

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2016 AT
10.30AM IN SIR THOMAS DIXON BUILDINGS, LARNE**

PRESENT:	David McAllister	<i>Mid & East Antrim Council</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Grainne Hughes	<i>Action for Children</i>
	Leigh Whittle	<i>EA NI Youth Service</i>
	Paula Barrett	<i>PeoplePlus NI</i>
	Rebecca Sylvest	<i>Action for Children</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Shirley Laughlin	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Wendy Burgess	<i>Connections Service Start360</i>

APOLOGIES:	Joy McNally	<i>Larne YMCA</i>
	Liz Brown	<i>NICMA</i>
	Maria Martin	<i>Women's Aid ABCLN</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Shirley Clarke	<i>Public Health Nursing NHSCT</i>
	Tracey Colgan	<i>PHA</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

Apologies are to be added on previous minutes.
The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Tuesday 1st March 2016.**

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

REBECCA SYLVEST – ACTION FOR CHILDREN

David thanked Rebecca for attending the meeting today and invited Rebecca to make her presentation to the group.

Rebecca works for Action for Children and provided information on the Early Intervention Support Service (EISS). This service is funded by PHA and covers areas within the Northern Trust including Ballymena, Larne and Carrickfergus. A breakdown of the wards covered in each area were shared with all present. The EISS is funded to provide early intervention for 0-18's. The aim is to support families when difficulties arise before they need involvement with statutory services. The Service works with families and individual children up to 12 weeks to try and tackle problems. Rebecca is working closely with Family Support Hubs and noted referrals can also come direct from families.

After 12 weeks families will be signposted to relevant services if they still require support to overcome their difficulties/issues. Since the service started in November a lot of work has been done with younger children for behavioural issues, self-harm and mental health issues. Rebecca is happy to speak to organisations/teams to share information on the service.

It was noted a Strengthening Families programme will be coming up soon as well as Incredible Years. Rebecca has also been working with Family Group Conferencing to help families with separation/divorce, stress etc. EISS does not hold a waiting list and operate by taking referral details only if they are in a position to work with family referred within 4 weeks.

Rebecca can be contacted by emailing
Rebecca.Sylvest@actionforchildren.org.uk

PAULA BARRETT – PEOPLEPLUS NI

PeoplePlus NI are based in Mullusk and also have an office in Derry/Londonderry. Paula provided information on the Steps to Success Programme and the BEE Project. People Plus NI and the BEE Project are joint initiatives funded through the Social Investment Fund and have funding (1.8 million) to deliver free educational courses to anyone 16+. It was noted they don't want to duplicate services but compliment services already existing. A lot of examples were given on courses already running, with the funding available to cover travel / childcare for those attending. Paula noted she would like to hear from the community and Schools to hear what they want running in the area.

Any courses can be delivered depending on the needs of community groups/gaps in provision. The aim of the project is to re-engage disengaged adults in the education process and to build opportunities for subsequent employment through education. An information sheet was distributed to everyone present with further information.

Paula can be contacted by emailing Paula.Barrett@peopleplusni.com

UPDATE – PARENTS MORNINGS

Information was provided on Parents Mornings which were delivered with alot of families coming from Carnlough and Glenarm. Feedback from all parents was very positive and they loved that a crèche was provided throughout the programme.

It was noted this would be a good opportunity as there is a core group, for Sandra to go back and engage with these parents to identify what they would benefit from. Sandra agreed to meet with parents and link with Paula Barrett. An update on progress will be provided at the next meeting.

ACTION: Sandra

UPDATE – BELIEVE IN YOUTH PROJECT

No update has been provided from Believe in Youth. Selena provided information on the Impact of Alcohol Project which Believe in Youth are one component within. Believe in Youth are delivering Peer Education Programmes covering alcohol support for young people. They can deliver alcohol awareness sessions in Schools. There are more peer educators recruited and they have capacity to run sessions. If anyone is interested or would like further information contact Nar Munna narendra.munna@dunlewey.org

RELAX AND CHILLAX – UPDATE

No update was provided. Discussions took place and Selena agreed to circulate update from Relax and Chillax.

