



Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

### **Regional Subgroup on Children and Young People with Disabilities**

**21/03/2013**

<b>Present:</b>	Rosemary Murray	DCYPPP, Barnardo's
	Teresa Stewart	DCYPPP, Barnardo's
	Rosaleen Dempsey	RNIB
	Alan Sheeran	National Deaf Children's Society
	Mary Emerson	PHA
	Pauline McDonald	BHSCT
	Karen Diamond	NI Music Therapy Trust
	Paschal McKeown	Mencap
	Rosie McNaughton	Cedar Foundation
	Liz Osbourne	NI Cancer Fund for Children
	Claire Lundy	BHSCT
	Patricia Bray	Disability Action
	Arlene Cassidy	Autism NI
	Hilary Maguire	NI Hospice
	Kevin McCormick	Barnardo's
	Kieran McShane (Chair)	HSCB
<b>In attendance:</b>	Andrew Hawthorne	Children Services Planning, HSCB
<b>Apologies:</b>	Anne Patience	BELB
	Marian Robertson	South Eastern HSCT
	Adrian McCreesh	Cookstown District Council
	Maurice Leeson	Children Services Planning, HSCB
	Maria Burns	Now Project

## **Introduction**

- The continued absence of representative from Education noted and to be advised re CYPSP.
- Arlene Cassidy was welcomed to the group.

## **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Notes of meeting 21 January 2013 agreed.

## **Matters Arising**

1. Copy of consultation document to be circulated with additional one week deadline for further final quality assurance.

**Action: Members to respond.**

2. Subgroups in relation to action plan objectives:

Following from the discussions on 21 January 2013 a number of subgroups had been suggested and membership proposed.

Members having reflected indicated that it was opportune to review the proposal as there appeared some duplication in the groups as proposed.

Following discussion the following was proposed:

- Healthy integrated plans and person centred approach and personalisation to be combined.
- Passports group also to be amalgamated into this group.
- Promoting enjoying and volunteering to be co-joined.

- Disability awareness and rights joined with training on UNCRC UNCRPD Human Rights.
- SEN/SBNI currently on hold.

Following discussion on progression of the work plan and the mechanisms by which the subgroups should progress these tasks, the option of using person centred approaches and planning was discussed.

**Action: Kieran McShane to seek to look at workshop for outline of PCP approaches to this work and to explore if person centred facilitator was available.**

### **Outcomes Groups and interface with Regional Subgroups**

Following on from the previous meeting in which Maurice Leeson had advised that the issue of improving linkage between the regional subgroups and outcomes groups were discussed, it was advised that a workshop was being considered.

This workshop is being progressed but members noted that while such may enhance the links between the chairs of the subgroups and outcomes groups, a wider engagement between the processes and membership needed to be considered.

Andrew Hawthorne advised that CYPSP had asked for a paper to be developed which would outline options for greater interface between the different sections and this work was currently ongoing.

**Action: Paper to be prepared and areas of further engagement and interworking to be developed.**

## **Parental Representation at Subgroup**

Members were advised that the need to ensure parental engagement remained central to the work of the subgroup. The current position in respect of parental engagement is facilitated by Parenting NI and discussion was ongoing in respect of the current model and how parental engagement with the subgroup could be enhanced. Members requested that a progress report re this to be provided.

**Action: Kieran McShane/Maurice Leeson.**

## **Early Years and CWD**

Members had been aware of a proposal to develop additional support for CWD in Early Years. A small working group had been established encompassing members of the CYPSP CWD Subgroup, Childcare Partnerships, DHSSPS and HSCB. An allocation of £125K had been received recently but with a proviso that it required to be committed in year. This was achieved and Kieran thanked the members of the group who had been involved in this work.

Kevin McCormick acknowledged the particular time constraints and the requirements to comply with the regulations on the use of such funds and advised the group that the commitment of such within what initially seemed unachievable timescales was a significant achievement and would bode well for further bids for this work.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

To be agreed post subgroup workshops.