



Minutes for Fermanagh Locality Planning Group

10.30am -12.30pm, 18th November, 2016

Training Room of Early Intervention Family Support Service, Action for Children Office, 14 Darling Street Enniskillen, BT747EW

Attendees:

Neville Armstrong, Chairperson, Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Monica MacIntyre, Western Area Manager, Neighbourhood Renewal

Maeve Linton, Manager, Cherish Sure Start

Doreen Mullan, Manager, Westville Resource Centre

Diane Noble, Manager, Lakeland Home Start

Seana Connor, Coordinator, Fermanagh Family Support Hub

Maria Magee, NICMA

Michael Mullan, Manager, Moving On Project

Carol Blackwood Smyth, Family Mediation NI

Michaela O'Kane, Breakthru

Eugene O'Goan, Breakthru

Denise Armstrong, Public Health, Lead Health Visiting & School Health Nurse

Sonya Johnston, Floating Support Project, Action for Children

Apologies: Arlene Wright, EA and Seline McDonnell, WHSSB; Sonia Montgomery, Health Improvement; Naula Denning, NIHE; Phil Cleary, WHSSB

In Attendance: Priscilla Magee, LPG Coordinaton

1. Introduction

Neville welcomed everyone and took apologies.

There was a round of introductions. Carol who has just joined the group explained that Family Mediation NI is the lead provider of impartial, non-judgemental confidential family mediation available at venues throughout NI. FMNI is also the lead trainer of family mediators in NI. Carol works two days in Omagh and two days in Fermanagh and members were able to ask her questions about accessing her service.

All the members wished Michaela well as she commenced her maternity leave and welcomed Eugene to his post.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and amendments agreed. AOB were taken.

AOB

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3. Priscilla gave an update from CYPSP Western Outcomes Meeting and shared that work had started into the new Action Plan 2017-2020 with the themes being proposed as 'obsessions.' A discussion followed.

Obsession 1: Every Child will have the Best Start in Life

Obsession 2: We will Protect

Obsession 3: We will work together to include the Voice of Children and Young People in our work

4. Recent achievements by the Locality Planning Group:

Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder Day 9/9/16:

- 22 community, voluntary and statutory practitioners attended training on FASD & other Hidden Harms
- Information about FASD reached 9.7K people and went viral on Western Trust Social Media.
- Leaflets given out ASDA, Omagh & TESCO Enniskillen
- Contacted by 4 practitioners for further information & signposting, including organisation supporting families with visual impairments

Social Enterprise Hubs: Doreen Mullan, Westville Resource Centre nominated for NI Award in two categories for her work in moving her Centre to follow their social ethos and values promoting partnership and strength in parenting

Drug and Alcohol Service Provision Paper completed and this information will be used to update Family Support NI & local Neighbourhood Renewal matrices of local services

Working with NEETs Community & Voluntary Forum across Omagh & Fermanagh

Working closer with Prevention and Intervention Sub Group of Western Domestic Violence Partnership

5. Request from LPG member to set up a start and finishing task group looking at creative ways of trying to assist in tackling anxiety in pupils.

A date had been set for this meeting and Priscilla would update the members as to its outcome.

6. Update from Seana Connor on work of the Fermanagh Family Support Hub

Seana gave the members a full update as to progress and explained that information is passed through Priscilla to the Outcomes Group (appears next)

Unmet Need & Emerging Trends Update from Fermanagh Family Support Hub

- Due to unforeseen circumstance families seem to be on longer waiting lists for their children's assessment. During this time, families find it challenging to access services as they have no formal diagnosis and services feel they need is to offer the best support. Getting the right level of support at the right time has been a challenge for the Coordinator
- Families steadily continuing to come forward for support around separation and relationship breakdown.
- A slight rise in families seeking more practical support e.g. moving house

7. Western Area Outcomes Group Action Plan (2017-2020)

This was discussed in full at No. 3.

8. Fermanagh Priorities, 2016-2017

The list of priorities were presented and reviewed by the members to establish if they were all current. The members felt that they were all still live issues. The priorities appear next:

Identified May, 2016 at Fermanagh LPG Meeting

- The agreed adoption by all (agencies, organisations and departments) of early intervention which underpins the appropriate & timely support of all family members.
- Increased universal support for all the family around times of transitions – home to education, primary to secondary, GCSE's to education / training or employment

- Examination of supply and demand of all services & how stress on statutory services can impact on community and voluntary services and vice versa.

9. AOB

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The members discussed how families could be reached through programmes and projects and in particular offered to families from ethnic minorities. Members discussed which organisations were working with ethnic minority families as there had been several funding changes. The group discussed how there could be more linkage through the new Community Champions between LPG and Hubs promoting on-going work or, informing them about courses which they could share within their respective communities.

Denise was able to give a brief update about the pilot EITP project that is being rolled out with EA playgroups and nursery schools where the parent is given a questionnaire about their child's development which is returned to the school. If the parent has reported that they have any concerns the staff and HV can support them. The members felt this was a good concept, but with so many rural community playgroups they were afraid that those families may be missed.

Seana gave an update about the proposed joint Solihull training.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 30th January, 2017 @ 2pm kindly hosted by Fermanagh Women's Aid, Darling Street, Enniskillen