

Minutes

Young Carers Outcomes Group

23rs November 2011
11.00am -2.00pm
Barnardos

Members In attendance

Ann Godfrey (Health & Social Care Board); Billy McMillan (Barnardos)
Beverley Ringland (Action for Children); Paul McCormick (Princes Trust)
Rosemary Breslin (Northern Trust)

Apologies None

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Introductions and minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Billy McMillan welcomed everyone here to the second meeting of the Young Carers Outcomes Group. <p>Several amendments were made to the minutes by members these will be completed for the next meeting and circulated.</p>	BR
2.	Assessment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann Godfrey is to send out the document that outlines the assessment process that is currently being processed through the RIT team for authorisation. In Practice the assessments are being undertaken by the young carer's project. <p>The key principle for keeping the assessments within the young carers service are that they initial assessments and within Gateway as a statutory function but can be completed by staff within the young carers project and quality assured by the Young Carers manager and then by Gateway managers. Gateway will also need to be notified when a case is closed.</p> <p>This is currently awaiting a decision from the RIT team</p>	AG to distribute documents which outlines the assessment process
3	Multi Agency Liaison Groups	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AG discussed how each trust needs a Multi Agency Liaison Group to be developed to take the assessment process forward within each Trust area. The Southern & Belfast Trust currently have a Young Carers Working Group which could undertake this role. 	

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3.	Child Protection Register	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMcM highlighted his concern about how involvement with the young carer's project is being recorded in Core Group Care Plans. Case conferences can state that work is being undertaken by a Young Carer's project but not detailing what or how often and in some cases the young people do not attend, this work and the worker is not aware that it has been added to the Care Plan. • B McM and BR agreed to continue to work on the internal protocol which highlights BMcM, BR the work available from the young carer's project and at what level. We cannot become involved in monitoring safeguarding for children attending the project but will pass on any relevant concerns. • It was agreed that it is essential that everyone knows what is in the Care Plan and also be involved in the case conference and participate in the core group as necessary. • Action for Children and Banardos to complete the protocol which will be discussed BR BMcM at the next monitoring meeting at the HSCB in January 	
4.	Membership	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No applications were received for the Young Carers Outcomes Group. <p>PMcC is to ask Helen Ferguson from Carers NI and we can Co-Opt Helen onto the group if she wishes to attend.</p> <p>AG stated that this is a senior management group and needs to be senior managers within organisations who are members.</p> <p>RB spoke to the director who agreed her membership of the group and that they will communicate the information required within the other 4 Trusts.</p>	PMcM
5.	Childrens Services Framework Standard for Young Carers	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Standard that was agreed to be the main concern for the young people was agreed at the last meeting that it would be that all young Carers receive an assessment when they reach adulthood. We need to be clear when to trigger this service and this requires further discussion. <p>“ A planning process is in place for Young Carers who reach 18 and retain caring responsibilities in order that the transition to adult carers service is carried out in a planned and effective way”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all Young Carers that they are entitled to request an assessment under the provision of Carers and Direct payments Act NI (2002) • PMcM highlighted that there is a gap in service delivery between 16-18 year olds who are not in Education or Employment. This is also a very difficult to engage with any services given their age. 	Item for next meeting