

Delivering Social Change

Tackling poverty and social exclusion

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Together: Building a United Community Engagement Forum Update

The second Together: Building a United Community (T: BUC) Engagement Forum took place on 2 June in the Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast.

The Forum brought together over 180 representatives from local government, voluntary and community organisations, cultural groups and central government to provide an update on T: BUC; identify good practices; share learning; and explore the topic of cultural expression.

This was the first public engagement attended by the two new Junior Ministers Alastair Ross and Megan Fearon who welcomed delegates to the Forum.

The event included a range of interesting presentations and a workshop discussing the T: BUC theme of 'our cultural expression'. The highlight of the Forum was a performance art piece featuring local young people directed by Prime Cut Productions.

The next Forum is scheduled to take place on 20 September during Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week.

The Community Relations Council provide secretariat for the T: BUC Engagement Forum.



(L-R) Mark Deeney (NI Fire & Rescue), Jacqueline Irwin (Community Relations Council), Derek McCallan (NILGA), Megan Fearon (Junior Minister), Dr Mark Browne (The Executive Office), Alastair Ross (Junior Minister), Dr. Maire Braniff (Ulster University)

For further information, or if you would like to register for future forum meetings, please contact Dypmna McGlade or Gemma Attwood at the Community Relations Council on 028 9022 7500.

Dementia Signature Programme Update



Focus on Short Breaks and Support to Carers

Four innovative and new Short Break services have been commissioned. The four pilots commenced from the beginning of May 2016 and will run until the end of September 2017. These services have been developed and designed with extensive consultation and input from people living with a dementia and their informal caregivers. This is a very exciting time for the Dementia Together NI project as these pilots will give us an opportunity to help improve the quality of life for people living with a dementia and their informal caregivers. The findings will also assist with future service development and the evidence base for possible mainstreaming of short break services.

The Short Break Pilots will include:

Home Support (South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust area)

This service will be delivered by **Bryson Care** and available to **30** people living with dementia and their informal caregiver.

The home support service for people living with a dementia will be primarily delivered within the person's own home and will incorporate:

- Provision of an enhanced befriending service including the provision of personal care services to people living with dementia for a period of 2-4 hours once per week.
- Provision of an enhanced befriending service including the provision of personal care services for a period of 2-4 hours and a night sitting service to people living with dementia once a week.
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Extended Domiciliary Care (Northern Ireland wide)

Currently this service is available within four of the five Health Trust areas. It is hoped that a tender for the Southern Health and Social Care Trust area will shortly be agreed. The service will be provided by:

Homecare NI (Homecare Independent Living) in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust area

Homecare NI (Homecare Independent Living) in the Northern Health and Social care Trust area

Trackars Ltd in the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Hillview Lodge Ltd (Glen Caring Services) in the Western Health and Social Care Trust

The purpose of the Extended Domiciliary Care service is to allow the Informal Caregiver to take a break of up to four days (but may extend to seven days if the formal caregiver is already known and provides services to the person living with dementia and their informal caregiver).

Extended Domiciliary Care Services will include the provision of personal care for **24** people living with dementia for up to a week.

Services will primarily be provided in the home of the person living with dementia. However they will also provide for the provision of support services outside the home e.g. shopping, attendance at religious services or other routine social events.

Emergency Support (Northern Health and Social Care Trust Area)

This service will be provided by **Trackars Ltd**. They will deliver an emergency support service for people living with dementia and their informal care givers in the NHSCCT area. The service includes the provision of personal care services between 9am and 5pm for periods of 1-8 hours for a maximum of three consecutive days (up to 24 hours in total).

Enhanced Day Opportunities (Western Health and Social Care Trust Area) - to include evening and weekends.

The Enhanced Day opportunities service will be provided by **Bryson Care** in the WHSCT area for periods from 4-6 hours, once a week, for **23** service users. This service will be delivered primarily outside the home environment of the person living with dementia and should incorporate enhanced befriending including personal care.

As these short break programmes are pilots, selection criteria have been established to ensure those most in need receive the services. Referrals to each service will be carried out through the person living with dementia and their informal caregiver's key worker.



If you wish to find out more about any of the Short Break Pilots please contact Fiona McCann on 07584422528 or email Fiona.McCann@hscni.net.

Fiona McCann (Dementia Together NI) meets with Service providers.

Opportunities to join the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland



The Executive Office is the department with overarching responsibility for equality and part of that role includes sponsorship of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

The Commission has an important role in ensuring effective application of Northern Ireland's equality laws and it aims to make a difference to people's lives by improving equality of opportunity for everyone and helping to create and maintain a more equal society.

