

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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

18/01/2013

Present:	Leslie Boydell (Co- Chair) Paul Yam (Co-Chair) Lisa Moore Jo Marley Sergeant Lee Russell Martina Flynn	Belfast Trust Wah Hep Chinese Association Safe and Well Project Bryson PSNI Southern HSCT
In attendance:	Andrew Hawthorne Alison McNulty Maria Herron Anna Clarke	Children Services Planning, HSCB Parenting NI Parenting NI Participation Network
Apologies:	Justyna McCabe Maurice Leeson Elaine O'Doherty Mary Yarr Eileen Chan-Hu Deirdre McAliskey	Newry and Mourne Council Children Services Planning, HSCB Public Health Agency North Eastern Education Library Board Chinese Welfare Association Belong
Not in Attendance:	Tommy Boyle Colm McQuillan Stephen Smith	Belfast Trust Northern Ireland Housing Executive Craigavon Intercultural Programme

Introduction

Martina Flynn and Sergeant Lee Russell were welcomed to the group and there was a round of introductions for their benefit. Martina Flynn informed the group that she was attending on behalf of the Southern Trust in the first instance and they would then be able to determine the most appropriate person to attend.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising

The draft action plan has been circulated for consultation and the deadline for responses is 2nd April 2013.

Review of Process to Date

Leslie Boydell proposed a simple exercise that would allow the group to identify the positive and negative aspects of the group's progress to date. Although not nominated representatives, Parenting NI and Participation Network were invited to participate.

Positive Aspects	Negative Aspects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bringing together of people, expertise and information• Honest discussion• 2 half day workshops that were facilitated by Ann Godfrey• Parents having the opportunity to provide input at the development stage of the action plan• A lot of learning, especially the differences in need of the BME community• Good parental representation• Co-chairing of group• Involvement of children and young people involved at the developmental stage of the action plan• When full attendance, invaluable mix of expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broaden engagement of BME children and young people- particularly the Muslim community• Increase engagement proactively• Reinforce on a regular basis, the engagement of those who are not attending• How will the group continue to engage children and young people and parents in implementing the action plan?• Stakeholder engagement and measurable outcomes• Constructive feedback and managing expectations of children, young people and parents• Capture how things are changing for young people through regular engagement

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing for the development of the action plan • Influential role of the group given its mandate from the CYPSP for making a difference to BME children and young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better data • Actions more important than stats that identify issues • Ensure actions linked to other CYPSP groups • Make the group more regional
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Based on the feedback, the group decided that an Engagement Plan for continued engagement with children, young people and parents and with the wider CYPSP structure and other stakeholders was a good idea.

The group decided it was a good idea to invite stakeholders to provide an update of ongoing work to increase engagement. Two groups identified were the 'Stronger Together' Network and the Southern Area Action for Travellers Group.

Action: Invite representatives to present at the next meeting

The group also identified NICEM as a useful stakeholder and it was agreed they would be invited to a future meeting.

Parent's Feedback to the Draft Action Plan

Parenting NI were invited to present some of the issues raised by parents that they felt had been misrepresented in the action plan. Maria presented a comparative paper that was extremely useful to cross reference. Two particular issues were raised regarding the emphasis on mental health and the lack of emphasis on the 'enjoying' aspect of enjoying, learning and achieving. The group welcomed the comparison paper. Alison McNulty then outlined the next meeting of the parents group on February 23rd and asked that the documents for consulting would be translated for that event.

Action: Andrew and Maria to produce an executive summary of the action plan

Action: Andrew to explore how an executive summary could be translated into three main languages- Polish, Lithuanian and Chinese

Anna Clarke outlined the future participation of children and young people, seeking the views of the group on a number of issues. The group agreed that a children and young people's version of the plan should be developed. It was also noted that this would be useful for consulting with parents. It was also agreed that the plan should be distributed as wide as possible. The most important things to be asking of children and young people were; have we got it right with the draft plan? What have we missed? What would change look like? What difference would it make?

The group agreed that a wide representation of BME children and young people had been sought but it would be useful to also have views from Somali, Roma and Chinese in Belfast, and Travellers through SAAT.

Feedback from Regional Chairs Meeting

Leslie Boydell provided feedback and covered key issues that the Regional Chairs had discussed including:

- Potential funding routes
- Linkages within CYPSP and the agreed workshop
- The importance of members attending and membership at the right level

Traveller Child in Education Framework

Andrew Hawthorne informed the group that after seeking initial comments from the group, a short consultation response had been written given the tight timescales. This response had been ratified by the CYPSP. Andrew outlined that generally the response stated the need to ensure a link with this group in implementing the Framework. Many members of the group were in a position to provide that link. It was also noted that many of the members had provided responses on behalf of their own organisations.

Date of Next Meeting

Friday 22nd March 10am, Chinese Wah Hep Community Centre, Craigavon.

