



Minutes for Omagh Locality Planning Group
10.30am -12.30pm, 22nd November, 2016
Training Room, Post Grad Centre,
Tyrone and Fermanagh County Hospital, Omagh

Attendees:

Neville Armstrong, Chairperson, Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Monica MacIntyre, Western Area Manager, Neighbourhood Renewal,

Michaela O'Kane, Breakthru

Eugene O'Goan, Breakthru

Martin Duffy, Satchels Project, Derg Valley Health Living Centre

Winnie Kelly, Manager, LAST Sure Start

Orla Conway, Manager, Omagh Women's Aid

Sonya Johnston, Floating Support Project, Action for Children

Apologies: Sonia Montgomery, Health Improvement; Shauna McMenamin, Omagh Family Support Hub

In Attendance: Priscilla Magee, LPG Coordinator

1. Introduction

Neville welcomed everyone and took apologies.

There was a round of introductions. 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

Funding for smaller community groups

Community Plan

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

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. Very successful meetings being hosted by Hazel McGuigan (Campsie, Omagh)

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

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

A date had been set for this meeting inviting both Fermanagh & Omagh members and interested individuals and Priscilla would update the members as to its outcome.

6. Update from Omagh Family Support Hub

Shauna McMenamin unfortunately is on sick leave but Seana Connor (Fermanagh Hub) sent a written up date as to progress. Priscilla explained that this information is also passed through to the Outcomes Group (appears next).

Unmet Need & Emerging Trends Update from Omagh Family Support Hub

- Referrals seem to be coming from the 5-12 age range, the younger age range are appearing with issues maybe relating more to a condition. Interestingly, the 5-12 age range are displaying challenges which are more related to stress and anxiety and with some referrals, the child is mirroring the parents stress.

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

This was discussed in full at No. 3.

8. Omagh 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:

Omagh Priorities 2016 -2017

Identified May, 2016 at LPG Meeting

1. Addressing the vulnerabilities of young people around their health & wellbeing, particularly for anxiety, stress, self-harm, anger and risks of social media
2. Bringing local information from the grassroots level of Locality Planning Groups about emerging trends to the Outcomes Group & others. Enhancement of communication of the constant changing landscape of family support which does not remain static and at times require a more immediate, local response
3. Coordinated support for families being assessed for disabilities such as ASD which occurs over a long period. Families need to feel supported & in control of each stage of assessment & at the end of the process have adequate and timely support to come to terms with assessment outcomes.

9. AOB

Funding for smaller community groups

Discussion arose as to the challenges that smaller community groups are facing. Members felt it was difficult for smaller groups to follow the funding streams, particularly when some funding could only be accessed if you had a contract with the Trust or other larger agencies. Members were concerned as to their sustainability and their ability to change their practice in new direction. The members felt that groups had to be 'shovel ready' with outline plans ready for the quick turnaround of the funders. The members felt that this need for preparation should be put on the agenda for the next meeting as there was a fear that creative 'bottom up' proposals for new funding to meet the particular local needs of families could be lost.

Discussion followed about deregulated budgeting and the use of Outcome Based Accountability in closing the gap in outcomes for families.

The Community Plan was discussed and members felt that there had been a poor turn out to the local consultations and this might affect early intervention being a focus.

A member raised that on-line gambling seemed to be thought of now as 'normal' behaviour for many young people, that betting shops were no longer as popular; now with mobile phone access being so convenient.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

To Be Confirmed