

Minutes 16th October 2012

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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

23/11/12

Present:

Leslie Boydell (Co- Chair)	Belfast Trust
Paul Yam (Co-Chair)	Wah Hep Chinese Association
Lisa Moore	Safe and Well Project
Jo Marley	Bryson
Elaine O'Doherty	Public Health Agency
Stephen Smith	Craigavon Intercultural Programme
Mary Yarr	North Eastern Education Library Board
Eileen Chan-Hu	Chinese Welfare Association

In attendance:

Deputy from Northern Ireland Housing Executive	Children Services Planning, HSCB
Andrew Hawthorne	Parenting NI
Alison McNulty	Participation Network
Anna Clarke	Belong
Joanne Donnelly	

Apologies:

Fergal O'Brien	Southern HSC Trust
Colm McQuillan	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Justyna McCabe	Newry and Mourne Council
Maurice Leeson	Children Services Planning, HSCB
Ann Godfrey	Children Services Planning, HSCB
Deirdre McAliskey	Belong

Not in Attendance:

Tommy Boyle	Belfast Trust
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Introduction

Paul Yam agreed to chair the meeting and welcomed everyone. There were two new attendees and a round of introductions for their benefit. Paul also advised that Fergal O'Brien had resigned from his current role and a replacement would be sought.

Action: Andrew to follow up on the new representative from Southern HSCT

Paul also informed the group that Maurice Leeson had replaced Ann Godfrey as the new Children's Services Planning Professional Advisor

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes approved.

Feedback from Children and Young People

Anna Clarke provided feedback on the participation with children and young people. Feedback had been obtained from children and young people working with the Craigavon Intercultural Programme (CIP), Bryson and Southern Area Action for Travellers. Consultation was in the form of an online survey and focus groups. Anna outlined the main issues arising from the feedback recognising the raw form of the data provided due to the tight timescales involved.

Stephen Smith outlined how much children and young people actually enjoyed being part of the work.

The group agreed that the feedback from children and young people was extremely useful as it emphasizes many of the identified areas in the action plan. The positive responses also testify the better outcomes that children and young people have as a result of being involved in such programmes. Stephen also reported the difference between those who have been involved in the programme for a while and the newcomers.

Joanne Donnelly fed back from Belong on consultation with children and young people and the issues identified were very similar.

Action: Anna and Andrew to analyse further incorporate the feedback into the action plan and to develop documents for the CYPSP website.

Action: Alison and Joanne to feed back the views of children and young people to the Northern Ireland Anti- Bullying Forum

The group discussed the need to seek PSNI representation on the group given the emphasis in the action plan on hate crime and racial bullying. The group agreed this would be beneficial.

Action: Andrew to follow up PSNI representation on the group.

Action Plan

Andrew reviewed the process so far stating that much work has been done to identify the essential quantitative and qualitative information and the priority action areas for this group. The work of today was to review the 'implementation milestones' column based on comments received since the last meeting. The group recognised a number of issues including:

- The timeframes and the need to identify initial actions that were smart and manageable while also recognising that many of the issues were long term
- The need to be careful with some of the language in the qualitative information to avoid unnecessary scrutiny. This was particularly true for the areas of education and housing

After a productive discussion on a number of the identified actions, the group agreed to identify any particular issues and feedback to Andrew. The timescale for doing so was agreed as follows:

- Comments from group members by Friday 30th November
- Andrew to incorporate and produce a final draft by December 14th
- The group to approve the final draft by December 21st
- Publish a draft document for public consultation in the first week of January

Action: Group members to feedback constructive comments in line with the discussion

Action: Andrew to incorporate comments and produce final version for approval

Action: Andrew to publish for consultation

Any Other Business

Alison McNulty suggested making the plans available in a variety of languages to assist with the process of consulting and feeding back to parents.

Action: Andrew to find out about the process for translating documents and feedback to the group

Date of Next Meeting

The group agreed that it was a good idea to continue to meet during the consultation period.

Next meeting taking place on 18th January 10am in Wah Hep Chinese Centre, Craigavon.