

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Regional Sub Group on Young Carers

14th June 2013

Present:	Nicola Topping Rosemary Breslin Carina Boyle (Co-Chair) Una Magee (for Billy McMillan)	WELB NHSCT Action for Children Barnardos
In attendance:	Andrew Hawthorne	Children Services Planning, HSCB
Apologies:	Maurice Leeson Billy McMillan (Co-Chair)	Children Services Planning, HSCB Barnardo's

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes approved

2. Matters Arising

Population Formula

The perception is that there is an increase in referrals to the Regional Young Carers Service however figures remain as an estimate as national statistics do not include NI. The group discussed how it could begin to collate information and the role of organisations such as Carers NI in doing so. The group agreed it would be useful to obtain information from the regional service and compare with National Statistics to achieve estimation.

Action: Andrew and Valerie to investigate the indicators identified in the action plan

Carers Trust

Carina Boyle identified Sean Caughey as the person most likely to replace Paul McCormack on the group. Nicola Topping re-emphasised the need to have input from Carers Trust as their resources would be essential to progress actions regarding toolkits for education professionals.

Think Family

The group agreed that it would be important to continue to have a representative on the Think Family group.

Assessment Guidance

The group expressed concern about the status of this assessment guidance which was supposed to go from Boards to the Trust. The group further expressed concern about the resource involved in asking the regional service to conduct assessments on behalf of the Trust. These concerns all point to a need to determine the status of the assessment and whether the group can have any input at this stage.

Action: Andrew to check the status of this assessment with Maurice

3. Membership

The group identified a number of people that they thought would be useful to join the group to progress actions in the action plan:

Action:

- Carer's Trust- Andrew to seek representation
- Multi-agency liaison groups in each of the HSC Trusts- Carina to scope this
- Youth Service- Nicola to speak to Head of Youth Service
- CAMHS- Rosemary to talk to head of CAMHS in NHSCT

Participation of Young Carers

Andrew clarified that Participation Network served a facilitation purpose and resource to enable the group to consult with Young Carers. The group agreed that this was

useful and they were happy to directly consult with existing young carers groups while also recognising the need for outreach work.

4. Action Plan

The group noted that many of the actions would be delivered through the tender of the Regional Service. The group took each action within the plan and discussed how it could be progressed. This resulted in a number of actions:

Actions

Action Plan	Action
Outcomes Star Assessment Tool	Carina to check costs of Outcomes Star Assessment Tool Andrew to check the progress and appropriateness of Family Support Evaluation tool
CAMHS	Rosemary to bring this up with CAMHS co-ordinators
Established protocol between Children's and Adult's service	Source protocol and take through Think Family
Hidden Harm	Take information that the group holds currently and feed into Regional Hidden Harm Quality Assurance Group as part of the Tender
Education Toolkit	Obtain existing research (Carers Trust)
Raise awareness	Through the Tender Nicola to follow up with Chief Welfare Officers and their equality action plans
Encourage participation in community based activities	Done through Tender
Domestic and Sexual Violence	Una to chat to her staff to establish a link with ongoing work on domestic and sexual violence
Collate and track information	Done through the Tender outside normal monitoring procedures
16-18 Young Carers age group Young Carers Transition Projects	Through Tender Wait for increased representation- possibly from adults re issue of transition

	Inclusion of Careers Service- Nicola to follow up
Promoting and recognising contribution	Tender
Promote inclusion	Tender
Short breaks	Collect info about need in existing services Una Magee to represent young carers
BME Community	Exchange of information: let BME group know Young Carers Service available. Let young carers service know of BME group and organisations on that group how can be contacted for support (Andrew)
Protocol	Andrew to check status with Maurice

Date of next meeting:

September 26th 2pm at Barnardos, Magherafelt