

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2017  
AT 10.30AM IN LARNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	David McAllister	<i>Mid &amp; East Antrim Council</i>
	Deborah Neill	<i>LCDP</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Maria McBride	<i>Action Mental Health</i>
	Neal White	<i>Pathway Activities</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Tracey Colgan	<i>PHA</i>
	Wendy Burgess	<i>Connections Service Start360</i>

<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Beth Gibb	<i>Action Mental Health</i>
	Francis Loughlin	<i>EA Youth Service</i>
	Shirley Clarke	<i>Northern HSC Trust</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**

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### Body Image Sub group

Selena made reference to a subgroup she sits on regarding Body Image and agreed to send information to the group for consideration. Other partners involved were mentioned including a NICHI Officer and Youth Workers.

## **NEAL WHITE – PATHWAY ACTIVITIES**

Pathway Activities was created 2 years ago and have engaged with 65,000 young people in this period. Neal provided statistics for this month, with 14,500 young people reached. Engagement has been carried out through Primary School events, Secondary Schools, end of School events, fun days and there has been a lot of work in the Carrickfergus area, in particular, with Sunnylands and Woodburn estates.

If there are community groups, church groups etc. who would like a programme put together Neal will be happy to work with them. It was noted Pathway Activities is not for profit organisation. Neal can be contacted by emailing [neal@pathwayactivities.co.uk](mailto:neal@pathwayactivities.co.uk) or for further information visit the website at <http://pathwayactivities.co.uk/>

## **KAREN SYKES – THE PRINCES TRUST**

Karen works as an Outreach Executive and is currently recruiting for the Fairbridge programme. Information was provided on Fairbridge which is a personal and social development programme for 16-24 year olds. The programme uses fun group sessions and one-to-one support to help young people tackle the barriers that are holding them back from education, training or employment.

Fairbridge will be coming to Ballymena in August 2017. Travel expenses can be covered for any young person having to travel a great distance. The Fairbridge programme actively seeks to work with young people from a target background (young people who are in or leaving care; offenders/ex-offenders, single parents, refugees/asylum seekers, young people with disabilities) and young people with target needs

(homelessness, substance misuse, offending behaviour, mental health needs). Referrals were welcomed from anyone who would be interested. Neal noted he works with 5 estates in the Ballymena area and will get in touch to discuss potential referrals.

For further information Karen can be contacted by emailing [Karen.Sykes@princes-trust.org.uk](mailto:Karen.Sykes@princes-trust.org.uk)

Karen was invited to attend the Ballymena Locality Planning Group and Gemma agreed to send through the details.

**ACTION: Gemma**

## **UPDATE – RELAX AND CHILLAX**

Relax and Chillax running in Larne High School has now finished for the year. This is led by YMCA with staff present as a model of support for young people. For young people it is an opening to discuss potential worries or concerns. A range of organisations also come in and provide information to young people. Feedback has been very positive to date. Selena also provided information on the Ballymoney initiatives.

## **PARENTING PROGRAMME**

Selena noted the Family Support Hubs raised the need for a parenting programme in the Larne/Carlough area. This was explored but proved difficult due to child-minding issues. It was agreed for Sandra to link back with Maureen to speak with the parents. Sandra is also to link in with Bridgeen at Harbour Lights, Carlough.

Pathway Adventures are willing to accommodate with the use of mini buses as they are usually available Monday – Friday.

**ACTION: Sandra**

## **UPDATE FROM MEMBERS**

### Maria McBride – Action Mental Health

Action Mental Health and Nexus have secured funding for the next 2 years. Maria provided information on the project being funded, with training being delivered targeting 8-11 year olds in the top 10 most deprived Super Output Areas. Action Mental Health are also targeting Schools around World Mental Health day on 10<sup>th</sup> October and will be providing information.

### Wendy Burgees – Connections Service

Alcohol MOT self-evaluations were handed out to all present to assess if peoples own drinking was imposing a health risk. These were completed in confidence. Wendy noted she is attending road shows this week throughout a number of shopping centres. There is a lot of work being delivered around Alcohol Awareness Week.

Reference was made to the fun day / information event organised on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July in Larne Market Yard. This was identified by the steering group as a catchment area that requires support. There will be information stands with 16 organisations recruited to date, bouncy castles, arcade games etc. The promotion of the event is being managed by PCSP. Members were asked to share when information was circulated.

### Deborah Neill – LCDP

Larne Community Development Project has been funded up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Funding has also been received from Awards for All and will be used to purchase laptops and train community groups to apply for funding online. A 4 week training programme has been organised in partnership with Alzheimer's Society and will focus on Dementia. The new Community Plan has been drafted and Deborah is working on the new implementation groups focusing on the identified themes within the community plan.

### Selena Ramsey – CYPSP

Selena noted she will circulate the Northern Outcomes Area Action Plan when published. The group are coming up with 3 overarching themes to work towards.

### David McAllister – Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

The Mid and East Antrim Community Plan is out. David noted if anyone would like copies he can circulate. Funding grants are still open for this year. You can apply for a grant for a defibrillator which will be 75% funded. David is encouraging any group to apply for this. People Plus deliver training on the use of defibrillator which can help support any group who are successful in purchasing one.

### Tracey Colgan – PHA

Tracey explained her role and the range of areas covered within the wider remit of the Public Health Agency. Tracey is the lead in some work regarding Poverty and noted Mid and East Antrim are doing a lot of work around food poverty. Further information will be provided to the group on how they can link in with this.

Information was provided on Holiday Hunger and feedback from a seminar that took place in Stormont. The PHA are piloting a piece of work in the Southern Area around this, and the aim of the campaign 'End Holiday Hunger' is to ensure all children and young people get the healthy food they need and deserve every day of the year.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am in Council Buildings Chamber, Victoria Road, Larne.**