

Argyll and Bute

Aim 1: By December 2018, **100%** of children who have been looked after at **home or in kinship care for more than 2 years**, on or after 6 June 2018, will have a **24 month review** looking at their whole period of time being looked after at home or in kinship care on a Compulsory Supervision Order.

Aim 2: By 1 July 2019, **80%** of children who become looked after and accommodated, on or after 1 October 2018, will have a **recommendation for permanence within 30 weeks (7 months)** of becoming accommodated.

Argyll & Bute's PACE Aims



NB: We still have to have a plan for the children still waiting in relation to each of these Aims.

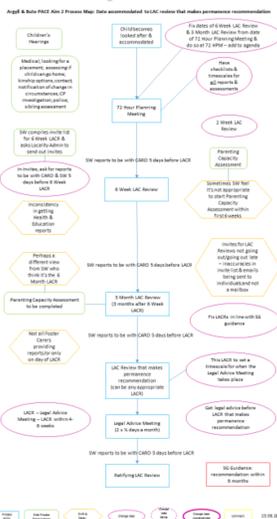
Method

- We looked at **baseline data** to understand our system and help us set our Aims.

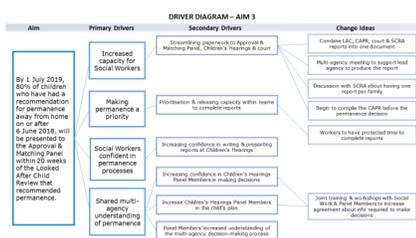
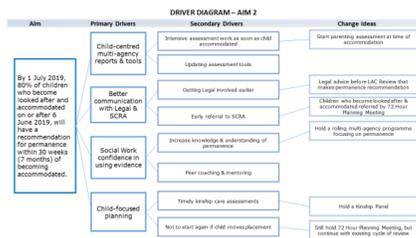
Measure 1 – Helensburgh



Aim 2:



- Process mapping** helped us to identify areas of drift and delay & think of tests of change.
- We looked at the challenges in our system to help us develop our **driver diagrams** for Aims 2 and 3.



Process Change

- We are at the early stages of identifying **tests of change** as part of our process mapping exercises and developing our driver diagrams.
- We are developing a plan to **scale up Aim 1** (reviews of children's plans on CSOs 2+ years in kinship care or at home) to all localities in Argyll and Bute. We will also be creating a "trigger" point in our process to routinely review children's plans who have been on a CSO for 2+ years.
- We are in early discussions to test the **2 Week Review** in order to have an early focus on permanence planning and set timescales for reports and assessments.

Achievements

- PACE has raised the profile of permanence planning in our area and given it a **shared ownership between agencies**.
- Further strengthened our already **positive relationships and communication** between agencies.
- Renewed **enthusiasm** in all agencies to improve outcomes for looked after children.

Conclusions

- It is too early to draw any conclusions as we haven't begun testing yet – but we are excited to start testing!

Key Learning Points

- Power of data** – the data presented at the launch Workshop really helped us to understand how children are currently moving through our system. It made us realise that we need to focus on **the early stages of permanence planning** to effectively reduce drift and delay.
- Process mapping allowed all agencies to **understand all parts of the process**.

- We have a greater understanding of each **other's roles and responsibilities**, and the **expectations and timescales** that all agencies should be adhering to.

Next Steps

- Complete the **reviews for Aim 1** (children on CSOs for 2+ years at home or in kinship care) and **scale** this to all localities in Argyll and Bute.

- Begin testing** our change ideas for Aim 2.

Key Reference Materials

