

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH
SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 10.30AM IN MID AND EAST ANTRIM
COUNCIL OFFICES**

PRESENT:	David McAllister	<i>Mid & East Antrim Council</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Karen Sykes	<i>The Princes Trust</i>
	Maureen Morrow	<i>Mid & East Antrim Council / Glenlough</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Tracey Colgan	<i>PHA</i>
	Valerie McKenzie	<i>EA Youth Service</i>
	Yury Fleming	<i>EA NI</i>

APOLOGIES:	Francis Loughlin	<i>EA Youth Service</i>
	Joy McNally	<i>Larne YMCA</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</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 **Thursday 22nd June 2017**.

MATTERS ARISING

Body Image Sub group

The Body Image Subgroup Selena mentioned at the last meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 10th October at 10am in Magherafelt Youth Centre. A need has been identified within locality areas highlighting unmet need to support young people both male and female in regard to this issue of Body Image. For those who wish to be involved in this group, contact Selena Ramsey.

Learning Together Partnership

Selena has met with the Learning Together Coordinator for the Larne Schools with regard to presenting to the Schools Forum. A date has yet to be set for this.

HELEN O'NEILL – FAMILY SUPPORT DATABASE

David thanked Helen for attending today's meeting and invited Helen to make her presentation to the group.

Helen O'Neill is the Communications Manager for Family Support NI and is attending today to provide information on the Family Support NI website: <http://www.familysupportni.gov.uk/>

The website lists family support services in Northern Ireland and is a useful directory of local family services. The website also details all registered childcare in NI and is the most up to date list of childcare providers, with monthly updates from Early Years Teams throughout the Northern HSC Trust. HMRC are linked directly to the website to check childcare providers are registered.

Helen explained step by step how users can navigate their way through the various pages on the website. Locations of services when selected can be viewed on a map and each entry gives an overview of services. Helen noted there is a translation function and users can select a language with a large range available through Google languages. Information can then be viewed and printed and given to families on particular services.

Helen asked everyone present to check the Family Support NI website to ensure their organisation was detailed and information was up to date. Helen also noted she can publicise any news/events on the website and also on Twitter for organisations to help raise awareness.

If you would like to update your organisations details on the website or send information for publicising Helen can be contacted by emailing: Helen.O'Neill@hscni.net

PARENTING PROGRAMME

Sandra provided information on the progress with the parenting programme in the area. It was noted this will be put on hold for now. An opportunity presented for CYPSP to work in partnership with Surestart and deliver a programme in Maghera. An Incredible Years 14 week parenting programme is now up and running in this area.

Due to this programme commencing there would be capacity issues for CYPSP to deliver another this year. Sandra noted the need still remains for the area but a partner agency is needed in order to help with the facilitating of the programme.

UPDATE FROM MEMBERS

Maureen Morrow – Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Maureen provided information on the launch of the PEACE IV programme. 5 programmes are planned to be delivered as part of this launch. Information will be circulated to the group regarding all the programmes.

Karen Sykes – The Princes Trust

A lot of retail programmes are on-going with 'Get into Retail' coming up with Newlook and Tesco's. Programmes are aimed at 16-24 year olds who are not in full time employment, education or training and is

interested in a career in retail. Information was also provided on 'Get started in Boxing' which will be delivered in Belfast. Participants will gain a qualification and expenses will be covered for travel costs. This course is available for 16-20 year olds who wish to learn new skills.

Tracey Colgan – PHA

Tracey noted changes in the current staff team with some members leaving their post. Updates were provided on the work on-going with Mid & East Antrim Borough Council around Holiday Hunger. It is hoped to get something structured for Christmas and Easter holidays.

Yury Fleming – EA NI

Yury continues to work with and support young mums. There is an amalgamation on-going within the Education Authority at present. Yury noted it was good to engage with a lot of young people at the Antrim Youth Fair that took place yesterday.

David McAllister – Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

Information was provided on a number of projects delivered through Mid & East Antrim Borough Council including the Next Generation Leaders 2 year programme. The Grant Support Scheme remains open with grants available up to £2500 focusing on good relations. David is happy to meet with anyone to discuss. Information was also given on an event tonight at the Braid Centre, Ballymena with a focus on Politics.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 22nd November at 10.30am in Mid & East Antrim Borough Council, Smiley Buildings, Victoria Road, Larne., BT40 1RU.**