

**Newry Locality Planning Group - Minutes
24th October 2017 at 10am at Space Newry**

<p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jacinta Linden (Chair, SPACE) - Darren Curtis (CYPSP Locality Development Officer) - Kerry O'Hagan (CYPSP) - Sheila Morris (Youth Action NI) - Shannon McLoughlin (Youth Action NI) - Thelma Donnan (Toybox) - Colin Robinson (Ascertainment) - Micheal Carlisle (Youth Justice Agency) - Martina McCooney (SHSCT) - Edel McKee (NIACRO) - Paul Bradley (EANI Youth Service) - Laurence Bradley (Confederation of Community Groups) - Taucher McDonald (NM and D Council) - Ruth Purdy (SHSCT) 	<p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fergal O'Brien (SHSCT) - Deirdrie Magill (SHSCT) - Martin McMullan (Youth Action NI) - Ciara Doris (Start 360) - Matthew Williams (Action for Children) - Karen Sands (Newry Surestart) - Orla Watt (Parent Action NI) - Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI) - Bevin O'Hare (Homestart) - Lizzy Smyth (Magnet Centre)
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<p>1. Welcome/ Introductions/ Apologies</p> <p>Jacinta welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Apologies as noted above. A round of introductions for new members in attendance.</p>	<p>Members were asked to sign in.</p>
<p>2. Previous Minutes</p> <p>Minutes from previous meeting agreed.</p>	
<p>3. Ascertainment Workforce Development Programme – Colin Robinson</p> <p>Colin Robinson gave an overview of Ascertainment services to the Locality Group. Ascertainment is contracted by the Public Health Agency to provide workplace training programme in the statutory and voluntary sectors. Ascertainment is a regional charity and provides free regional training. 99% of the training is around drug and alcohol.</p> <p>Colin noted that new trends emerging were: Prescription medication and the hidden harm of heavy drinking within the family. New courses have been developed in response to the trends including Understanding Medicines Misuse and Foetal Alcohol</p>	<p>Darren to circulate Ascertainment Workforce development Programmes and</p>

<p>Syndrome.</p> <p>All courses are available through the website with an online booking system. Ascertain also offers in house provision on site, contact Colin for more information. All the courses are available in various locations throughout NI.</p> <p>4. Update on Mental Health Conference 10th October 2017</p> <p>Darren gave an update on the conference to the locality group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25 stalls on the day from a wide range of organisations. - Invites to 30 young people from local schools: 223 attended on the day from 9 schools. - The draft video of the conference was shown to the group. <p>Jacinta acknowledged everyone's contribution to the day, especially Clanrye Volunteers.</p> <p>5. Update on Disability Sub Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ruth Purdy provided details on activities and support for disabled children: Reaching Further Programme for children with complex medical needs, Summer School activities which took place in Newry, Service to support children in a small group in order to provide parents with respite. - Ruth highlighted the need for services to be brought closer to parents who have children in special schools. Going forward there will not be the same menu of services available for the families. - 15th January 2018 – Transition and Me DVD launch. Ruth to circulate link on DVD. - The sub group are due to meet in November 2017. Darren to arrange date. <p>6. Update from Family Support Hub</p> <p>The Support Hub in Newry is operating at full capacity with numbers increasing each month. The referrals coming through are more complex.</p> <p>Constant theme's coming through the Hub:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sexting - Social media issues - Children displaying sexualised behaviour - Mental Health <p>7. Emerging Needs</p> <p>Youth Action – At this time of year, notable increase in mental health and suicides. Also, currently a number of young mothers experiencing financial restraints.</p>	<p>link to Ascertain site.</p> <p>Video of conference shown.</p> <p>Ruth to circulate link to DVD.</p> <p>Darren to organise Disability subgroup meeting.</p>
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EA – There has been an increase in the number of requests from parents regarding socially isolated young people requiring one to one mentoring work. Unfortunately youth work is delivered by area and it is difficult to target individual work into areas. The youth service is noticing an increasing usage by young people of vaping. There is very little research around its use. Also, a new mix of heroin has entered NI which mixed with elephant tranquiliser.

YJA – Are noticing an increase in issues around drugs in particular young people with ASD.

NIACRO – An increase in the number of referrals around complex and advanced risk of offending.

Darren to follow up with Paul on vaping research

8. Member Agency Updates/Events

Ruth Purdy – School reviews taking place during November and December 2017 with 14 – 16 year olds with disabilities. The Step Programme began in September 2017; it is a 1 year programme focusing on personal development and is run by Bosco, Southern Trust and Education. DVD launch on 15th January 2018.

Kerri Morrow – Council are finalising next year's action plan and setting priorities. There will be Universal Credit workshops rolled out on a monthly basis, with the first one on the 24th October 2017.

Darren Curtis – Southern Outcomes group currently working towards a strategy for the next 3 years based on priorities from the locality groups. Further update to be provided at next meeting.

Sheila Morris – Youth Action have been successful in Peace IV funding and this will provide 2 additional workers – 1 for the Kilkeel area and the other for the Newry area. The Get Set programme will be continuing for the next 4 years.

Martina McCooey – There is a new Intellectual Disability service within the Trust. Evidence based parenting programmes are currently being delivered. Autism Awareness workshops are highly sought after within the area. Strengthening Families programmes currently continuing at the moment in the Newry area.

Paul Bradley – Recruitment for the Youth Council has just finished and was very positive. YFFTA awards will be launching just before Christmas. Paul will circulate further details.

Major changes coming on board for the EA with a strengthening of the voluntary sector along with reduction of EA staff as youth providers. Voluntary groups will be able to tender for youth provision and EANI will not be running training programmes

<p>this year.</p> <p>Laurence Bradley – Programme for Community Development aimed at Travellers. Also, looking at better engagement of their IT facilities based on supporting people within the community with the move to Universal Credit.</p> <p>Shannon McLaughlin – shared leaflet on Get Set Programme aimed at 16 t 24 year olds on NEET.</p> <p>Taucher McDonald – An Intergenerational Programme started last week with 10 young people and 10 older people. The programme will last a year and activities will include lace making and technology. Upcoming in December is a Culture Night aimed at engaging young people within the Newtownhamilton area.</p> <p>NIACRO – New programme CIP which will cover all of Northern Ireland. Work continuing within schools.</p>	
<p>9. AOB</p> <p>– Dates for next year's locality group meetings to be planned at next meeting.</p>	<p>Members to bring their diaries.</p>
<p>Next Meeting: Date: 6th December 2017 Time: 10.00am Venue: Newry Youth Resource Centre <u>Attendees were notified that there will be a session on Autism Awareness after this meeting, facilitated by The Cedar Foundation.</u> <i>Thank you all for attending and contributing to the meeting</i></p>	