

**Craigavon Locality Planning Group
Brownlow Hub Craigavon
8th September 2014 at 10am**

<p>Facilitator: Julie Bolton (CYPSP)</p> <p>Attendees:</p> <p>Chair - Diane Clarke (Craigavon Borough Council)</p> <p>Barbara McNally (PSNI) Bryan Gormley (SHSCT) Cathy McAdam (SHSCT) Cherith Davison (Care in Crisis) Colette Murray (SELB Youth Service) Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craigavon) Karen Moore (Care in Crisis) Kellie Lappin (SELB – EWO) Lorraine O’Neill (Delta Parenting) Michaela Murray (Youth Justice Agency) Shane Magee (St Anthony’s Primary School) Sinead Doherty (NIACRO) Tanya Hamilton (Toybox – Early Years) Trevor McDaid (React Ltd) Wanda Rea (Craigavon Borough Council – Sports Development)</p>	<p>Apologies: Fiona McDonald (Drumnamoe Nursery School) Frances Haughey (Southern Group Environmental Health Committee) Ian Liggett (Drop Inn Youth) Patrick Kelly (Belong) Sharyn Hopper (YMCA, Portadown)</p> <p>Not Present: Alwyn Peters (PSNI) Debbie Smith (SHSCT – Children with Disabilities Team) Helen Clarkson (Barnardos) Tim Strain (Youth Justice Agency) Kevin Quigley (SELB)</p>
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1.0	<p>Welcome and apologies Diane welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the first Locality planning meeting in Craigavon. A number of apologies were noted.</p>	<p>Members were asked to sign in.</p>

<p>2.0</p>	<p>Introductions</p> <p>There was a round of introductions. Julie asked if everyone had been in touch before so that their contact details would be on the database.</p>	<p>Nuala to ensure that all members' contact details are recorded on the distribution list.</p> <p>Julie to make contact with the managers of the following organisations: Splash Sure Start and Drumgor Detached Youth Work Project to enquire if they will join the Locality Planning Group. Chair of Area Learning Community and BME representative to be contacted also.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Review of Locality Planning Groups/CYPSP/Database</p> <p>Locality planning groups involve front line staff from all organisations across the statutory, voluntary and community sectors in the local area, together with children, young people and families. Each locality planning group uses local level statistics provided across agencies and bring this together with their collective knowledge of emerging issues for children and young people in the area.</p> <p>Diane referred to the handbook entitled: "Implementing and Operating Locality Planning Groups" and Julie highlighted the importance of pages 9 ("What is a Locality Planning Group?"); 11 ("The Locality Planning Remit" – which includes the point of identifying emerging needs in the area and Julie referred to the list of emerging needs that were gathered from stakeholder event in Craigavon on 10th June); 12 ("What are the benefits of the CYPSP Locality Planning Process?")</p> <p>CYPSP Funding Update – Julie explained that funding runs out at the end of March 2015 so we must plan for the next CYPSP funding (2015-2018). Julie mentioned that the budget is £180,000. And she explained that there will be a Craigavon Action Plan as well as the current Southern wide Action Plan. The Planning Cycle was touched upon. CYPSP Website – Julie mentioned the website address and that a member of the CYPSP team will offer a demonstration of how to use the mapping system at next meeting.</p>	<p>Shauneen or Valerie to attend the next meeting in order to present the CYPSP database and demonstrate how to use it.</p>

