

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**LAC/ 16+ Regional Sub Group**

**14<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

<b>Present:</b>	Tony Rodgers (Chair)	HSCB
	Marian Hall	HSCB
	Una Lernihan	HSCB
	Una Turbitt	PHA
	Angela Devlin	Extern
	Vivian McConvey	Voypic
	Deirdre Coyle	HSCB
	Brian Patterson	DEL
	Franziska Hewitt	Youth Justice Agency
	Stephen Knox	Barnardo's
	Anne-Marie Bagnall	South Eastern ELB
<b>In attendance:</b>	Maurice Leeson	Children's Services Planning, HSCB
	Andrew Hawthorne	Children's Services Planning, HSCB
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jacqui McGarvey	South Eastern Trust
	Kathy Maguire	Council for the Homeless
	Carina Boyle	Action for Children
	Paddy Mooney	Include Youth

**Introduction**

Brian Patterson and Anne-Marie Bagnall were welcomed to the group and there was a round of introductions for their benefit.

**Previous Minutes**

The note of the previous meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012 was approved.

## **Matters Arising**

### **1. Influencing the agenda of other groups**

This is an ongoing piece of work but has been progressed in a number of areas. Meetings with DEL have been arranged. Northern Outcomes Group identified lack of services for adolescents at an early, earlier stage of intervention. This was the case for 13-16 year olds at risk of being homeless (was this indicated for this age range). This issue was also raised by Vivien Mc Convey in the South Eastern Outcomes Group. The group identified existing adolescent services in the Southern Area and the group recognised the need to identify models and good practice for roll out regionally where appropriate.

Maurice Leeson raised the work of the Early Intervention Sub Group, which is to determine what early intervention structures currently exist and consequently where the gaps are. This is potentially a task for the Outcomes Groups although it is not yet approved. Angela Devlin informed that this has been done to a certain extent in the South Eastern Trust with the work progressed in the Colin neighbourhood. Una Turbitt advised that any such work should include universal services.

### **2. The Youth Justice Review Implementation Plan**

Maurice Leeson has arranged to meet with Tony Kavanagh about a range of issues, of which this is one.

## **Action plan**

Progress on the action plan was divided as below:

Healthy- Una Lernihan and Una Turbitt

Enjoying, Learning and Achieving- Tony Rodgers and Andrew Hawthorne

Living in Safety and with Stability- Una Lernihan and Paddy Mooney (possibly Stephen Knox)

Experiencing Economic and Environmental Wellbeing- Jo Smyth and Deirdre Coyle

Contributing Positively to Community and Society- Vivien McConvey and Angela Devlin

Living in a Society which Respects their Rights- Andrew Hawthorne and Maurice Leeson

Group members were invited to feedback on their sections.

One issue that arose was rolling suspensions, which should not be happening however ad hoc evidence suggests they might in some cases.

***Action: Tony Rodgers to raise with HSC Trusts and remind them that there should be no incidences of 'rolling suspensions' for looked after children and young people.***

There were a number of actions resulting from the review of the draft action plan:

***Action: Ann- Marie Bagnall to provide a reference to PEP from PEP Guidance***

***Action: Everyone to ensure that quantitative indicators have a source***

***Action: Una Lernihan, Stephen Knox and Andrew Hawthorne to clarify the section on living in safety and with stability***

***Action: Deirdre Coyle to provide context/references where possible for qualitative information under Experiencing Economic and Environmental Wellbeing***

***Action: Deirdre Coyle, Brian Patterson to include an action regarding Welfare Reform/ Universal Credits and EMA***

***Action: Maurice Leeson to check with Valerie Maxwell regarding the availability of quantitative indicators under Contributing Positively to Community and Society and Living in a Society which Respects their Rights***

***Action: Andrew to collate changes and circulate action plan for final sign off by email***

## **AOB**

### **Fostering Review**

RQIA is conducting a review of statutory fostering services to introduce a baseline of services and standards. Terms of Reference are now available.

### **Residential Childcare Review**

This review is due to conclude draft work in this area by March 2013. The purpose of the review is to ask HSC Trusts to take stock of their Residential Care as part of TYC. The intention is to agree the future configuration which will more appropriately meet the diverse and challenging needs of those children who require to become looked after in a Children's Home. It is recognised that other developments need to run in parallel with the review of residential child care, including developments in fostercare alongside the availability of diversionary and support services for adolescents as referenced earlier.

**Date of next meeting:**

Dates for next meeting in May to be circulated.