

## Minutes

### Young Carers Sub-Group

14<sup>th</sup> October 2011

2.00pm -4.00pm

Barnardos

#### Members Present

Ann Godfrey (Health & Social Care Board); Billy McMillan (Barnardos)  
Beverley Ringland (Action for Children); Paul McCormick (Princes Trust)  
Rosemary Breslin (Northern Trust)

Apologies

None

Item	Subject	Action
1.	<b>Introductions</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Billy McMillan welcomed everyone here to the first meeting of the Young Carers Sub-Group</li> </ul>	
2.	<b>Integrated Planning and Commissioning</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ann Godfrey set the scene and gave a handout on outcome based planning and explained how the Young Carers feeds into the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership of which this is a sub-group.</li> <li>No single agency can meet the outcomes; it is about joined thinking and integrated planning and commissioning.</li> <li>Mandate from Strategic Partnership : It has been agreed that all Trust sub group representatives are representing all 5 Trust areas and they need to know what is the mechanism to communicate within the other 4 Trusts and how to agree decision making within the all Trust areas. RB is to discuss with the Northern Trust Head of Service who ask her to attend the group.</li> <li>The family support database needs to be quality assured for young carers. AG ask all members of the sub group to check that their services are on the database.</li> <li>How can we make best use of the services currently available for young carers? Focus on early intervention and take into consideration previous work undertaken. A model has been agreed and can be implemented with all Trust areas.</li> <li>A Young Carer may not be the highest priority on Trust agenda but is a child in need who are entitled to an assessment. There is a model of assessment which would give the responsibility of assessment, officially to the young carer's projects, this process is still to be agreed by Trusts</li> </ul>	<p>RB to follow up</p> <p>All sub group members</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BM highlighted that he would be concerned that the tariff could be increased to a higher level and would not be able to meet the demands of the service. He also asks that care plans are clear about the specific work that was required.</li> <li>PMcM asked if there was still a waiting list for young carers. BR explained that there was an assessment to find out their needs and they may wait for services. PMcC said that on the Carers Hub across the UK they have seen demand increase. AG said that this group will also review the model if implemented and also that statutory workers need to know how to make referrals.</li> </ul>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Membership</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BM explained that membership of the group still has 3 gaps within the voluntary sector. If anyone had any names who could apply through CINI the application process is open until 28/10/11</li> <li>PMcC highlighted that he is working with Queens about the transition into adulthood</li> <li>AG asked was there an umbrella group for NI carers. PMcC said NI carers work with adults. BM said that Helen Ferguson from Carer NI could be possible person. BM felt she would also be positive for transition work. BR has said JMck has spoke to 174 Trust to inform them that they can apply. We also advised Newry and Mourne Young Carers that they could apply. PMcC will contact HF.</li> <li>AG asked PMcC if he delivers any service directly and he said no, they offer policy and support and they have two carer centres in Belfast and Newry.</li> <li>174 Trust meet within the Belfast Young Carers and the PT have funded in the past.</li> <li>AG felt that there could be work undertaken within this group to join up all service providers who work with young carers.</li> </ul>	P McC
<b>4.</b>	<b>Indicators</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BM highlighted that we needed to identify what indicators we felt would be most suitable to meet the high level outcomes.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Health</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMcC highlighted that GP are given QAF points to maintain a carers database when young person last attended GP.</li> <li>BR to write up the changes to the indicators from the Young Carer Forum</li> <li>PMcC also highlighted that the HE legislation needs to be drawn upon to meet needs for those cared for and there also is a 15% housing stock not used and could this be utilised to meet the needs of young carers families.</li> <li>BR to forward outcomes for young people taking into account the young people's views with the minutes.</li> </ul>	BR

Next meeting 23-11-11 Barnardos 11.00am Lunch will be provided

