**NATIONAL SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT COLLABORATION**

**NOTE OF MEETING – 1ST MAY 2024**

**In attendance by video conference:**

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| Donald Macleod (SDS Scotland) (chair) | Dr Danielle Farrel (In Control Scotland) | Brett Rogers (In Control Scotland) |
| Anne-Marie Monaghan (Community Brokerage Scotland) | Ashley Drennan (Inspiring Scotland) | Jill Fraser (Inspiring Scotland) |
| Sean Macaskill (Autistic Knowledge Development) | April O'Neil (Inclusion Scotland) | Laura Hendry (Cornerstone SDS) |
| Des McCart (Healthcare Improvement Scotland) | Beth Anderson (Scottish Government) | Becs Barker (Community Contacts) |
| Anne-Marie Monaghan (Community Brokerage Scotland) | Ashley Drennan (Inspiring Scotland) | Sandy Hunter (Wheatley Care) |
| Frank Reilly (Scottish Association of Social Workers) | Alastair Minty (In Control Scotland) | Jeremy Adderley (SDS Scotland) |
| Sheila Hanney (Key/Community Lifestyles) | Jackie Eaton (Aberdeenshire Council) | Olivia Mann (CCPS) |
| Linda Scott (Independent Living Fund Scotland) | James Carle (Scottish Care) | Mark Han-Johnston (SDS Scotland) |
| Jenny Reekie (Community Brokerage Scotland) | Hannah McShane (Scottish Government) | Gary Colquhoon (Scottish Government) |
| Joanne McGee (Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living) | Joanne Finlay (Scottish Government) | Elspeth Critchley (Encompass Borders) |
| Kaye Robertson (Community Brokerage Scotland) | Fiona Kane (Scottish Care) | Lyn Pornaro (Disability Equality Scotland) |
| Robert White (Independent Living Fund Scotland) | Pauline Lunn (In Control Scotland) | Toria Fraser (Scottish Government) |
| Sharon Mcleod (Ayrshire Independent Living Network) | Anna Stansfield (Scottish Government) | Ali Upton (Scottish Social Services Council) |
| Pauline Boyce (Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living) | Donna Murray (Social Work Scotland) | Jane Kellock (Social Work Scotland) |
| Laura Finnan Cowan (Social Work Scotland) | Calum Carlyle (Social Work Scotland) (minutes) |  |

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| **Welcome and Matters Arising** | **Actions** |
| DMd welcomed the group, particularly new members who haven’t attended before.  Apologies were received from: Margaret Petherbridge, Susan Kelso, Les Watson, Lewis Shaw, Geri McCormick, Violet Keenan, Iain Ramsay, Rob Gowans, Joyce Johnston, Wendy Brooks, Morag Duncan, Naeema Pervaze and Jaynie Mitchell.  **Matters Arising –** DMd noted that the last meeting was cancelled (April), and that the SDS Scotland National Voice conference, held during April 2024 was a great success, and was very popular. Several vital components of SDS implementation were launched at the event, and we will be discussing some of these at today’s meeting.  **Statement of Intent –** At the last meeting of the national SDS collaboration (March 2024) the group workshopped ideas to inform the statement of intent, and the process of developing that is still underway, with this process raising discussion and thought about the role, function and reach of the national SDS collaboration, including the relationship with Local Authorities. |  |

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| **Option 2 Research Update** | **Actions** |
| DF gave an overview of the research she has conducted earlier this year, with two provider focus groups around SDS Option 2. These focus groups were very well received and whilst both had common themes around SDS Option 2, both groups also had different topics that they discussed.  DF has now written up the findings of these groups and produced [a report, which you can download here](https://www.in-controlscotland.org/_files/ugd/fd9368_845bc0e3b3564c9f830b21e597ef8a2b.pdf), and her presentation slides are accessible below. These groups and the findings gathered from them will assist and feed into In Control Scotland’s proposed work in 2024/2025.  *(double click to access the slides)* |  |

