

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING
LARNE LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30TH JUNE 2015
AT 10.30AM IN SIR THOMAS DIXON BUILDINGS, LARNE**

PRESENT:	David McAllister	<i>Mid & East Antrim Council</i>
	Deborah Neill	<i>LCDP</i>
	Gail Anderson	<i>CFSP – Network Personnel</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Gerry McDonald	<i>Think Drink - NHSCT</i>
	Maria Martin	<i>Women's Aid ABCLN</i>
	Maureen Morrow	<i>Mid & East Antrim Council</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Shirley Loughlin	<i>NHSCT</i>
APOLOGIES:	Bill Sheridan	<i>BACCS</i>
	Ian McKenzie	<i>YMCA Health Hub</i>
	Leigh Whittley	<i>NEELB Youth Service</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

David welcomed the group to the meeting and apologies were noted. A round of introductions took place from all members present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Tuesday 12th May 2015**.

MATTERS ARISING

Claire Campbell will be invited to attend the September meeting.

Action: Selena

GAIL ANDERSON – NETWORK PERSONNEL

Gail provided information on the Community Family Support Programme which is funded by Dell. The aim of the programme is to support families to develop their ability to reach their full potential in addressing: employment, educational, training, health, social and economic issues that impact their daily lives. The programme also aims to reduce the number of young people in Mid & East Antrim areas who aren't engaged in services or employment.

There is a family Liaison Officer per council area. They will meet with families in their own home and draw up an action plan depending on their particular needs. Education Employment Officer will meet with the young person and other members within the family.

Eligibility criteria for the programme was explained. For a family to participate in the programme there must be a young person aged 16-24 years in the NEET category (not engaged in education, employment or training). The definition of a family can include:

- A family with a 16-24 year old NEET
- Single parent families with a 16-24 year old NEET
- Young parents aged 16-24 years who fall into the NEET category
- Legal guardians with young people 16-24 years who fall into the NEET category

If anyone would like to make referrals contact Gail Anderson
077 0284 7230 or email cfsp@networkpersonnel.org.uk

UPDATE – 0-4 ENGAGEMENT

Sandra explained the Larne Locality Group identified the need to complete engagement with parents living in rural localities to clarify what support is needed for parents with children of 0-4. Engagement was

done via questionnaires with the target areas being Glenarm and Carnlough. The information highlighted needs parents had in these particular areas.

As a result Gail Jackson is happy to provide support to families and some venues have been secured for programmes. Gail is hoping to target areas where Sandra completed the engagement. It is hoped for a programme to run after Mums and Tots. Hoped to start baby Massage and it is planned to start this in September 2015. Sandra noted this is a really positive outcome and Sandra agreed to source venues for the Health Visitor.

Action: Sandra

UPDATE – BELIEVE IN YOUTH PROJECT

Gerry provided information on the Think Drink Programme and the 4 components within the project. Across all organisations there is an alcohol awareness programme. Believe in Youth is a peer education programme where peer educators get trained up to deliver work with their peers/groups of young people to raise awareness of alcohol. Maurice remains off on sick leave. NIYF and Dunlewey have been putting measurements in place. Phil Lennan has taken over Maurice in the interim.

A mapping exercise was carried out in Larne to identify hot spots of young people. Larne YMCA would be the main contact. Identified a group of 14 young people and have started a 12 week programme. Young people after this is complete will be moving on to other training etc. Working as best they can to make sure the service is delivered.

Discussions took place around this piece of work. Gerry noted he is hoping for more breakdown in terms of the areas young people are coming from to engage with the programmes.

RELAX AND CHILLAX – UPDATE

Selena provided information on Relax and Chillax which is a project running with Year 11's and 12's in Larne High School. Organisations are brought in each week to provide information to the young people. This is led by YMCA and will be covered again next year. Selena noted a subgroup meeting will be organised over the summer to discuss how to develop and progress with the project next year. The principal also noted he is keen to progress. Feedback has been very positive to date.

Selena noted Simon Community have now started one in Belfast and CYPSP are now starting this in 2 Schools in Ballymoney.

Sandra agreed to complete an evaluation on how to progress Relax and Chillax in Larne High School. Career advice was noted as a potential to focus on in terms of what information young people would like. Sandra to have a focus group with young people and speak to the School to identify what they do with careers.

Action: Sandra

Gemma will set up a meeting to discuss how to progress Relax and Chillax.

Action: Gemma

Ian and Karen to have assembly with year groups to give information and promote the initiative for next year. It is hoped to have it up and running again by the end of September 2015.

Action: Ian / Karen

LARNE / CARRICKFERGUS HUB UPDATE

The emerging needs from referrals to the family hubs remain the same:

- Provision for 0-4 outside of Surestart area.
- 5-8 year olds

- Provision for 14+ (choices no longer taking referral's due to capacity)
- Family breakdown

A Emotional & Wellbeing hub for adults is due to launch in October. Gerry noted it would be useful to have an update regarding this hub.

UPDATE FROM MEMBERS

Deborah Neill – LCDP

Courses will come to an end over the summer. Deborah will be working with groups completing funding applications. Engaging with community planning committee to ensure there is no duplication of services. A lot of their focus is in the town and what they can't provide they will work in partnership with NACN. At present funding is to March 2016.

Sandra Anderson – CYPSP

A Top Tips leaflet was developed to give to young people with information on ASD. These have been distributed across the Northern Trust ASD teams as a resource for young people to use. Copies were given to everyone present. If anyone is looking further copies contact Sandra.

Information was provided on Supporting Siblings workshops. These were organised for young people aged 10+ who have a brother or sister with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). A workshop was delivered in Carrickfergus and Cookstown with the Trust ASD team providing information to those attending. If further funding is received Sandra would like to deliver a workshop in Larne.

Maureen Morrow – LBC

Maureen is based in Carnlough and Glenarm. Carnlough Carnival is coming up in July and will take place from 24th July – 1st August 2015 . Maureen noted the event is always well supported and young people

aged 12-18 years volunteer to help. Glenarm festival is on 25th July and takes place on the street in Glenarm. It is hoped young people will do the street games again this year. Maureen attended an event last night regarding Queens Award for volunteering service. If anyone is aware of any groups that go the extra mile to get in touch with Maureen.

Shirley Laughlin – NHSCT

Shirley noted the New Mums group finished in June. Currently talking to someone in Ballygally to see if a venue can be secured in order to run another programme. Will continue to have another group in Larne in August. During Home Safety Week Shirley and public health nursing had a stand in Larne targeting young families.

Maria Martin - Womens Aid

Dates for summer programmes have been organised. These will take place on 7th July, 12th August and 18th August. 2 trips have been planned for 20th July and 20th August. These trips are planned for families and young people involved in homework clubs and other programmes. Families will have the opportunity to visit Fun Factory and Funworks nearby on these trips.

Gerry McDonald – Think Drink NHSCT

A number of personal development programmes are running. Train the Trainer programme is also being delivered. Alcohol Awareness for teams will also be available.

David McAllister – Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

Summer programmes are starting next week. Pal will be delivering a one day workshop around legal highs and there are still spaces available for this. David has been mapping the bottom of the Craighill area and there are 2-3 separate groups who meet. It was hoped Leigh would have updated on Craighill at this meeting.

AOB

Nothing noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8th September 2015** at **10.30am** in **Sir Thomas Dixon Buildings, Larne.**

Please note start time for future meetings will be 10.30am.