

**Young Carers Sub Group**  
**29<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**Present:** Billy McMillan                      Barnardos  
Nicola Topping                              WELB  
Rosemary Breslin                          NHSC  
Avery Bowser                                Action for Children

**In attendance:** Maurice Leeson                      Children Services Planning, HSCB  
Alison Foster                                      Children Services Planning, HSCB

**Apologies:** Leona McMenamin                      Kinship Care NI  
Lesley Johnston                                Carers NI

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<p><b><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></b></p> <p>Previous minutes were agreed by the group with actions outstanding discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link with Careers Service NI</li> <li>• Education Resource: The toolkit provided by Carers Trust should be easily transferred to a Northern Ireland context by replacing case studies with local examples and statistics from Young Carers Regional Service.</li> </ul>	<p>Tentative links made with Careers Services NI currently and in progress – On-going.</p> <p>Alison to circulate link to the resource toolkit.</p> <p>Sub group will meet to transfer to a Northern Ireland context.</p>	<p>Nicola Topping</p> <p>Alison Foster</p> <p>Sub - group</p>

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<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>No matters arising from previous meeting.</p>		
<p><b><u>Chairing Arrangements</u></b></p> <p>Previously, Carina had co-chaired the Young Carers sub group with Billy.</p>	<p>The group agreed that Billy and Avery will alternate as chair.</p>	<p>Billy McMillan Avery Bowser</p>
<p><b><u>Update on the young carers membership</u></b></p> <p>Avery Bowser will represent Action for Children, replacing Carina Boyle.</p> <p>Maurice invited Helen Ferguson from Carers NI (Umbrella Group for Carers-Northern Ireland branch of Carers GB) to nominate a representative to sit on the Young Carers group.</p> <p>Completion of the action plan may identify further gaps within the group.</p>	<p>Lesley Johnston will represent Carers NI on the Young Carers sub group.</p>	
<p><b><u>Action Plan</u></b></p> <p>Group discussed draft Young Carers action plan 2014-2017.</p>	<p>Amendments to be made to action plan as discussed and circulated with group.</p> <p>Make definition of Young carer available to family support hubs.</p>	<p>Maurice Leeson Alison Foster</p>

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<p><b><u>Report Card</u></b></p> <p>Report card will take actions from the Young Carers action plan.</p>	<p>Alison to update report card and circulate with the group.</p>	<p>Alison Foster</p>
<p><b><u>Monitoring of Information</u></b></p> <p>Maurice discussed the monitoring of information within other sub groups (DSV &amp; CYPO). Members of the DSV sub group have been asked to supply any information they currently hold. All DSV services were downloaded from the Family Support website and have been geo-mapped by the CYPSP information team.</p>	<p>Young Carers services to be downloaded from the Family Support website and brought to the next sub group meeting for discussion.</p>	<p>Alison Foster</p>
<p><b><u>Any other business</u></b></p> <p><b>Summary of meetings</b></p> <p>Group discussed raising awareness of the Young Carers sub group across the 5 Education Boards and the 5 Trust areas.</p> <p><b>Careers Service</b></p> <p>As Careers service are unable to sit on the group it was agreed that some form of communication should be established.</p>	<p>Rosemary &amp; Nicola to create a distribution list which will cover all Boards &amp; Trusts. Summary of Young Carers Sub group meeting to be circulated to this list.</p>	<p>Nicola Topping</p> <p>Rosemary Breslin</p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>14.00, 9<sup>th</sup> December, Barnardos Magherafelt. (Avery to Chair)</p>	

