

***Taskforce for the improvement of
healthcare and Forensic Medical
Examination services for adults,
children and young people who have
experienced rape, sexual assault and
child sexual abuse in Scotland***

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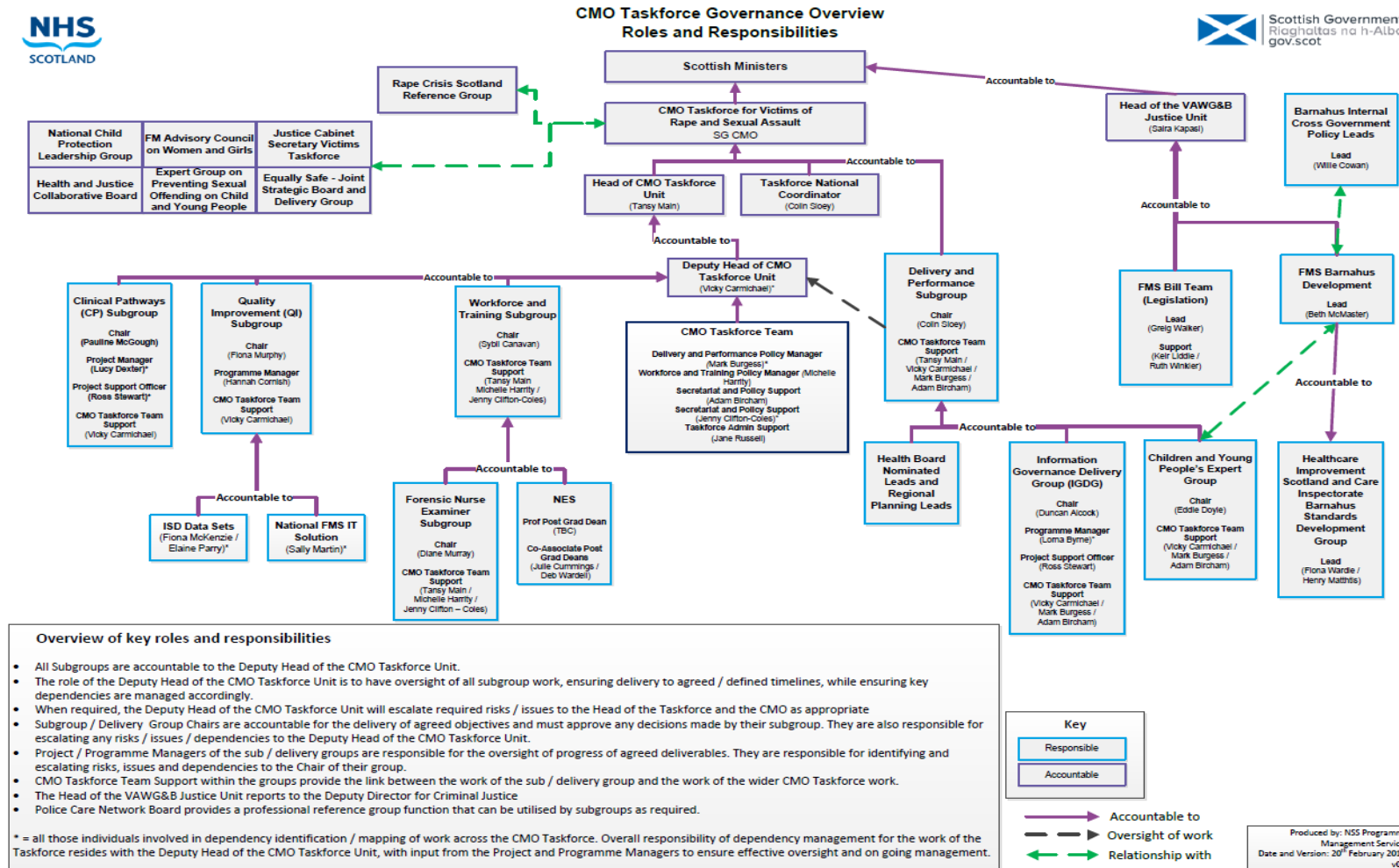
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Background and Timeline

- March 2017 - HMICS Report
- April 2017 – CMO Taskforce established
- October 2017 – Five Year High Level Work Plan and Vision
- December 2017 – Healthcare Improvement Scotland Standards published
- September 2018 – Programme for Government 18-19
- **October 2018 – Options Appraisal Report published**
- December 2018 – Funding package of £8.5m over three years published
- December 2018 – HMICS Follow Up Report
- **December 2018 – Children and Young People Expert Group established**
- December 2018 – Healthcare Improvement Scotland Interim Quality Indicators
- February 2019 – Bill consultation published
- **May 2019 – Children and Young People Clinical Pathway Consultation published**
- September – Programme for Government 2019-20
- **Spring 2020 – Children & Young People Clinical Pathway published**



