

Children with Disabilities & Transitions Subgroup Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, 3 May 2018
Antrim Board Centre

In Attendance

Kieran McShane (Chair)	HSCB	Eugene Mone	Barnardo's
Marion Magill	DfE	Paul Sloan	DE
Rosie McNaughton	Cedar Foundation	Gayle Baird	Child Brain Injury Trust
Sara McCracken	Angel Eyes	Pauline McDonald	BHSCT
Anne McCaffrey	NI Hospice	Maurice Leeson	HSCB
Ruth Purdy	SHSCT	Annie Clarke	HSCB

Apologies

Carol Diffin	BHSCT	Geraldine Teague	PHA
Joann Guler	EANI	Lesley Waugh	SHSCT
Rosaleen Dempsey	RNIB		

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>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Note Pauline McDonald's apologies and amend spelling of Anne McCaffrey in minutes.</p>	Annie to amend minutes accordingly
<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Joint Education/Health Working Group for Early Years SEN Provision - First meeting held in January 2018. Currently developing Terms of Reference for the group, will share once finalised.</p> <p>Families Matter – a cross-departmental strategy which is currently under development. Children with Disabilities have been referenced by a number of organisations and</p>	<p>Annie to circulate Terms of Reference once agreed.</p> <p>Members encouraged to engage in the</p>

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<p>are on the agenda of those drafting the strategy. Policy Unit is keen to engage with children and young people and organisations have been encouraged to avail of this opportunity.</p>	<p>consultation process were appropriate.</p>
<p>Action Plan – Priorities Please see the updated draft Action Plan as agreed by members (separate document).</p>	<p>A Range of key actions were agreed under the main areas of focus for the subgroup.</p>
<p>Members Updates:</p> <p><u>Barnardo’s Project (Eugene Mone)</u> Currently working in a Special School in each Trust area. Key issues emerging include Transition and access to transport. Eugene to draft a paper on the issues impacting upon young people within the project.</p> <p><u>NI Hospice (Anne McCaffrey)</u> Family Support team are working with siblings through their Big Lottery Funded project.</p> <p><u>BHSCT (Pauline McDonald)</u> Regional focus on Signs of Safety – strengths based approach to Child Protection. Need for greater integration between Children’s and Adult services.</p> <p><u>Angel Eyes (Sara McCracken)</u> Braille Network NI host quarterly events and support parents in using Braille at home. Angel Eyes hosted a workshop for classroom assistants on eye conditions and offer peer support in the Belfast area to young people in secondary schools with visual conditions.</p> <p><u>Child Brain Injury Trust (Gayle Baird)</u> Hosting workshops in June for siblings with a focus on</p>	<p>Eugene to present paper at the next meeting.</p> <p>Anne to send information leaflet to Annie for circulation.</p> <p>Gayle to invite Mark to present at</p>

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<p>anxiety. Currently working on an early years programme for children under 5 years. Extend an invitation to Mark to present at a future meeting on ABI.</p> <p><u>Department for Economy (Marion Magill)</u></p> <p>Currently reviewing further education courses at entry level and level 1. This may impact upon those with a disability aged 16 + years. At present they are scoping current provision.</p> <p><u>SHSCT (Ruth Purdy)</u></p> <p>Developed guidelines on Transition planning with Education Authority – for sharing with parents. Booklet and DVD have been launched – to be promoted through CYPSP website. Ongoing partnership with Southern Regional College to ensure support is available to young people.</p> <p>Step Programme, previously offered in Newry area will be rolled out in Armagh and Craigavon. This programme offers young people 1 day release from school per week to experience new skills. SPACE in Newry, through their social enterprise joint programme also offers 1 day placement per week.</p> <p>Summer Scheme to be organised for families of children and young people with complex needs.</p>	<p>a future meeting on ABI.</p> <p>Marion to update members on developments of this review.</p> <p>Ruth to send Booklet to Annie for inclusion on CYPSP website and for circulation to members.</p>
<p>AOB</p> <p>Parents Led Advisory Forum - work is ongoing to establish a Parents-led Advisory Forum. It is anticipated that a formal arrangement on the way forward will be agreed in the coming weeks.</p> <p>NI Audit Office undertook a review of SEN provision and published 10 recommendations in its SEN Report 2017. Children’s Services Improvement Board (CSIB) is examining those recommendations relevant to Health.</p> <p>Department of Education exploring a new SEN Code of Practice providing clear and practical guidance to schools, EA and others with a role in the identification and</p>	<p>Annie to circulate a copy of this review to members</p>

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<p>assessment of children who have, or may have SEN.</p> <p>The CSIB have initiated a series of internal workshops to review services for our most vulnerable children and young people. A workshop to explore issues relating to children and young people with high complex needs will be held in June. An update on this workshop will be given at the next subgroup meeting.</p>	<p>Kieran to update members on Disability workshop at next meeting.</p>
<p>Upcoming Dates for CWD-T Subgroup Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	