

Children with Disability & Transitions Subgroup Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, 8 February 2018
Antrim Board Centre

In Attendance

Kieran McShane (Chair)	HSCB		Teresa Stewart	Barnardo's
Rosaleen Dempsey	RNIB		Joann Guler	EANI
Rosie McNaughton	Cedar Foundation		Gayle Baird	Child Brain Injury Trust
Sara McCracken	Angel Eyes		Felicity Dickson	BHSCT
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI		Maurice Leeson	HSCB
Grace Hamilton	SHSCT		Annie Clarke	HSCB

Apologies

Geraldine Maguire	SHSCT		Julie Fitzpatrick	RNIB
Carol Diffin	BHSCT		John Noble	DfE
Paul Sloan	DE		Eugene Mone	Barnardo's
Marion Magill	DfE		Geraldine Teague	PHA
Liz Osborne	NICFC		Lesley Waugh	SHSCT
Anne McCaffrey	NI Hospice		Pauline McDonald	BHSCT

What was Discussed	What was Decided
<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Kieran welcomed all attendees and noted apologies. Kieran outline the focus of this meeting on discussing and agreeing the key priorities for the group moving forward.</p>	
<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Joint Education/Health Working Group for Early Years SEN Provision - First meeting held in January 2018. Will undertake a scoping exercise in relation to the services available both within Education and Health. Currently developing Terms of Reference for the group.</p> <p>Holiday Hunger – activities emerged as a result of the impact of hunger and inactivity during holiday upon a child's learning. Report Card has been developed on the project undertaken in Portadown during the summer 2017.</p>	<p>Annie to share Report Card with members.</p>

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<p>Action Plan – Priorities</p> <p>A breakdown of the key areas of work, group outcome and specific areas of focus to be taken forward by the subgroup is outlined in Appendix 1. The key areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influence Policy • Influence developments in CYPSP • Family Support • Transitions 	<p>Annie to share key areas of work with members</p>
<p>Strategic Developments:</p> <p><i>Paediatric Strategy and Paediatric End of Life Strategy</i> – recently launched, however there is no funding available. This is an opportunity for collaborative working – beneficial to invite a member of the Paediatric Network to come along to a subgroup meeting to outline the work of the Network.</p> <p><i>Families Matter</i> – a cross-departmental strategy which is currently under development. Kieran has raised the importance of support for families of children with a disability with DoH officials, responsible for drafting the strategy. Members are encouraged to continue to stress the importance of recognising the support required for families of children with a disability in upcoming workshops.</p>	<p>Kieran to extend an invitation to the Network.</p>
<p>Upcoming Dates for CWD-T Subgroup Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, 3 May 2018 at 10.00am (Antrim Board Centre) • Thursday, 9 August 2018 at 10.00am (Antrim Board Centre) • Thursday, 8 November 2018 at 10.00am (Antrim Board Centre) • Thursday, 7 February 2019 at 10.00am (Antrim Board Centre) 	

Appendix 1

Children with Disability - Transitions Sub Group

Key Areas to take forward by sub group - DRAFT

Group Focus	Group Outcome	Specific Areas of Focus
Influence policy	Policy that is inclusive of the rights and needs of CWD and their families	Ensure that key children's policy documents takes accounts of the needs of children/young people with a disability and their families. Map planning groups working on disability. Promote person centred approaches. Promote the Social Model of Disability. Children's Strategy (DE) Families Matter (DoH) Social Strategy (DfC)
Influence developments in CYPSP	CYPSP is inclusive of the rights and needs of CWD and	Ensure that the CYPSP structure keeps a focus on key issues relating to disability: a. Receive regular updates at subgroup meetings on the work of

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	their families	<p>other CYPSP groups such as EBD and Education and Health SEN Sub groups.</p> <p>b. Advise CYPSP working groups on good practice relating to disability.</p> <p>CYPSP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes groups • FSH and Locality Planning • Regional and task and Finish groups
Family Support	Family Support services are responsive to the rights and needs of CWD and their families	<p>Ensure that early intervention Family Support infrastructure is inclusive of CWD and their families.</p> <p>Family Support Hubs</p> <p>Commissioned early intervention services</p> <p>Parenting programmes</p> <p>ACES</p> <p>Map what other groups and processes are focusing on including CYPSP groups, Community Plans, EITP projects.</p> <p>More effective signposting of families to available support and services. (work in collaboration with FSNI)</p>

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		<p>Capacity building for families to enable families to access support and services.</p> <p>Explore research that examines the links between ACE's and Children with a Disability.</p>
Transition	Improve the Transition process for CWD and their families	<p>Scoping exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gather feedback from children, young people and families on their experiences of transition; - To explore good practice from regional (SHSCT DVD), national and international examples. - What support is available for children, young people and families? - What are the challenges during periods of transition (exploring Transition in the widest sense including education, health, housing, independent living, employment etc.)? <p>Host a workshop with a focus on Transitions and invite key stakeholders to discuss challenges that emerge during periods of transition and potential solutions to these challenges.</p> <p>Make more effective links with Adult Services.</p>