

Children with Disabilities Group

Monday, 23 January 2012 at 1.30pm
Antrim Board Centre, NEELB, 17 Lough Road, Antrim

Notes & Action Points

Present

Alan Sheeran	National Deaf Children Society
Andrew Hawthorne	HSCB
Karen Diamond	NI Music Therapy Trust
Kevin McCormick	Barnardos
Kieran McShane	HSCB (Chair)
Liz Osborne	Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children (NICFC)
Marian Robertson	SEHSCT
Mary Emerson	AHP, PHA
Pauline McDonald	BHSCT obo Social Care
Rosemary Murray	DCYPPP
Rosie McNaughton	Cedar Foundation

Apologies

Ann Patience	BELB obo ELB
Rosaleen Dempsey	RNIB
Claire Lundy	BHSCT
Pascal McKeown	Mencap
Theresa Stewart	DCYPPP

1. Notes of Previous Meeting (5th October 2011)

Notes of previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

Circulation of Documentation

Relating to Outcomes Groups – provided.

Action: members to review and comments to next Subgroup.

Interface with Respite Group

Members were advised that the HSCB is convening an internal meeting to look at roles and remits of groups and areas of duplication. The view is that the HSCB will seek to streamline position regarding workplans.

Workshop/ Children's Services Framework

Members were provided with an update on proposal to bring Christine Lenaghan from Every Disabled Child Matters and colleagues to a workshop in NI. The focus would be on sharing good practice from UK. Following additional investment in Aiming High and introduction of short breaks legislation. Further details to be provided at next meeting.

CWDSA

Information was provided regarding relaunch of Manifests on 13 February 2012.

DHSSPS Physical Sensory Disability Strategy

Information regarding launch of this departmental strategy in February is provided.

Input from Education

Request made for presentation to update members on relevant developments within Education. Postponed until Anne Patience available.

Key Themes re Workplan

Following discussion it was agreed the following key themes needed to be considered. It was also felt relevant to ensure linkage with Themes identified within Transitions Subgroup.

Themes identified as follows:

STRATEGIC

- Compliance with UNCRC.
- UNCRPD – central.
- Person Centred
- Statutory - Children's Order
- SendO
- DDA
- Departmental Action Plans.

COLLABORATIVE WORKING

- Identification of key areas of focus.
- Same young people known to range of services.
- Co-ordination function.

SUPPORTS

- Whole child model.
- Focus upon achievement not impairment.
- CWD as Young Citizens
- AHP supports
- Emotional well being
- Short breaks
- Advocates.

SOCIAL / ECONOMIC

- Child Poverty / disability
- Post Education Support
- Welfare Reforms
- Economic Players

HEALTH

- Access to health
- Including focus on preventative
- Physical, emotional health

AREAS TO BE PROGRESSED AS WORKPLAN (in line with Transition Sub Group)

THEMES

1. Strategic – including standards and Rights based.
Legislation.
Drivers.
2. Multi agency –
 - Health
 - Councils
 - Education
 - DEL
 - Community Voluntary Sector with young people embedded at all levels.
3. Resources
 - Early Years

- Short breaks
- Carers Support including sibling/young carer
- Post primary education / training
- Personalisation
- Information

4. Accountability

OUTCOMES / INDICATORS

Members agreed to give consideration and identify key outcomes / indicators re above for next meeting.

3. Any Other Business

None noted.

4. Date of Next Meeting

Following representation it was agreed that option of alternative time slots for CWD Transition Subgroup be considered.

Monday, 20 February 2012 at 10am in Antrim Board Centre, NEELB, 17 Lough Road, Antrim, BT41 4DH