



REGIONAL TRANSITIONS MEETING
Seminar Room 4, Antrim Board Centre
Monday, 23 January 2012

Attendance:

Iolo Eilian – HSCB (Chair)
Kieran McShane – HSCB
Liam Burns – MENCAP
Rosemary Murray – DCYPPP
Liz Osborne – NICFC
Rosie McNaughton – Cedar Foundation
Marie Burns – NOW Ltd
Pauline McDonald – BHST
Hilary Maguire – NI Hospice
Mary Emerson – PHA
Andrew Hawthorne - HSCB

In Attendance:

Lorraine Johnston – HSCB Secretary

Apologies:

Ann Godfrey – HSCB
Sybil Skelton – SEELB
Teresa Stewart – DCYPPP
Bria Mongan - SEHSCT
Maurice Leeson – Barnardos
Kerrie McGarvey – H&SCB

Absent:

Jeremy Adams – PSNI
Brian O’Kane – Supporting People
Pip Jaffa – Parents Advice Centre
Gary Hyde – WHSCT
Geraldine Maguire – SHSCT
Kate Lamb – NHSCT
Monica Wilson – Disability Action

Agenda

1) Welcome and House Keeping

Iolo Eilian welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome was made to Andrew Hawthorne who has taken up post as Children's Services Planning Support Officer and is working alongside Ann Godfrey with CYPSP. A number of housekeeping details were shared with the group. Each member of the group had an opportunity to introduce themselves to the group and the organisation in which they work.

2) Apologies

The received apologies were read out and shared with the Group. It was noted that Kerrie McGarvey will no longer be attending the Group as she has taken up post with South Eastern Trust. She had been complying a Transitions Report in her role at the HSCB and this report will be shared with the group when amendments have been made.

Action: Iolo to forward report to Group when available.

3) Approval of Previous Minutes (22 November 2011)

Mary Emerson thanked Iolo for including her information at the last meeting and asked the group if they had any questions. Liz Osborne and Rosemary Murray noted minor changes to the minutes but otherwise they were approved as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4) Matters Arising

Hilary Maguire asked if additional information could be included under Northern Ireland Hospice section of the minutes of 22 November 2011. This had been added and circulated to the group.

5) Outstanding Questionnaires

This item will be discussed at the next meeting on Monday 20 February 2012.

6) Develop Action Plan from Agreed Priorities

Disappointment was expressed by the Group of the lack of representation from the 5 Trusts. It was agreed to go through Ann Godfrey in order to draft a letter to the Chief Executives regarding Trust Representation.

Action: Iolo to write to Ann G and formalise this asap

Priorities

Iolo distributed the list of priorities identified by the members which were received. Each agency took the opportunity to talk through their own priorities which was followed by a discussion. It was agreed that main priorities would be circulated to the Group with the minutes.

Northern Ireland Hospice – Hilary Maguire

Hilary talked through specific areas that should be prioritised. (attached for information)

The Group agreed that this approach was an excellent way of characterising the priorities. It was stated that there was different approaches through Transition i.e. school, employment and there is a need to standardise a regional approach to other transitions to allow parents to ask questions regarding issues. It was expressed that if there was some statutory guidance in place then continuous reviews can be maintained. It was remarked that the H&SCB is seen as the gate holder of transition.

It was noted at a recent Belfast Trust meeting about the lack of review of children/young people who are a wheelchair user and also a lack of AHP services available. The group was reminded not to focus on certain areas but look more strategic.

Disabled Children & Young Peoples Participation Project – Rosemary Murray

Rosemary gave an overview of the Disabled Children & Young Peoples Participation Project Services Priorities (attached for information).

Rosemary had stated that it was difficult getting young people's views heard at higher level. It was expressed that there was meaningful engagement although there is a real danger as statutory obligation is a tick box exercise and views are not acted on. It was stressed that the young people are grateful for services they receive and they have such an insight of what the issues are.

Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children - Liz Osborne

Liz gave an overview of the priorities from the Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children.

It was expressed that a regional approach to any planning is important. Isolation has an adverse effect on Young People. Resources have seen benefits on youth involvement i.e. coping strategies etc. Promoting health and well being and access to services is very important for young people and their

families. Liz agreed that Person Centred Planning was great for the young people in giving ownership of their own future planning.

Liz agreed to forward priorities to Lorraine Johnston to circulate to the group.

South Eastern Education & Library Board - Sybil Skelton

Sybil's priorities were circulated to the group (attached for information), as Sybil was unable to attend the meeting, the group were to forward any comments prior to the next meeting.

Priority Areas Agreed : Draft

(1) Regional Approach.

- Strategic Process
- Standards/Specification

(2) Multi Agency/Integrated Approach

- Health
- Education
- Councils
- DEL

(3) Health and Social Care Services

- Nursing, AHP, Medical etc
- Health and Well being

(4) Resources/Services

- Short breaks
- Day Opportunities
- Jobs
- Self Directed Approach
- Information and Signposting

7) Agree Future Dates for 2012

It was agreed that Lorraine Johnston would circulate dates for the year 2012.

8) Any Other Business

Health Passport

Hilary Maguire updated the group on the health passport.

9) Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 20 February 2012 at 10 am in Conference Room 1, Antrim Board Centre, NEELB, 17 Lough Road, Antrim, BT41 4DH