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

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

**21.10.14**

**Present:**
- Paul Yam (Chair)
- Joanne Donnelly
- Jo Marley
- Stephen Smith
- Kieran Shields
- Wah Hep Chinese Association
- Belong
- Bryson
- Craigavon Intercultural Programme
- Southern/Western ELB

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

**Apologies:**
- Brian O’Kane
- Elaine O’Doherty
- Maria Herron
- Sergeant Lee Russell
- NIHE
- Public Health Agency
- Parenting NI
- PSNI

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>What was Discussed</th>
<th>What was Decided</th>
<th>Who will take the Lead in Moving this Forward</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Introductions &amp; Previous action notes</strong></td>
<td>Agreed pending minor amendment.</td>
<td>Alison Foster</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Matters arising</strong></td>
<td>No matters arising from previous meeting.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Update of the BME Membership</strong></td>
<td>Jo and Kieran to ask for reps for alternative meetings to ensure traveller participation. Maurice to write to Justyna following establishment of the action plan.</td>
<td>Jo Marley &amp; Kieran Shields. Maurice Leeson.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>What was Discussed</td>
<td>What was Decided</td>
<td>Who will take the Lead in Moving this Forward</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------------</td>
<td>------------------</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Alison to source original 'role description' for BME sub group members. | Group agreed to focus on the following key priority areas for the action plan:  
- Anti-bullying  
- Direct family support  
- Advocacy  
- Rights/Empowerment & Participation  
- Cultural competence | BME sub group.  
Maurice to amend draft action plan as discussed and circulate within the group.  
Maurice Leeson. |

**Action Plan**

A draft copy of the BME 2014-2017 action plan was circulated and discussed in detail (please see action plan attached).

**E-Zine**

Maurice advised that he is happy for any stories or incentives from the BME sub group to appear in the monthly CYPSP e-zine. Any stories for the e-zine should be forwarded on to Rachael.Adams@hscni.net. If not already, group members can sign up to the monthly e-zine via the CYPSP website.

**Any other Business**

Paul discussed and circulated his letter to the human Rights Commission which highlighted lack of anti-racism policies and code of practice. (attached)

Each outcome group have agreed to take on a piece of work linking in to regional sub groups. The Southern Outcomes Group will be working with the BME sub group.

**Date of Next Meeting**

10am, 21st January. Kieran to arrange venue.