

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING
MINUTES OF ANTRIM LOCALITY GROUP**

**TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 2.00PM
HOMESTART OFFICE, ANTRIM**

Attending:	Mervyn Rea	<i>Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council</i>
	Beth Gibb	<i>Action Mental Health</i>
	Bill Sheridan	<i>Children's Contact Centre</i>
	Catherine McCartney	<i>Barnardos</i>
	Davina Clements	<i>Family Mediation NI</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Janine Gaston	<i>SACN</i>
	Kelly Forsythe	<i>Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council</i>
	Laura Crawford	<i>YJA</i>
	Lynn Heatley	<i>Parenting NI</i>
	Mary O'Connell	<i>Homestart Antrim</i>
	Michelle Harris	<i>Barnardos NI</i>
	Pamela Shields	<i>Oasis Antrim</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Sinead Brady	<i>Empower Project NRC</i>
	Siobhan Morgan	<i>Little Steps Surestart</i>
Apologies:	Denise Nicholl	<i>PeoplePlus NI</i>
	Jayne Colville	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Noel Gallagher	<i>EA NI Youth Service</i>
	Nora McKnight	
	Petr Zvolsky	<i>NHSCT</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mervyn welcomed everyone to the meeting today and apologies were noted.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Tuesday 17th May 2016**.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

PRESENTATION – JAYNE COLVILLE, NHSCT

Jayne was unable to make today's meeting and sent her apologies.

PRESENTATION – DENISE NICHOLL, PEOPLEPLUS NI

Denise sent apologies and will be in attendance at the next meeting. PeoplePlus are going to facilitate a Cook It and Food Values along with parents in Homestart Antrim. Selena provided some information on People Plus NI and distributed hand-outs with example of programmes available.

UPDATE – PARENTING PROGRAMME

Sandra provided background information on engagement with parents and a 4 week programme delivered with parents via Homestart. Evaluations were completed from this programme and it has identified further support needed and more in depth. Selena and Sandra have since completed training on Family Links Nurturing Programme and information on the topics covered in this were shared with the group.

It is hoped to deliver in this area commencing February 2017. This is a 10 week programme and 'aims to help adults understand and manage feelings and behavior and become more positive and nurturing in their relationships with children and each other. It encourages an approach to relationships that gives children and adults an emotionally healthy start for their lives and learning'.

Selena noted as a way going forward to offer this training to Homestarts across the Northern Trust and this will allow parents to access support. The group will be kept updated on progress.

ACTION: Selena / Sandra

ANTRIM YOUTH FAIR

The annual Antrim Youth Fair is taking place on Wednesday 5th October in Parkhall Senior Integrated School. This will be targeting Year 12 pupils from Post Primary Schools in Antrim. Feedback around the youth fair is always positive; and Sandra has completed engagement with young people for further actions to work on depending on needs being raised.

Selena noted there are no prizes yet for the quiz if anyone has any suggestions to let her know. Gemma has circulated invites with all information, if anyone would like to attend and hasn't already responded to rsvp as soon as possible.

ACTION: ALL

UPDATE – IMPACT OF ALCOHOL

Selena provided information on the Impact of Alcohol project to date and explained locality groups were used as a sounding board for the project. Impact of Alcohol comes to an end with an event taking place to showcase work and information will be circulated in due course.

UPDATE – FAMILY SUPPORT HUB

No members present attended the last meeting to be able to provide an update. Selena noted she will link with Phil Joyce to receive main themes of referrals and will circulate information.

ACTION: Selena

ACTION PLANNING

Selena provided information on current outcomes within the Antrim Locality Planning Group Action Plan. Discussions took place regarding the current outcomes and work both on-going and which has been completed to date.

Outcome 1: Antrim LPG will have sound knowledge of providers of services for children and young people in the Locality

- Member directory produced and Gemma agreed to circulate this and update with new members
- Regular member presentations – anyone who would like to make a presentation this can be slotted into a meeting
- Promotion of the Family Support Database is on-going

Outcome 2: Children and Young People will have improved Mental Health and Resilience

- Selena noted the mapping of mental health services in Antrim may need revisited
- Information was provided on the scoping exercise of resilience programmes in collaboration with Collective Impact Project. The Project are in the process of drawing up a 12 month development plan to try and get young people more resilient and Education attainment is the main outcome.

A subgroup for education was suggested as a good idea to take this forward. Date for meeting to be circulated.

