

**Newry Locality Planning Group - Minutes
6th December 2017 at 10am at Youth Resource Centre**

<p>Attendees: Darren Curtis (CYPSP Locality Development Officer) Kerry O'Hagan (CYPSP) Niamh Clarke (Homestart) Emma Johnston (Parent Action) Sheila Morris (Youth Action NI) Micheal Carlisle (Youth Justice Agency) Noeleen McNamee (EA Transition) Ruth Purdy (SHSCT) Lizzy Smyth (Magnet YAC) Sinead Wadforth (Early Years) Paul Bradley (EANI Youth Service) Matthew Williams (Action for Children) Laurence Bradley (Confederation of Community Groups) Sarah Byrne (Southern Trust) Dara O'Hagan (Clanrye) Kerri Morrow (Newry, Mourne and Down Council) Jim McDonald (Gateway) Patrice Henderson (Cedar)</p>	<p>Apologies: Jacinta Linden (Chair, SPACE) Bevin O'Hare (Homestart) Ciara Doris (Start 360) Madeline Mackin (Early Years) Orla Watt (Parent Action NI) Martina McCooney (SHSCT)</p>
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<p>1. Welcome/ Introductions/ Apologies Darren 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 Minutes from previous meeting agreed.</p>	
<p>3. Action Plan <u>Mental Health Conference - Scorecard and Evaluation</u> Darren circulated the scorecard on the Young Men's Mental Health conference. The sub group plan to meet in the New year to discuss follow on activity.</p>	

Disability Sub Group

The Disability Sub Group met at the end of November 2017.

10 attended the meeting and it was agreed to undertake a scoping exercise of all activities and services available in the Newry area for children and young people with a disability.

Any group who wish to join the Subgroup contact Darren.

Members suggested possible groups to be included in the scoping exercise;

- Downright Brilliant – Ballyholland Community Centre
- Incredible, Youth Club at Bosco on a Tuesday night
- Rathore PTA, contact name Jim McDonald
- Carrickore Short Breaks Parents (Contact JMcD)
- Run for Autism
- Autism Mum's, Shamrock Club Newry Contact name Cara McShane
- Max, mountain biking for young people with autism
- Sailability
- Deaf Club

4. Update from Family Support Club

Jacinta sent through apologies for the meeting. Update will be available at the next meeting.

5. Emerging needs within Newry and Member Updates

K M (DEA) - Issues emerging, homelessness and minority ethnic groups. Meeting with Newry High and Armagh High regarding new Bulgarian pupils attending the schools. Upcoming events: Financial Assistance Programme opens after Christmas. There will be 6 to 8 calls including Summer Schemes. Peace IV strands are active and the council can bring a co-ordinator along to the next meeting to talk about the opportunities for groups through Peace IV. Community Festival – if voluntary groups wish to take part in any of the festivals or events/activities prior to festival contact Kerri. Safe Place Training – council are rolling out training across Newry. If you wish to avail of this contact Kerri.

- PB (EA) - By Easter the youth service boundaries will tally with Newry, Mourne and Down council area. The Divisional office will be based in Newry Youth Resource Centre. Youth workers will be targeted where there is need. Targeted age group is 14+. The annual YAFTAs will be launched on the 17th January 2018. They are open to youth groups, community groups and schools.
- DC (CINI/CYPSP) - CINI have the contract now for Youth Service Training. There is a variety of courses available including Child Protection and Designated Officer. See website for details – <http://www.ci-ni.org.uk/>
- JMcD (Newry Gateway Club) Newry Gateway affiliated with Mencap. The club caters for children and adults with a learning disability and there are 6 staff plus volunteers. Junior Club runs on a Wednesday night 7-9pm. Senior Club is on a Tuesday night.
- SB (SHSCT Community Access) - Aims to help with access to social and leisure facilities. Meet with the family and get a picture of what would be of benefit. Referrals are from Social Work teams.
- MC (YJA) - Work with young people aged 10 to 18 years who are at risk of coming into contact with the police. Deliver family work programs and cover the whole southern region. For further information contact Micheal.