Amongst its many duties the Commission provides advice and support to employers, service providers and public authorities to help promote equality of opportunity and address inequalities. The Commission may also provide legal advice and representation to people taking cases of discrimination to Tribunals and Courts. Over 3,000 individuals with potential complaints of unlawful discrimination have approached the Commission each year for the past four to five years.

The Commission is governed by a board of Commissioners who set the strategic direction for the organisation and oversee the delivery of its work. Commissioners work part time, approximately two-three days per month and are appointed for three year terms. Four Commissioners' terms are coming to a close and their positions have been advertised.

If you would like to learn more about the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland please visit their website www.equalityni.org

If you are interested in applying for one of the Commissioner posts, details of the competition can be found on the NI Direct website <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/public-appointment-vacancies>

Childcare Update

The Executive's Childcare Strategy aims, through the provision of affordable, quality childcare services, to give children the best start in life, preparing them for lifelong well-being and achievement.

Since the first phase of the Childcare Strategy was launched it has, to date, allocated close to £9million to childcare projects, including some £5.6million supporting more than 3,000 low cost childcare places. In addition, the Strategy has built the capacity of local childcare providers to meet the needs of children with a disability and made detailed information on local childcare services more readily accessible to parents.

The Minister of Education expects to be able to recommend a final version of the Childcare Strategy to Executive Colleagues in the coming months having taken full account of the many consultation responses received, the Programme for Government, and the new opportunities that now exist to align childcare with a wide range of Early Years initiatives.

Responsibility for Childcare policy recently moved to the new Department of Education under the Northern Ireland Civil Service Restructuring Programme.

If you would like to contact the Childcare policy team, please phone or email:

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Development of the next Children and Young People’s Strategy Update

The online survey seeking the views of children and young people closed on 17 June with over 300 responses received. Analysis of the responses has now begun and will inform the direction of travel as we continue to work on the development of the next Strategy.

Thank you to all those who took part and to those who encouraged others to do the same - your input will be very useful.

We have continued to meet and consult with a wide range of stakeholders and are now in the process of analysing all the information we have received. The various issues raised in these meetings are being used to develop potential outcomes for the Strategy and also the indicators which will allow us to measure how we are delivering on these outcomes and addressing issues.

On 23 and 24 May this year, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child took evidence from the UK delegation, comprised of representatives from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland on a range of issues relating to the well-being and rights of children and young people.

The Committee has now published its Concluding Observations and the issues covered were wide ranging. The Observations require careful analysis to ensure that due regard is given to those matters that will help improve outcomes for children and young people and impact positively on their lives. The new Children and Young People’s Strategy will seek to encompass these areas to improve the well-being of children and young people in Northern Ireland as defined in the Children’s Services Co-Operation Act (NI) 2015.

Responsibility for policy in relation to Children and Young People recently moved to the new Department of Education under the Northern Ireland Civil Service Restructuring Programme.

If you are interested in contributing to the development of the next Strategy please contact the Children and Young People policy team by emailing cyps@education-ni.gov.uk or telephoning Alastair Carroll on 028 9185 8026.

Early Intervention Transformation Programme (EITP) - Signature Programme - Workstream One Update



Workstream One of EITP aims to equip all parents with the skills needed to give their child the best start in life. It is focussing on three key inter-related parenting stages:

- **Getting Ready for Baby** - laying the foundations for effective parenthood;
- **Getting Ready for Toddler** - developing and encouraging parenting skills; and
- **Getting Ready to Learn** - supporting parents as their child's first educator

A significant amount of work has happened in relation to setting up monitoring systems for each of the three stages of Workstream One in order to demonstrate how mainstream delivery of services is being transformed through this work. The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) information team has been tasked with assisting systems development and outcome monitoring across all of the EITP workstreams. In line with the new Programme for Government direction this is done by using Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA).

Getting Ready for Baby Update

Transforming Antenatal Care and Education provided by Midwives - A universal programme of "key parenting messages" is being rolled out using a range of methods. This approach will be embedded into the antenatal pathway and follow into the postnatal period ensuring that parents have plenty of opportunity to read and understand the key parenting messages.

Group Based Antenatal Care and Education for First Time Parents - first time parents will be offered the opportunity to attend an antenatal group which will incorporate clinical care and education at the same appointment using the Solihull Approach. This programme weaves together the information that mums and dads want about pregnancy, with

preparation for making a relationship with the baby from the womb, to birth and beyond. The Solihull Antenatal Programme is delivered over a six week period and has a focus on brain development, infant mental health and the importance of attachment and relationships.

