

Minutes

Young Carers Sub-Group Meeting

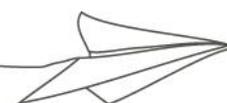
10th January 2012

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Illingworth Room, Loughshore House, Belfast

Members Billy McMillan, Barnardos; Ann Godfrey, HSCB; Andrew Hawthorn, HSCB; Rosemary
In attendance Breslin, NHSCT; Helen Dunn, Action for Children.

Apologies Paul McCormack, Princess Royal Trust
Nicola Topping

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1.	<u>Introduction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Billy McMillan welcomed everyone to today's meeting. Thanks were recorded to Beverley Ringland for her contribution to the group over the past year. Andrew Hawthorne has been supporting outcome groups and will provide similar support to YC Sub-Group including collation of the action plan. Templates are completed by large group with analysis, key themes and agreed priorities. Feedback is to be finalised for Belfast Outcomes Group. 	Helen Dunn & Billy McMillan to meet to agree first draft.
2.	<u>Minutes of meeting held 14th Oct 2011</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendments were agreed and will be circulated for the next meeting Beverley Ringland will email out Action Plan. 	
3.	<u>Amendments to minutes of meeting held 23rd Nov 2011</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendments were agreed and will be circulated for the next meeting 	
4.	<u>Children in Conflict Conference (14th – 18th March)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A workshop to be proposed on Young Carers who are NEET There will also be a young people's event led by the Edward De Bono Foundation. A Titanic Quarter bursary is available as the cost for conference delegates may be prohibitive. To encourage employability, YC work placements have been proposed and 	



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	<p>the young person may assist at the conference i.e. welcoming attendees / media.</p> <p>Paul Mc Cormack has stated that YCs are 2 times more likely than main population to be NEET.</p>	<p>P.McC will contact Helen Ferguson</p>
5.	<p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>Action Plan – to include model / matters arising re model</p> <p>Children’s Services Framework Standard</p> <p>Membership</p>	
6.	<p><u>Model</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Godfrey provided the group with a copy of <i>A Proposal for Meeting the Needs of Young Carers in the Southern Area – Draft 2 August 2009</i> and explained the model to the group: <p>Model – 2 parts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Overseeing by Trust *Multi-Agency Liaison Group – currently none (except Belfast Trust) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG provided group with a copy of Memorandum from Tony Rodgers which includes a shorter version of the model. • 16-18 year olds have the biggest drop-out availing of service. <p style="text-align: center;">Section 4.2 – Brief suggests YC project is responsible for conducting the assessment under adult legislation. A.G to bring this to Tony’s attention at their meeting later today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T.R.’s memorandum will be sent to Trust directors for agreement. • The model states that <i>1 identified person</i> e.g. Gateway social worker is to assess the young person, if their assessment indicates safeguarding issues the young person will be passed back to the Trust • Gateway allocations are locality dependent whereas Young Carers Project is Trust-wide. • Southern Area model – Senior Practitioner per locality was suggested. • B.McM. praised the model as progress 	<p>Info re increased drop-out risk among 16-18 year olds should be put in Action Plan</p> <p>AG to discuss section 4.2 with TR.</p> <p>It is important to become acquainted with those involved in Gateway work</p>
7.	<p><u>Action Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In previous discussions re action plan it was agreed that the YC Sub-Group’s priority was to be the <i>transition period</i> 	<p>Helen Dunn to obtain info re indicators from</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YCs said the services available to them as adults are inappropriate. • Action plan needed for regional groups – to be sent for consultation. • Particular pieces of work have already been identified, action plan is closer to completion. • Priorities: model in place, referral process in place, 16+ age group is a priority that has not yet been discussed in full • HD proposed that issues affecting YCs be identified and included in collation – re Hidden Harm, e.g. % of YCs – parent with MH problems / drugs etc. All agreed this would be useful as young people’s groups depend on whether the issues are relevant • Parent’s MH evident if referral made by MH team – recorded in UNOCINI – disregarded at that point 	<p>B.R. and share with Sub-Group</p> <p>Andrew Hawthorn to collate this info</p> <p>A.H. to collate - regional groups action plan</p> <p>Discussion re 16+ group necessary ASAP</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to Framework: Info re issues identified to be recorded in framework, and also 16+ as this comes under assessment and provision of service. • Absenteeism: Research shows this is an issue, however this research is dated (5-6 years) • Qualitative data gathered by services contradicts this research and indicates that the issues are a lack of support and opportunities available in education • NA Early Intervention Project – may identify under-achievers/ irregular school attendees, however the young person may also be a young carer • Schools could offer a wider range of services. Lateness or poor attention span may indicate a young carer however the underlying reasons for such behaviours may be overlooked. A priority for schools to identify young carers and provide the appropriate support. • The purpose of the Multi Agency Liaison Group is to raise awareness in Trusts and is their responsibility. • Continually raise awareness, bearing in mind that young people don’t want to be seen to be different. • Ethnic minority young carers could go through NICEM. • Young carer services on family support database used by CAB. Stronger Together Network of BME organisations with information. • The majority of staff within these organisations speak English. • Raise awareness of what a young carer is. This is culturally sensitive. “Young carer” may not be recognised. • BME population may be suspicious of service or not recognise the term ‘Young Carer’ 	<p>Inclusion of Hidden Harm issues in collation</p> <p>A.G to request that TR adds this to memo</p> <p>Literature to be printed in a range of languages</p> <p>Important to provide these organisations with info.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young carers' fora are in place but participation must be supported during the planning process so that the action plan is agreed by YCs and not just YC management teams. • Possibly 2 meetings with YCs – to explain action plan and allow discussion • Quantitative indicators will be the most important. Qualitative indicators already exist. • Services template also to identify gaps. • Joint service (high level outcomes, indicators and priorities) across the board to agree what the big issue is. • Action plans will go out for a consultation to engage all young people. • AH proposed meeting with young people over two sessions to explain that we are developing an action plan and to discuss it and provide opportunity for YC input. • This may be difficult more difficult logistically. • Also, we have to be mindful that this will be happening at GCSE time of the year. • Parallel consultation process info to be recorded but not useful in prioritising. It can be used in the future to see how well we have listened. 	<p>Arrange meeting of YC forum members after 6/02/12.</p> <p>HD & BMcM will look at service plan.</p>
14.	<u>Next meeting</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be held on 6th February 2012 at 2pm in Loughshore House. 	