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Workshop feedback and next steps

Contextual safeguarding

It would be great if we did	Good practice examples	Next steps
More briefings for professionals to understand this complex area	Total Craigroyston approach	A multi-agency working group is being established to take forward work in this area. Rose Howley is leading on this as is on Rose.Howley@edinburgh.gov.uk. This group will focus on service design and awareness raising. Young people will be partners in this work.
Better information sharing	NW pilot has been a great opportunity	We are working with partners to pilot approaches to information sharing on behalf of the country. This will be reported back to the National Serious and Organised Crime Taskforce.
More conferences like this but with a sole		We are planning to do another conference which is more focused on this area
focus on contextual safeguarding		in the Autumn, and this will support localities to come together.
Conferences like this but in localities		
Better support for families and communities to understand the signs and what to do		
Hearing the voice of young people in this area and supporting them to design the future of support		
Young people supported to safety map communities		
Develop a clear assessment template and work with universities to support evaluation of any service provision		

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It would be great if we did	Good practice examples	Next steps
Could headteachers have access to		
supervision when dealing with these areas.		
Working together to share information and a		
shared language across agencies		
Understating more about how we can support		
safety on line		

Poverty prevention and mitigation

It would be great if we did	Good practice examples	Next steps
Better sharing of what works between agencies and areas	Leading for equity programme in schools	Work with the Edinburgh Partnership to ensure this is better supported
Better data on need	Poverty Proofing the school day	A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is being developed which will ensure we have a detailed data set across the city
Better understanding of the services that are in communities	Poverty related attainment gap is closing	We are working on options for better and easier access to services and prevention and this will include access to digital information.
Support for all staff in contact with families so they can understand what support is available and especially benefit advice.	Sustained good performance in relation to young people progressing to positive destinations	We are developing our approach to transformation in this area and learning from No Wrong Door approaches in other areas.
Housing emergency is a significant driver of poverty and therefore if we tackle housing it will tackle poverty.		A Housing Emergency Summit is taking place in the city the last week in February to pull together the action plan.
Move away from piecemeal approaches and be more creative and cross cutting		This and the other areas below will be included in the transformation work.
Empower the frontline to work with families to build resilience and not dependency		
Devolve budgets closer to people who need support		
Learn from what works in other areas		

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Life Story Work

It would be great if we did	Good practice examples	Next steps
All children had access to a life narrative written in this way	This is an example of great practice!	We will ask the Children's Partnership to consider how this good practice can be incorporated in work going forward.
Rather than a team could we support this to be the way all practitioners who work with children help them understand their stories and write records.		We will ensure we use the learning from this work as we move to our new social care operating system.
Could the Sparrow project work with parents in this way to help them understand their trauma		
How can we use telling positive stories with children in schools?		
How can we work with parents to help them support this kind of story telling?		
Pen pictures of all professionals so children can understand who they are working with		

Trauma

It would be great if we did	Good practice	Next steps
We did more to ensure the vision is owned at all levels	Trauma lead in post	A paper is going to the Partnership in April to take this work forward
We were willing to be brave and work together differently	We have begun to embed the language	The new workforce strategy and transformation programme will ensure all areas have a workforce plan which will include wellbeing issues. We are also developing a new approach to supporting positive change across the council.
We were able to share when we don't have the answers and are vulnerable	We have a clear vision	We are going to have a book club looking at our favourite change books so look out for the invites
More focus on workforce support	We have strong community sector to support recovery	

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