

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

**Regional Sub Group on Black and Minority Ethnic Children and
Young People**

06/09/2013

Present

Eileen Chan Hu	Chinese Welfare Association
Jo Marley	Bryson House
Martina Flynn	SHSCT
Deirdre McAliskey	BELONG
Elaine O'Doherty	PHA

In attendance

Clare Ann Magee	Parenting NI
Maria Heron	Parenting NI
Maurice Leeson	HSCB (CYPSP)

Apologies

Stephen Smith	Craigavon Inter Cultural Programme
Paul Yam	Wah Hep
Andrew Hawthorne	HSCB (CYPSP)

1. Discussion re participants disclosing difficult issues during participation sessions. Belong is picking up on the individual family support issues that arose from within their own consultation.
2. Review of Action Plan. Actions need to be classified as follows. Items the group can take on directly, items which can be moved on to other agendas, items where the group should seek to

influence other working groups, items which should be moved to other working groups in the structure and actions that no-one is doing. A template for listing significant working groups including CYPSP groups that the BME group could seek to influence will be circulated to all members for completing.

3. Groups wishing to attend the BME working group for presentations/discussions. We agreed to always seek clarity about the reasons any group was seeking to make a connection and then to only timetable such events if they are consistent with the action plan of this group.
4. BME Parents Reference Group. Eileen Chan Hu reported that she had attended this group and was very impressed by the work being done. One issue raised by parents was what happens with the issues they raise.
5. Questions raised by Parents in Consultation. To be circulated to all members for comment
6. Feedback from Chairs meeting. Agreed that this should be a standing item.
7. Connections to other parts of the structure. Discussion re how information from other parts of the structure are circulated.
8. Membership. Agreement at CYPSP that membership would be refreshed every 3 years and as it is now year 3, formal communication will be sent to confirm this. Community and Voluntary sector reps will need to express an interest.
9. Chairing. A statutory co-chair is required and would require an expression of interest.