ACTION: Selena

LARNE / CARRICKFERGUS HUB UPDATE

Grainne noted hubs are busy with a lot of referrals. March was extremely busy with a high volume of referrals coming through at the end of March. Funding is now secured to March 2017.

It was also noted Clare will be leaving post as Coordinator. Selena agreed to make contact with the new Coordinator when they are in post in order to receive regular updates on referral issues and gaps in services.

ACTION: Selena

CO-DESIGN FOR NEW CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE STRATEGY

Selena has been tasked with gathering a response from Locality Planning Groups for the new Children and Young Peoples Strategy.

Particular issues were given by members to be considered in the new strategy. Further hand-outs were also given for members to complete. All information will be compiled and sent through to meet deadlines.

ACTION:Selena

UPDATE FROM MEMBERS

David McAllister – Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

David is continuing to meet with young people. It was also noted he is looking at a Youth Engagement Strategy and will send a link to the group.

Wendy Burgees – Start360 Connections Service

Wendy works for the Connections Service – Start360 covering Larne, Moyle and Ballymoney. Through her role she is trying to find out what issues there are around drugs/alcohol in the community and is linking with organisations to deliver drugs and alcohol awareness sessions. NRC's have been availing of 2 hour awareness sessions. There's a lot more programmes identified and are being modified in order to roll out. These will be able to be tailor made to suit age groups for both young people and professionals. A session in performing enhancing drinks will be one of the programmes available.

Wendy is keen to work in the Larne area and has attended a group linked with Maureen Morrow. Wendy is also going to a Learning Together meeting on Thursday to break down barriers with Schools.

Information was provided on a networking day organised on Friday 13th May 2016 in Loughgiel Community Association. Organisations can come along and find out about services in the local areas and what everyone does. All organisations will be invited and should encourage linked in working. Activities will also take place in the afternoon. Emails will be

circulated to the group for anyone covering the full Northern Trust. Wendy noted 2 people from each organisation can attend.

Leigh Whittley – EA NI Youth Service

Davey Norris has now retired and the role has been filled by Francis Loughlin. Ross still remains in post covering rural areas and Michael is working in the town. The Youth Service Strategy Area Plan is now public. 2 workers feed into this by completing delivery agreements. Information was provided on a Cross Community Group who have completed and feedback was good. Leigh is monitoring this and Ross is recruiting a new group.

Leigh provided information on funding with Inclusion funding going to become available again. Workers are currently working to promote inclusion with young people. Money is also available from OFMDFM throughout the year and summer funding will be available. This is focusing on young people with involvement of anti social behaviour. There will be changes to this from previous years but changes are unknown at present.

A Training calendar for youth groups who are registered should be published and available on the website. Leigh also noted he is still managing in Carrickfergus and supporting Dean in Larne YMCA.

Shirley Laughlin – NHSCT

A New Mums Group is ongoing for mums not attending Larne Parental Support. Baby Massage is delivered for those attending this group with numbers between 5-10. Information was given on the changes being implemented within Health Visiting, NHSCT. This includes children with a EA funded place within pre school and nursery will have an aligned Health Visitor. 3 contacts will be made with each child per year. This is being piloted and should be rolled out for the next school year across the Northern Trust.

Grainne Hughes – Action for Children

Have a number of groups ongoing with good numbers attending. Grainne is contacting families to attend the service and trying to reach families not engaging in other services. Hub referrals are very busy with

a lot for ASD support. Autism NI are delivering a session on 9th and 23rd May with a free crèche available. It was also noted one to one support is still ongoing.

AOB

Anne Hardy

Selena noted Anne Hardy (CYPSP Lead) will be retiring at the end of May 2016. Anne set up Locality Planning Groups with the first one established in 2000.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 5th July 2016** at **10.30am** in **Sir Thomas Dixon Buildings, Larne.**

Please note the start time for meetings remain at 10.30am.