

Children and Young People with Disability and Transitions Sub-Group

The Chair and members of the CYPSP Children and Young People with Disability and Transitions sub-group would like to pay tribute to their much loved colleague and friend Jacqui Magee, who sadly passed at the end of January. Jacqui had an incredible 19 years' service working in Health and Social Care (HSC) in Northern Ireland and was an amazing advocate for the CYPSP group and in particular for Children and Young People with a disability.



Kieran McShane, Chair of the group, expressed his appreciation - "Jacqueline was a keen advocate for early intervention and for seeing children with a disability as children first. Her presence behind the scenes was significant in shaping the work of the group and in supporting me as Chair".

Jacqueline was a tireless campaigner for all services users, working for those with brain injury, wheelchair users, and those with physical, sensory and learning disability and their carers. Inside work or outside work her drive and enthusiasm to make a difference was evident in her many projects and endeavours.

In recent years, Jacqueline became a powerful voice as the Disability Champion for the Disability Placement Scheme which was launched initially in the HSCB but has now stretched to eleven HSC organisations.

Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland has lost a champion but everyone has lost a driver for change, someone who placed the voice and rights of the people first, especially those with disability.