CMO Taskforce Governance Structure



Consultation on legislation to improve Forensic Medical Services for victims of sexual crime

Equally Safe

A consultation on legislation to improve forensic medical services for victims of rape and sexual assault

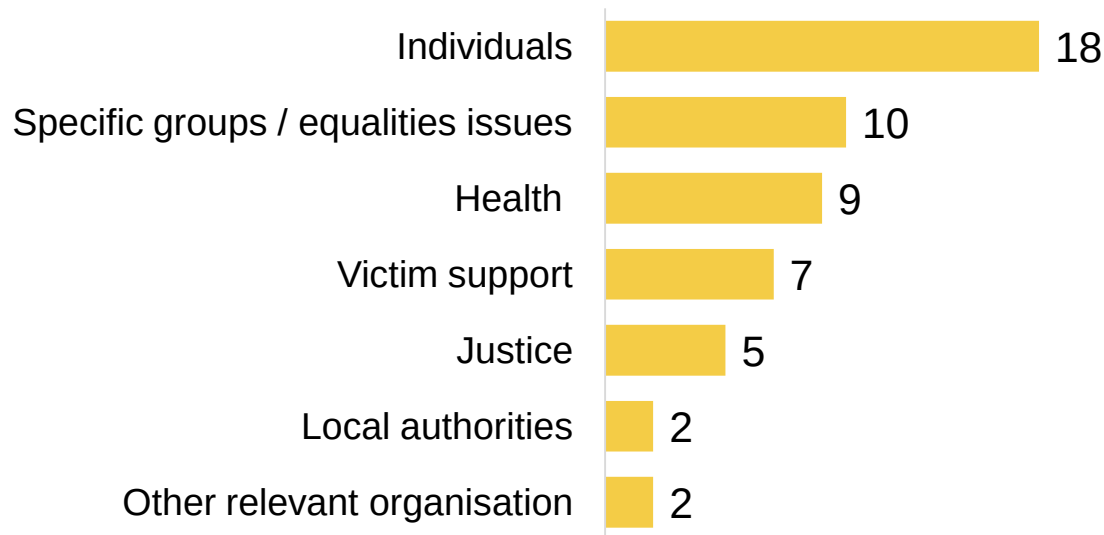
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February 2019



The 12 week consultation contained thirteen questions that covered the following themes:

- Health Board functions
- The framework for handling samples, data and other evidence from police and self-referrals
- Safeguarding victims' rights
- **Provisions for children and young people**; and
- Views on any potential impacts of the proposals put forward
- 53 responses were received:



Programme for Government 2019-20



Forensic Medical Services (Victims Of Sexual Offences) Bill

- Over the next year, we will introduce the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) Bill to improve the way in which examinations and associated healthcare are conducted for victims of sexual offences.
- The Bill will underpin the vital work of the Chief Medical Officer's Rape and Sexual Assault Taskforce and ensure consistent access to services for people who chose not to report to the police, or who are undecided.

Children and Young People Expert Group

- Chair – Dr Edward Doyle
- Membership drawn from across justice, health, third sector, child protection and social work
- Membership from each of the three MCNs
- Remit – support Health Boards in delivering the recommended service model across Scotland for children and young people
- Works closely with the SG lead for Barnahus
- Works closely with the Taskforce and its Subgroups



Children and Young People Clinical Pathway Consultation

- Consultation from 5 May 2019 to 1 August 2019
- 56 responses received
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland carrying out the analysis
- Themes from consultation responses:
 - GIRFEC, Barnahus and UN Convention of the Rights of the Child
 - Child Protection Guidance
 - Age of the child
 - Disabilities
 - CAMHS
 - Voices of children
 - Clarity
- Next steps



Therapeutic Support

- Short Life Working Group
 - SLWG established under Children and Young People Expert Group in February 2019.
 - Remit of the SLWG is to explore issues in relation to therapeutic support for victims and non-abusing family members.
 - Compared the draft Children and Young People Clinical Pathway and what therapeutic support is needed at each stage.
- Gaps:
 - Therapeutic support is patchy, inconsistent and insecure.
 - Healthcare, forensic and criminal justice processes are confusing and difficult to navigate.
 - CAMHS inaccessible with a lack of lower tier early intervention available.



Therapeutic Support

- Improvements:
 - Child and family support worker to navigate services
 - JII pilots
 - Play therapy
 - Children and Young People Mental Health Taskforce
 - Post care follow up
 - Emotional wellbeing assessment
- Next steps:
 - Therapeutic support paper to Children and Young People Expert Group in November.
 - Finalised paper to go to the December CMO Taskforce.



Questions



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