This model will be tested in all Health and Social Care Trusts during autumn 2016 with a gradual scale up and roll out across Northern Ireland.

Solihull Training - The HSC Clinical Education Centre (CEC) is delivering the Solihull Approach Combined Antenatal Foundation and Antenatal Group Programme to Midwives. The first year of the delivery plan is almost complete with over 100 Midwives having completed a two day programme and now engaging in four follow up Practice Sessions to embed the learning.

Monitoring - A standardised data system has now been developed to capture how much did we do, how well did we do it, and is anyone better off, across all of the antenatal sessions that will run within each of the Health and Social Care Trusts.

Also, analysis has commenced in relation to Solihull Training being delivered to midwives and child health assistants to ensure a standardised approach within the project.



Midwife Teachers Barbara Gerget and Mary-Jo Chesnell delivering Solihull Training

Getting Ready for Toddler update

There are two key changes being introduced universally relating to the delivery of services for children aged 3+ in their preschool year:

Named Health Visitor alignment to Department of Education (DE) funded pre-school education settings: Health Visitors are aligned to DE funded pre-school settings where they work in partnership with education colleagues to support and promote healthy child development and learning. The health visitor provides an initial face to face contact with the pre-school principal during the first term of the academic year and provides a minimum of two further contacts with the principal, one per term. Contacts may be via phone, email or face to face.

The Health Visitor will also inform the pre-school principal of any pending health campaigns.

3+ Health Review: This is a new Health Review being introduced into the pre-school setting where Health Visitors will work in partnership with children, parents and education colleagues to promote children's social, emotional and behavioural development, providing them with information and signposting to other services where appropriate. It includes the use of an Ages and Stages Questionnaire in relation to social and emotional development of children (ASQ: SE-2).



Workshop with EITP implementation managers

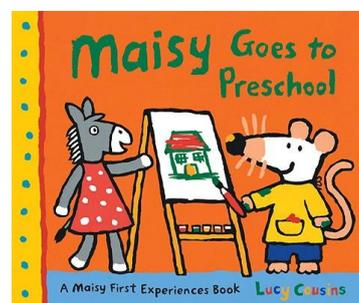
The 3+ Review has been piloted in 43 pre-school education settings across Northern Ireland during April-June 2016. Learning from the pilot will be carried out in July/August 16.

Monitoring: A significant amount of work has happened alongside Business Services Organisation (BSO) colleagues to develop a monitoring system which will be incorporated into the Universal Child Health System and Personal Child Health Record (PCHR) red book to capture information about the well-being and key development stages at the 3+ Health and Wellbeing review for every child in Northern Ireland. The system is currently being piloted across each Trust with results to be reviewed over the summer before full roll out.

A new data system has also been set up to monitor the new linkages set up within pre-school education settings and a named health visitor to support the introduction of the new 3+ Review.

Getting Ready to Learn Update

The Getting Ready to Learn Programme seeks to transform universal pre-school services to support pre-school parents to develop the confidence and skills they need to ensure that their children grow up happy, healthy and achieve their full potential. This will be achieved through four key projects - Big Bedtime Read, Education works in Pre-School, Happy Healthy Kids and Ages and Stages. Each project will focus on developing parental skills and understanding including increasing parental confidence in reading with their children, developing parental understanding of their role in their child's education and how children learn through play within the pre-school curriculum.



The first round of funding applications from pre-schools has been received and is currently being processed. The second round of funding launched at the end of June.

Monitoring: Work has commenced in developing new data systems to capture information on how much did we do, how well did we do it, and is anyone better off, for Big Bedtime Read, Education works in Pre-School, Happy Healthy Kids and Ages and Stages which is due to be implemented within the Education Authority in the first Term of the new school year.

Further information is available from:

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While there's still time.....



Consultation on the draft Programme for Government Framework 2016-21

A consultation on the draft Programme for Government (PfG) Framework 2016-21 was launched on Friday 27 May 2016.

We would like to thank those people who have already completed the questionnaire and/or attended the public consultation events held in June for contributing to the process.

The PfG consultation document is available on the NI Executive website at:

tinyurl.com/pfgni

If you have not already done so, please let us know your views or comments on the draft PfG Framework document. You can respond by using the link to the questionnaire on the website.

Please note that the closing date for receipt of responses to the consultation is 5.00pm on Friday 22 July 2016.

If you require further information please email pfg@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk or telephone 028 9052 0584 / 028 9052 8300



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