- DO'H (Clanrye) - Details of all programmes are on their website
Regenerate – programme aimed at 16 to 25 years and NEAT. Participants will work toward 5 qualifications. Only open to Newry and Mourne areas.
Family Foundations – programme aimed at families where 1 family member is NEAT. Takes a holistic approach and aims to help break down barriers.
Positive Directions – This programme is for young people aged 18+ years with a disability. Training is in Downpatrick, Newry and Portadown.
Training for Success – aimed at young people with a physical disability. There is also a new strand for young people who are struggling at school with a learning disability. This programme can be run in Portadown, Armagh and Newry.
Clanrye also run a Disability Support Service providing assistance to training organisations and counselling. Contact Clanrye via phone for further information.
- EJ (Parent Action) - Parent based organisation for parents with children with a disability or lifelong condition. Help empower parents and signpost them to other organisations.
- NC (Homestart) - Works with children under 5 years. Have family groups throughout Newry area and a rapid response service. Referrals are via GPs, Health Visitors or Self.
- MW (Action for Children) – Action for Children covers the Southern Trust. On the 31st October 2017 there were 132 registered young carers with Action for Children. They support children and siblings where a parent has a disability, mental health issues, life limiting illness or need of emotional support.
- RP (SHSCT Transitions) - This service covers young people aged 14-18 years with special needs which vary from mild disability to complex needs. The service brings together education and therapists to plan for the young person leaving education and ensuring a smoother transition. By a young person's 17th birthday a Transition Plan on each child is to be in place.
Upcoming will be a DVD launch celebrating 6 young people over the last 10 years who have left special education.
- NMcN (EA Transition) - Work with young people aged 14 years+ who attend special schools right through to Grammar Schools. A lot of children do not meet the criteria of disability but, require bespoke services.
Upcoming information evenings for parents. Information to be sent to Darren for circulation.
- SW (Early Years) - Work with children 0-18 years with a disability. A number of programmes currently running include; Reaching Further, Sibling Programme, Stay and Play sessions and Outreach Home Support. They also cater for family short breaks. Referral is via Community Health Visitor or Self.
- LS (Magnet Centre) - For young people aged 15 to 25 years. Drop in sessions available. The Magnet centre has a fully equipped recording studio and is based around the needs of young people. They offer Driving Theory support and health education programmes including mental health.
There is a Health and Well Being programme for 11-25 years running and an inclusion programme on a Monday night.
The Magnet centres have the facility to bus young people in to the club.
- PH (Cedar Foundation) - Supports young people aged 0-18 years of age with physical, sensory, medical conditions as well as Autism. Referrals are via Social Work team and Self. There is also a number of activities to help young people access local social activities – Gaming club for young men with ASD.
- LB (Confederation of Community Groups) - Based in Newry with a range of services based in the one building. The voluntary sector is currently under a lot of pressure and this is impacting the core sustainability of groups. Thoughts may need to move around partnership. The CCG has a Respite Programme in existence for 20 years for people with a learning disability.

Darren to circulate details of Transition Information Evenings

<p>Emerging issue on Transport. The change in DVA rules has had an adverse impact on groups. The transport issue is also affecting training opportunities and training placements for young people with learning difficulties. Stepping Stones in Lisburn provide training for 18 to 30 years with learning difficulties and learning disability.</p> <p>6. Newry LPG Meeting Dates for 2018 Agreed Wednesday mornings at 10am. Venues TBC. If any group wish to host a meeting contact Darren. Dates for 2018 - 7th February , 11th April, 13th June, 22nd August, 17th October and 12th December 2018.</p>	<p>Darren to raise transport issue at Southern Outcomes Group</p>
<p>7. AOB - None</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: Date: 7th February 2017 Time: 10.00am Venue: Newry Youth Resource Centre <i>Thank you all for attending and contributing to the meeting</i></p>	