

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING
MINUTES OF ANTRIM LOCALITY GROUP**

**TUESDAY 27TH MARCH 2018 AT 2.00PM
IN HOMESTART ANTRIM**

Attending:	Chris Lindsay	<i>EA NI</i>
	Marie McCloy	<i>NRC</i>
	Andrew Millar	<i>Start 360 (Connections)</i>
	Hannah Curley	<i>MPDA</i>
	Mary O'Connell	<i>Home-Start</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Kelly Forsythe	<i>Antrim & Newtownabbey BC</i>
	Rosie Wood	<i>Parenting NI- Families Together</i>
	Roisin O'Neill	<i>Barnardos</i>
	Audrey Gamble	<i>PHA</i>
	Mervyn Rae	<i>Antrim and Newtownabbey BC</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
Apologies:	Peter Zudsky	<i>Parent Rep</i>
	Joanne Cleary	<i>Surestart</i>
	Noel Gallagher	<i>Youth Service</i>
	Leanne Kelly	<i>Contact Centre</i>
	William Smyth	<i>AYICC</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mervyn 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 30th January, 2018.**

MATTERS ARISING

Selena updated on the survey which has now been completed and advised that this will be shared once analysis is complete.

ROISIN O'NEILL - WHY PEOPLE NEED PEOPLE

Roisin provided some background to the start of the community resilience programme and delivered a presentation (please see attached.)

She advised that this is the end of first phase, which will now be evaluated and potentially restructured.

LPG STANDARDS

The group assessed themselves against set of standards.

Selena to share results at the next meeting.

UPDATE - FAMILY SUPPORT HUBS

Capacity of the agencies supporting this has been raised as an issue. Need to access for interpreter, in light of the increase in families with little or no English.

MEMBER UPDATES

Andrew Millar- Start 360 (Connections)

- Drug and Alcohol conference took place on 7th March and went well.
- Rapid Bin scheme progressing and should be up and running soon with the first bin due to be placed in Tesco, Ballymena.
- Awareness raising sessions still taking place with availability in April and May for new groups if required.

Kelly Forsythe- Health and Wellbeing

- Still receiving referrals for Home safety and energy efficiency running oil stamp saving scheme etc.
- Recent event to launch 'Tree of Hope' along canal walkway in Toome. A symbol of hope in the community targeting positive health and wellbeing.
- Running co-production training on 28th March, 2018.

Mary O'Connell- Home Start Antrim

- Work continuing as usual. Steady number of referrals- approx 5/6 per month.
- Volunteer recruitment campaign – 8 expressions of interest.
- 3 team members attended Mental Health first aid 2 day course. We would be keen to secure funding to deliver this programme to volunteers.

Hannah Curley- Muckamore Parish Development Association

-Continuing to offer support on 1:1 basis as per referrals. Flexible work hours to support needs outside of regular hours.

-New community building (Limetree Place) initially dated for opening 10th July (subject to change). Currently identifying service needs.

Rosie Wood- Families Together Parenting NI

-We have a “Time for Parents” service on offer for parents which offers 6 sessions of parenting counselling.

-Continue to offer parenting workshops across Parkhall Primary School, Six Mile Primary School and Ballycraigy Primary School.

-In the process of establishing parenting councils in the above schools.

-Offer a home visit service to explore with parents what support may be available through Families Together or Parenting NI.

Karen Sykes- Princes Trust

- The next Fairbridge programme starts 19th April.

- Get into security with Event sec- 24th April

- Get into cooking- 9th May

- Get started- Make up 9th May

- Get into retail with Marks & Spencers starting in June.

Marie McCloy- Empower

- Autism Support Event will be held in Greystone Primary School – 12th April 6-9pm

- New courses added to website for April-June and Easter kids activities.

- Keep an eye on the website for summer courses. You can sign up through eventbrite – search empower.

Sandra Anderson- CYPSP

Autism NI Family Fun Day will take place on 14th April, 2018 in Ballymena Leisure Centre.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed for the next meeting to take place on **Tuesday 5th June, 2018 at 2pm in Homestart, Antrim.**