

Minutes of CYPSP Sub Group for Young Carers 5 December

In Attendance

Billy McMillan, Barnardos, Chair

Carina Boyle, Action for Children

Sean Caughey, Carerstrust NI

Maurice Leeson, CYPSP

Apologies

Nicola Topping, WELB

Andrew Hawthorne, CYPSP

Rosemary Breslin, NHSCT

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting, 26 September 2013. Agreed.
2. Matters Arising.
 - a. BMcM will follow up with Rosemary Breslin re attendance at group
 - b. BMcM will follow up with Barnardos re membership of BME carers group to ensure proper linkages between the work of this group and the work of the BME carers group. SC said that he was also a member of this group and would be prepared to represent Young Carers subgroup issues there. This was agreed
 - c. NT has contacted careers service as agreed and will liaise between this group and careers service

- d. CB informed group that the pilot course for awareness raising in schools has been finalised and will take place in Southern area next year. BMcM and SC expressed an interest in attending and CB will facilitate this. SC informed group that the carers trust had developed a toolkit for schools. This was an England focussed document but carers trust had no difficulty with it being customised for use in the other nations. It was agreed that this would help the work of this group and ML agreed that AH would be available to help with the administration of this task.
 - e. An issue with short breaks had been raised at a previous meeting and Una Magee had undertaken to represent the group. BMcM will follow this up with Una. ML noted that this might be related to an RQIA review of short breaks and he will monitor this from HSCB perspective. It was generally agreed that the work of the regional service did not fit into a traditional model of short breaks.
3. Action plan updates. The Young Carers Scorecard was reviewed and updated. A number of actions were noted
- a. 16-18 age group. SC identified potential for collaboration with carers trust on this issue
 - b. In terms of the Hidden Harm agenda it was noted that good links had been made with the regional subgroup.
 - c. Similarly there had been good engagement with the regional Think Family subgroup to promote the issues for young carers.
 - d. ML will update the scorecard
 - e. When this is reviewed ML suggested that sections solely relating to the work of the regional service should be removed and added to the agenda of the contract monitoring meetings.
4. Young Carers Protocol. This was reviewed and a number of small amendments. ML will now arrange for this to be placed on Children's Services Improvement Board (CSIB) in the HSCB for formal adoption by the Trusts.

5. AOB. None

6. Summary of Meeting. The following points should be highlighted.

- a. Agreement on protocol
- b. Pilot course with schools
- c. Think Family Work
- d. Emotional Health and Wellbeing of young carers.

7. Date of Next Meeting. 20 February 2014 at 2.00pm in Barnardos Young Carers Service, Magherafelt.