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| **National Brokerage Framework Update** | **Actions** |
| AMM gave a presentation on [Community Brokerage Scotland](https://communitybrokerage.scot/), and the recently launched [National Brokerage Network](https://communitybrokerage.scot/national-brokerage-framework/). Her slides are accessible below.  Published in March 2024, [A Brokerage Framework for Scotland](https://communitybrokerage.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/A-Brokerage-Framework-for-Scotland-2024-27.pdf) sets out the values and principles that underpin a shared national approach to Community Brokerage services in Scotland.  The aim of the Framework is:   * to define the model of community brokerage which is already recognised to be working well and delivering good outcomes for supported people * to promote and encourage the further development of this model in Scotland * to help supported people, local authorities, and organisations which help people to access social care support, to better understand the practice of community brokerage and the work of community brokers * to provide tools to support brokerage organisations (and other organisations providing brokerage-type services) to deliver high quality support.   *(double click to access the slides)* |  |

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| **Support in the Right Direction Update** | **Actions** |
| **Spotlight on Ayrshire Independent Living Network** -  The spotlight this month was on the [Ayrshire Independent Living Network](https://www.ailn.org/) (AILN), presented by Sharon McLeod. AILN provide Self-directed Support payroll and budget management services, as well as Self-directed support information and advice. More information [is available here](https://www.ailn.org/about-us).  **SiRD update** –  Thirty-three organisations will be delivering Support in the Right Direction (SiRD) activities from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2027. SiRD 2024-27 supports the delivery of the Scottish Government’s [Self-Directed Support (SDS) Improvement Plan 2023-27](https://www.gov.scot/publications/self-directed-support-improvement-plan-20232027/). The documents included below provide more detail, and an up to date list of currently funded SiRD projects across Scotland.  *(double click to access these documents)* |  |

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| **National SDS Stakeholder Updates** | **Actions** |
| **SDS Project update –** The SDS project bulletin for May is attached below.  *(double click to open the most current SDS project bulletin)*  **In Control Scotland update** –  In Control Scotland are proceeding with this year’s SDS objectives, including the research mentioned earlier on Option 2. Work continues on the action learning sets, which allow people to come together to collaborate on a particular topic. There will be three more of these being offered in the coming year which are: Flexible use of Carers’ Budgets, Option 3, and one specifically for providers on Option 2.  [Working Together For Change](https://www.in-controlscotland.org/working-together-for-change-infomation) will shortly be open to applications, as well as continuing to provide demonstration projects, which aim to promote understanding of SDS within Local Authorities.  **SDS Scotland update** –  [The SDS Handbook](https://handbook.scot/sds-handbook/) has recently been published (on 15 March 2024) and can be found at [handbook.scot](https://handbook.scot/) along with the [Personal Assistant Handbook](https://handbook.scot/the-pa-handbook/) and the [Personal Assistant Employer Handbook](https://handbook.scot/the-pa-employer-handbook/). It is designed to work with existing resources as well as new forums and resources that may be produced, including [the SDS standards](https://hub.careinspectorate.com/resources/self-directed-support-library/self-directed-support-framework-of-standards-2024/). |  |

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| **Scottish Government Update** | **Actions** |
| Grant letters have all been issued, and we are now into the second year of [the SDS Improvement Plan](https://www.gov.scot/publications/self-directed-support-improvement-plan-20232027/). The Minister for Social Care Maree Todd [recently visited LCIL](https://www.lothiancil.org.uk/minister-for-social-care-visits-lcil/), and may visit another SiRD later in the summer. A fuller update on progress of the National Improvement Plan will be presented at a future meeting, and the SG SDS Improvement team have spoken recently to the GIRFE team, who are keen to present to the national SDS collaboration on work in this policy area. |  |

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| **Any Other Business** | **Actions** |
| The next meeting of this group will be on **5th June 2024**. [Click here to join the meeting.](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTFhNDI5NTEtNzIxZC00YjI1LThlMjEtMTM0Njc0MGY1Mjcy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223f56ffd8-b90c-4687-b8ed-f572197e94cf%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%226b5f8009-5ce2-4c65-922f-43460a4bf777%22%7d) |  |