4.0	<p>Diane touched on the purpose of the Locality Planning Group as being a “Grassroots” group – we have to feed up to the next level. We may be at the bottom; but that’s a very good place to be.</p> <p>Referring to the new ABC Council from April 15, Julie clarified that it would be best to keep the groups separate due to different needs within each area.</p>	
5.0	<p>Practical – locations/venues for meetings</p> <p>Meeting arrangements – the following arrangements were made for future meetings:</p> <p><u>Meeting venue:</u> Brownlow Hub, Craigavon</p> <p><u>Frequency of meetings:</u> Bi-monthly</p>	<p>Diane to confirm availability of The Lounge at Brownlow Hub for our next date and for 2015</p>
6.0	<p>What has to be done? Emerging Needs/Action Plan</p> <p>Diane clarified that the list of emerging needs gathered at the Stakeholder Event in Craigavon on 10th June were quoted verbatim.</p> <p>The attendees read over the list. Diane asked if there were any questions regarding the list.</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding the difficulty in reaching out to the right people. Lorraine O’Neill discussed how agencies are informed about certain programmes; however, the message isn’t being forwarded on to the appropriate parents.</p> <p>This led on to a discussion around transport and Sinead Doherty commented that many parents, especially those who are most in need, have difficulty in getting to parenting groups due to a poor transport system. Shane Magee shared his school’s recent experience of trying to encourage primary 4 parents to attend a course and the resulting low uptake of the invite by parents. This led on to a discussion around children’s development and how vital the early stages are. Shane Magee commented on the poor language skills and reading skills of many of the 4 year olds who enter school and how important it is to read to one’s child before they start school. Julie raised the question of whether anti-natal clinics offered information on brain development. Sinead said that some parents and their children who are entitled to attend their local Sure Start group are not necessarily availing of this opportunity. She also said that 8 out of 30 (on average) will attend a parenting programme hosted by Caps. As regards transport, Caps offer a transport service to parents but this may not always be availed of either. Following on from this, a discussion was had around the stigma attached to “Parenting courses” and how some parents may feel as though they are a “bad parent” if they are being invited to such a course. Bryan Gormley commented that a balance has to be struck</p>	

	<p>between how a parenting course is advertised/how it is worded, and getting the right people to attend. Karen Moore spoke a little about her awareness of the impact of trauma on an unborn child and how this can lead to a person attending counselling in later life. There was discussion around the apparent gap in mental health awareness for expectant mothers. Lorraine mentioned the courses that Delta provides for expectant mothers. And it was stated that Play Therapy NI provide baby bonding exercises.</p>	<p>Please see attached document sent by Lorraine at Delta detailing the courses on offer.</p> <p>Members to promote courses to their service users.</p>
7.0	<p>Exercise – Emerging needs</p> <p>Attendees broke up into small groups and discussed the emerging needs that were identified at the Stakeholder Event. The following key points arose from the 3 discussion groups:</p> <p>Julie’s group: 1. Parenting issues; 2. Social media – sexting/cyberbullying/inappropriate material/CE-OP Training; 3. Legal highs – PSNI visit schools to talk to the young people.</p> <p>Nuala’s group: 1. Getting the right people to attend certain courses or programmes (e.g. parenting courses); 2. Young men’s mental health; 3. Broadening access to certain (youth) groups to allow for weekend participation rather than just during the week; 4. Coping strategies – parents becoming reliant on services (re-referrals) if they have poor or no strategies in place; 5. Lack of routine within households; 6. Neglect within the home and lack of basic resources/poverty</p> <p>Diane’s group: 1. Exclusion of young people with a disability with personal care needs from statutory youth provision; 2. Social media and young people with learning disabilities; 3. Role that physical activity has to play in promoting good mental health and tackling health issues, e.g. obesity; bonding issues (Water Baby classes); 4. Anger and behaviour management; 5. Strengthening families</p>	
8.0	<p>Member agency overview</p> <p><i>Lorraine O’Neill at Delta Parenting</i> – Parenting programmes are offered such as “Mellow Parenting” and “Incredible Years”. Lorraine and Deborah (Home-Start) agreed that it would be beneficial for Home-Start to re-establish their link with Delta in order for Home—Start to signpost their parents to the programmes offered by Delta.</p> <p><i>Bryan Gormley at Young People’s Partnership</i>—The YPP offers Community Social Work with adolescents and their families/carers. Main services provided: Individual, group and community development approaches aimed at maintaining home placements; improved relationships and emotional wellbeing;</p>	<p>Members to send an overview of their service with contact details to Nuala.haughey@hscni.net at their earliest convenience (as per Nuala’s email on Tuesday 9th September).</p>

increased personal development and prevention of offending.

