**NATIONAL SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT COLLABORATION**

**NOTE OF MEETING – 7TH AUGUST 2024**

**In attendance by video conference:**

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| Donald Macleod (SDS Scotland) (chair) | Anne-Marie Monaghan (Community Brokerage Scotland) | Alastair Minty (In Control Scotland) |
| Anna Shaughnessy (Inspiring Scotland) | Les Watson (Personal Assistants Network Scotland) | Ashley Drennan (Inspiring Scotland) |
| Becs Barker (Community Contacts) | Debbie Lamont (SDS Forum East Renfrewshire) | Beth Anderson (Scottish Government) |
| Ellie Mae Garnish (Alliance Scotland) | Bill Allen-Mandeville (Alliance Scotland) | Fiona Kane (Scottish Care) |
| Frank Reilly (BASW) | Des McCart (Healthcare Improvement Scotland) | Iain McGregor (VOCAL) |
| Kaye Robertson (Community Brokerage Network) | Pauline Boyce (Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living) | Jackie Eaton (Aberdeenshire Council) |
| Kayleigh Hirst (SDS Scotland) | Nic Crosby (National Development Team for Inclusion) | April O’Neil (Inclusion Scotland) |
| Lewis Shaw (Alliance Scotland) | Sharon Mcleod (Ayrshire Independent Living Network) | Morag Duncan (Dundee Carers Centre) |
| Laura Hendry (Aberdeenshire Council) | Mark Han-Johnston (SDS Scotland) | Joanne Finlay (Scottish Government) |
| Pauline Lunn (In Control Scotland) | Megan O’Hara-Knight (Glasgow Disability Alliance) | Rebecca Queen (Capability Scotland) |
| Robert White (Independent Living Fund Scotland) | Wendy Brooks (VOCAL) | Rachel Mason (24/7 Grid) |
| Jane Kellock (Social Work Scotland) | Calum Carlyle (Social Work Scotland) |  |

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| **Welcome and Matters Arising** | **Actions** |
| DMd welcomed the group.  Apologies were noted from: Sean Macaskill, Karen Procek, Rob Gowans, Iain Ramsay, Sheila Hanney, Veronica Dunn, Lyn Pornaro, Anna Stansfield,  The previous meeting minutes were approved by assent.  DMd mentioned that there will be an in-person planning day with relation to developing a National SDS collaboration statement of intent, to be held on 22 August, and this will include representation from CCPS.  DMd also mentioned that there will be a meeting tomorrow (8 August) to look at the draft Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the SDS Improvement Plan, prior to the framework being taken back to this group.  DMd also mentioned the intention to have a more structured agenda for future meetings of this group, and mentioned the possibility of Scottish Government colleagues having a co-chairing role. |  |

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| **Focus on SDS Improvement Plan outcome:**  **Supported Person and carer’s choice over their support** | **Actions** |
| KH gave a presentation and update on the SDS Improvement Plan, which has been in place for a year, with a timeline lining up with the expected delivery of the proposed National Care Service (NCS). There are four outcome areas, which are:   * supported people and carers * workers (across all areas of social care support) * person-centred systems and culture * leaders and leadership   JF of the Local Improvement & Transformation team within Scottish Government (SG) introduced herself and said that the intention is to make sure that the Plan is fully connected with everything SG are doing, with regard to SDS, and that the Plan is taken into account by teams working in relevant areas, and that the National SDS collaboration are kept in the loop, and trying to make closer connections, perhaps by having SG staff attend meetings of the group, as appropriate.  There are a number of cross-cutting issues fundamental to delivery of SDS (known as the “golden threads” in the Plan), and planning for how to take these into account will be part of this collaborative work over the next year or so. |  |

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| **Coproducing lived experience in the National Collaboration** | **Actions** |
| *(double click to open this document)*  PL presented the results of recent research into national SDS improvement, through co-production with 39 participants, all disabled advocates and unpaid carers, through a questionnaire and a series of individual interviews. See the presentation slides included for a summary of the results.  The presentation was welcomed, with comments on extending further connection to people about the implementation of SDS. There were also reflections on the fact that groups and meetings aren’t always the best way for people to engage, and the opportunity to use other avenues and platforms such as the SDS Collective to connect people, if it can be reinvigorated. Also mentioned was the need for meaningful feedback, so that people can see how their feedback is shaping change, as well as how to make sure that people’s feedback actually is being fed back to inform change. |  |

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| **SiRD Presentation – Capability Scotland** | **Actions** |
| RQ gave a presentation on the SDS project within Capability Scotland, please see presentation slides below:  *(double click to open these slides)* |  |

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| **Small Supports - NDTi** | **Actions** |
| NC of NDTi gave a presentation on the effectiveness of the Small Supports programme, and you can see his presentation slides below:  *(double click to open this document)* |  |

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| **Updates and Discussion** | **Actions** |
| The group broke into smaller groups for discussions on activities related to supported people’s and carer’s choice over their support. This format was welcomed, with DMd suggesting this format for discussion in future meetings.  JF suggested that SG updates could be circulated along with the agenda in advance, to give group members more opportunity to ask questions.  JF mentioned the meetings relating to the SDS Improvement Plan, and said that the GIRFE team are using their toolkit with their pathfinder group, which will be more widely available this Autumn, at which time it might be appropriate to invite them to present to this group on the toolkit.  JF also mentioned that she is in communication with the NCS Models of Care team and NCS ethical commissioning and procurement colleagues, and mentioned that the NCS Board are looking at including people with lived experience on the Board.  There is a systems Strategic Improvement group within SG, which JF will be presenting to on 3 September on SDS, supporting collaboration. This group is chaired by the Minister and includes Cllr Kelly (COSLA Health and Social Care Spokesman).  The NCS fact sheet has been updated and you can find it here - <https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-care-service-factsheet/pages/8/>  There is a new consultation now open seeking views on changes to Adults with Incapacity legislation, which you can find here - <https://www.gov.scot/publications/adults-incapacity-amendment-act-consultation/> |  |

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| **Any Other Business** | **Actions** |
| The next meeting of this group will be on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**, from 1pm to 3pm. |  |