ACTION: Michelle / Selena

Outcome 3: Families in Antrim will have the finances and support available to meet their basic needs

- Employers for Childcare provided information to families in Homestart on benefits
- Agreed to work with Collective Impact Subgroup
- Selena to have discussions with Janine, SACN

ACTION: Selena / Janine

Selena noted the Action Plan can be revisited at the future meetings with progress on developments shared

MEMBER AGENCY UPDATE

Sandra Anderson – CYPSP

Sandra shared information on Supporting Siblings workshop on Tuesday 25th October from 6pm – 8pm in Antrim for siblings 9+ who have a brother or sister with an ASD Diagnosis. Members were asked to share information with families.

Siobhan Morgan – Little Steps Surestart

A newsletter was distributed to all present with information on all programmes organised from now to Christmas 2016.

Mary O'Connell – Homestart Antrim

'Children in Need' funding has been received. A fitness programme will be starting 1st week in October for parents. Cook It and Food Values will also be delivered and will run after Christmas. Mary also noted it is hoped to get a Learning Buddy Hub running and will link with the Empower Project.

Sinead Brady – Empower Project

Calendar of events is published on Facebook and Empower website up until Christmas 2016. Members were asked to direct families to these where appropriate.

Laura Crawford – YJA

Laura noted the changes within Youth Justice Agency and will now be working on voluntary cases again.

Kelly Forsythe – Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council

Kelly provided information on Home safety with the Home Safety Officer receiving referrals from agencies. Information was also provided on Energy Efficiency / Warmth. The Oil Stamp Scheme is going to re-launch in the next few months and it is hoped for more shops to get on board. Kelly noted if anyone would like any further information to email enquiries.

Beth Gibb – Action Mental Health

Information was given on 'Provoking Thought' workshops. These are available for 11-25 year olds. The workshops are designed to explore issues and facilitate discussion around issues of mental and emotional wellbeing. Members were asked if they have any groups of young people to contact Beth and all training is delivered free of charge.

Bill Sheridan – Children’s Contact Centre

Bill noted the change in logo and is now trying to get the word out. Most referrals are coming through court and social services. People can self-refer into the Children’s Contact Centre but both parents have to be in agreement. 70% of families using the service progress to have better relationships/contacts with their child / children. Leaflets were distributed with information.

Pamela Shields – Oasis Antrim

Oasis programmes for young people have taken some change and Pamela provided information. The women’s programme ‘Time for Girls’ has started up on a Thursday from 10.30am – 12.30 with a couple of spaces remaining. The Foodbank has moved to Railway Street and the number of people using the service has increased. It is open on a Friday from 11am – 1pm and will also be open on a Tuesday in the Elm Church. This is a very valuable resource for Antrim.

Janine Gaston – SACN

A training calendar has been shared with all courses being delivered and PHA funded. Janine and councillors will make a joint response on behalf of council consultation – Janine is hoping to take the views of people if they would like to meet. Janine is sitting on Community Planning Health & Wellbeing Thematic Group and is happy to take views on suicide prevention and emotional mental health.

Brief intervention training is coming up on behalf of NICHI. Information was also provided on Health Fairs as they are starting again. Janine also noted she attended a Cancer Focus Conference with Sean Martin speaking on Resilience and the feedback was excellent.

Lynn Heatley – Parenting NI

Parenting Your Teen course is starting on Tuesday 27th September and will run for the duration of 8 weeks. Information can be found on the Parenting NI website. Every year Parents Week on 2nd October is celebrated, Dr John Coleman will be speaking on Internet Safety at the Hilton Templepatrick. If anyone would like to attend registrations are open. There will be a parents workshop in Templepatrick and a workshop for Practitioners in Belfast.

Mervyn Rea - Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council

Mervyn questioned having a locality group in Newtownabbey and Selena noted they are doing something similar in the area with a focus on education and will report to the Northern Outcomes Group. Selena provided information on the pilot of locality groups merging with Magherafelt and Cookstown areas and will merge slowly in the hope not to lose people on the ground.

Mervyn also asked members if they get value attending locality meetings. Members agreed of the value they get and Michelle noted it has been useful making connections for Collective Impact and it has been very helpful. Good information and sounding board and collaborative gain. It was also noted from a Council perspective that it allows them to be aware what is going on in the area and helps promotes services to families.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Public Notice Board

Discussions took place regarding information boards and how these would be useful in public places for sharing of information. The Council have put one in Randalstown and Crumlin and there are boards placed in Castle mall and Tesco's.

Janine noted SACN have a weekly e-zine that is distributed and Janine is happy for any information to be shared this way. Send information through as a jpeg if sending.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on **Tuesday 15th November 2016 at 2.00pm in Homestart Office, Antrim.**