Barbara McNally at PSNI – Huge amount of services offered; if domestic violence is evident within the family home, Social Services will be contacted whether the children are present at the time or not. The PSNI also offer educational programmes for young people.

Michaela Murray at Youth Justice Agency – Southern health area is covered. In Craigavon area, there are many young people who are reoffending. YJA staff liaise with young people who are in custody.

Sinead Doherty at CAPS – works with young people aged 8-13 years who are not attending school and who are offending. CAPS offers one to one parenting programmes.

Karen Moore at Care in Crisis – this is a counselling service offering one to one counselling to children (from the age of 6), young people and adults. They recently secured a contract to offer counselling to children within the primary school setting. Karen mentioned the huge impact that parents' separations can have on a young child. Modes of therapy offered include Art Therapy and Play Therapy. GPs usually signpost to the service and parents can refer their children.

Tanya Hamilton at Early Years: Toybox – works with children aged 0-4 years who come from the travelling community and aims to help reduce the educational inequalities experienced by this group in society through the medium of play.

Wanda Rea at CBC – Wide range of services and programmes offered including "Active Communities". One aim is to target groups whose representation in sports is low (such as: teenager girls and those with a disability) to participate in sports. Much of Wanda's role involves participation work. She believes that physical activity is a great engagement tool and families would benefit from building sport/physical activity into their routine. Bryan Gormley's service already works in partnership with Wanda's Sports Development Service.

Cathy McAdam at SHSCT – Works with 12-17 year olds who have learning disabilities. Referrals come from the Social Work Team. Cathy offers personal development work and sexual health programmes including a programme called "Shape" – which is an accredited programme focusing on sexual health issues, as well as drugs and alcohol awareness. A vast area is covered through Cathy's work and approximately 20-25 young people will attend each club.

Deborah Millar at Home-Start – works across the Craigavon Borough Council area offering prevention work to families. This service aims to prevent re-referrals from occurring by sign-posting families to appropriate services.

They recently established a walking group at which anyone can attend

	<p>and it is free. A new programme entitled “Understanding emotional Eating” is due to begin on Wednesday 17th September which will look at how one’s attachment style may affect eating habits.</p> <p><i>Kellie Lappin at Education Welfare Service</i> - Referrals are taken from schools (from primary one upwards). Kellie’s service deals with social and emotional issues.</p> <p><i>Trevor McDaid at React Ltd</i> – This organisation is funded by the PHA. Trevor is based at The Loft Drop In Centre which is where young people can come if they require practical help. Issues may include: substance misuse and awareness, mental health concerns, self-harm and sexual health/relationship issues. There is also a Leadership course on offer. Trevor and his team offer programmes every night to young people (aged 15-25 years).</p> <p><i>Colette at SELB Youth Service</i> – Programmes for young people are offered from September through to March by specialist workers. Extended provision allows for young people to access the service at weekends as well as during the week. This service aims to reach out to young people in more remote areas as well as within larger catchment areas. Colette noted that there are many issues within the Tullygally area.</p> <p><i>Shane Magee at St Anthony’s Primary School</i> – Shane is the Pastoral Care Teacher within the school and offers a programme relating to positive and negative feelings and coping strategies. “Time for me” is another programme which allows children to talk about concerns that are worrying them. Shane also deals with attendance issues within the school and notes that there is a high non-attendance rate among the children from the travelling community.</p>	
9.0	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>A demonstration of the CYPSP interactive mapping system will be presented at the next meeting in November.</p>	<p>Members to practise in their own time</p> <p>www.cypsp.org</p>
	<p>Thank you all for attending and contributing to the meeting.</p> <p>Next Date:</p> <p>Monday 10th November at 10am in Brownlow Hub, Craigavon</p>	