Antrim/Ballymena Children’s & Young People’s Strategic Partnership Locality Planning Group

TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 2019 2.00 P.M.

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Attending:
Lynsey McVitty   NHSCT
Alison McDaid   Education Authority Youth Service
Karen Sykes   Princes Trust
Kate McDermott   Health & Wellbeing Team NHSCT
Gerry McVeigh   Start 360
Grace McCann   NIACRO

Mervyn Rea   Chair
Chris Lindsay   Education Authority
Natasha McDonagh   Start 360
Lloyd Ewart   NHSCT
Jennifer Campbell   Action for Children Sure Start
Sharon Caldwell   Home-Start Antrim
Jude McNeill   Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on 24th of September, 2019.
MATTERS ARISING – No matters arising

Action Plan

Update

Parents Plus- workshop held in October to gage interest and answer queries. Training is 14th and 15th January and 21st and 22nd January in the Holiday Inn. Spaces are still available if members are interested in attending.

Natasha shared that Antrim Youth Fair held in September, over 300 children attended and evaluations were very positive.

Internet Safety masterclass- date set for 13th February 12-2.30pm, title is “Safeguarding in a digital world”. Funded by Health and Wellbeing Manager for Sexual Health and CYPSP. Open to all staff working with children and young people.

Facebook- Gerry feedback about how a closed Facebook group would work. Members agreed this would be useful. To be progressed.

Scoping organisations- discussed need to scope what organisations find are their children and young people’s needs, what our priority areas should be for next year. Causeway scoping exercise using an outside facilitator and previous internal scoping exercises discussed. Members decided to do our own scoping internal exercise in the New Year either January or March.

Scoping children’s views- Discussed need to scope children and young people’s views as well using survey monkey. Alison shared that EA does a scoping exercise every 3 years and they are currently collating. Agreed to share with group. Discussed need to hold focus groups with a range of children and parents over different age groups. Julie, Chris and Lloyd thought they may have children/parents that could help with this.
Areas questions should cover discussed. Lynsey to create survey monkey.

Youth Fair- Need for Ballymena Youth Fair discussed. Chris to liaise with Ballymena schools to gage need and timings of youth fair. Members thought it was a useful event.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Lynsey McVitty
Homelessness- The Relentless Change Project from the Northern Ireland Youth Forum has created a video telling the stories of young people who became homeless, how it happened and what happened next. Two people from RCP are willing to tell their story and share the video. Members agreed this would be a useful. Lynsey to organise for future meeting.

Alison McDaid – Education Authority Youth Service
Antrim Youth Service recently employed a Senior Youth Worker for Parkhall Youth Centre who will oversee and support Crumlin and Ballycraigy Youth Centres (Jason Perry).

Parkhall operates Tuesday – Saturday – 6.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.
Ballycraigy operates Monday & Thursday – 6.15 pm. – 9.15 p.m.
Crumlin operates Wednesday & Friday – 6.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.
Antrim also employs Michelle Maguire – Area Worker Antrim & Randalstown.
Shorenah Gormley – Area Worker – Antrim & Crumlin.

Karen Sykes
No member update noted

Kate McDermott
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**Gerry McVeigh**

TES – support, information and signposting service.

- Safe social space.
- Delivered OCU 2 in Fair Work Practice.
- Young Roma people using service really positive.

**Grace McCann – NIACRO**

Family Links continue to provide support to children, siblings and wider family members when an individual is in custody. Support is mostly home based, but support can also be delivered in schools. Engagement events are run frequently between NIPS Staff and Family Members – Children particularly. Family can receive support and practical information, and is not dependent on contact or permission from/with individual in custody.

**Mervyn Rea**

No member update noted.

**Chris Lindsay Education Authority** – Developing TAKE 5 models across schools in the locality. Working in partnership with CYPSP and Impact Network Northern Ireland in a collaborative approach.

**Natasha McDonagh - Start 360 Connections**

Daisy – Drug & Alcohol Service – 11-25 years old – small waiting list at present. Counselling, one to one, family support and family systemic work. Self-referrals, referrals from family, friends, G.P.’s and other professionals.
Voices – Coping with hidden harm – 8-18 years old. Young people and families affected by parental substance misuse. Counselling, group and individual therapy, play therapy and family systemic work. No Waiting List at present.

Connections – Continuing to deliver free Drug and Alcohol Awareness, sessions. Contact Andrew or Natasha to book in.

Dry January – Roadshow promoting Dry January starting Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December – Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} December. Setting up stands, different organisations attending events.

Dry January – Alternatives to Alcohol event – Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} January, 2020, Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena.

\textbf{Lloyd Ewart}

No member update noted.

\textbf{Jennifer Campbell - Ballymena & Little Steps Antrim Surestart/Action for Children}

0-4 year old services for children and families across eight ward areas in Ballymena and three ward areas in Antrim.

New nurturing space opened in Farranshane House, Antrim. A safe, welcoming space available for parent and child services.

\textbf{Sharon Caldwell}

Sharon introduced herself as the new Homestart staff member for Antrim area.

\textbf{ANY OTHER BUSINESS}

None noted

\textbf{DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING}

Tuesday 28\textsuperscript{th} January 2020 at 2 pm in Start 360 YES offices