate in the Evaluation Panel for Dormant Account funding
“To prevent a problem before it happens, the factors that predict the problem must be changed”
(Communities that Care 2004)