



CYPSP Children, Young People and Offending Sub-Group
Minutes of meeting held on 7th February 2013
YJA Waring Street, Belfast

Present:

Paula Jack	YJA (Chair)
Franziska Hewitt	YJA
Michael Heaney	YJA
Lee Russell	PSNI
Linda Keating	PPS
Dave Weir	NIACRO
Brendan Donaghy	NIHE
Koulla Yiasouma	Include Youth
Angela Devlin	Extern
Sinead Simpson	CSU/DOJ
Una Magee	Barnardos
Sharon Beattie	SBNI
Suzanne Gowling	Belfast City Council
Roisin Leckey	PBNI
Helen Dunn	Action for Children
Andrew Hawthorne	HSCB (in attendance)
Maurice Leeson	HSCB (in attendance)
Jim Wharton	YJA (minutes)

Apologies:

Yvonne Cooke	PSNI
John Duffy	HSCB
Anne Marie McClure	Opportunity Youth
Stephen Lilley	PSNI
Philomena McDermott	WELB / SELB
Tom Cassidy	WHST
Elaine McConnell	CSU/DOJ
Eithne McIlroy	PBNI

Paula welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a round of introductions.

Franziska passed on regards from Eddie Jackson who has left the group for a career break. Suzanne Gowling was welcomed as the new representative in Eddie's place for the Belfast City Council.

Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed by all

Actions arising:

UNOCINI – PSNI

Lee advised that PSNI had piloted UNOCINI in the South-Eastern Trust and that the two organisations were communicating in relation to joint assessment planning. Lee stated that discussions regarding rolling out of UNOCINI within the PSNI were ongoing and highlighted the value of 'Form Zero', a preliminary one-page assessment form.

ACTION POINT: Lee to update the sub-group on progress

Maurice stated that it was important that the same assessment tool will be used by various service providers. There was a discussion around the potential need for staff training in the use of UNOCINI.

ACTION POINT: Maurice to raise issue of a shared assessment tool in other CYPSP groups

Further actions arising from the last minutes, which have been completed, were:

- Andrew amended Action Plan to include links to LAC group
- Lee provided PSNI information for the mapping exercise
- Franziska distributed a note of the workshop on the 13th December 2012
- Some member organisations provided their date for the mapping exercise since the last meeting. ***It was agreed that the organisations that have not already done so, should submit their relevant data to Jim Wharton by Friday the 1st March 2013.***
- Eithne provided wording regarding mental health strategy for Action Plan
- Eddie and Koulla provided wording on sectarian violence for Action Plan
- Andrew provided draft Action Plan for final approval

Declaration of Interests:

It was agreed that 'Declaration of Interests' should be a standing item on the agenda as this would allow member organisations, who may be bidding for funding in the future, to contribute openly to discussions on children's services planning. At the stage of detailed discussions on future projects, member organisations who will apply for funding may need to withdraw from discussions.

Koulla indicated that as 'participation' was on the agenda and Include Youth provide participation services she needed to declare a potential conflict of interest.

Mapping Exercise:

The group agreed that it will be important that we keep asking ourselves: 'If we had funding what would we do?' because the answer to this will highlight service gaps.

There was a discussion regarding the various services that different organisations provide and the data which they collect in relation to young people either

- entering the Youth Justice System
- receiving support whilst they are in the Youth Justice System or
- leaving the Youth Justice System

The group decided that data relating to all three service areas warranted inclusion in the map.

A discussion took place about the lack of attendance from Trust and Education representatives and that we are therefore missing their important contributions in discussions and their data on the CYPO map.

ACTION POINT: Paula to raise Trust and Education representation for CYPSP CYPO sub-group at CYPSP

Sinead mentioned that data in relation to numbers of ASBOs could be provided by the PSNI but we were not capturing Housing Executive or Courts data. Sinead stated that Courts could provide information on ASBOs awarded but not those 'applied for'.

ACTION POINT: Franziska to contact Courts and Tribunal Service in relation to data on civil and criminal ASBOs – numbers applied for and numbers awarded including ages and reasons

Paula explained that whilst the Court Service would not attend all CYPO meetings it had advised that their staff are happy to supply information on specific queries or attend specific meetings.

Sharon raised the issue of the potential need for a dedicated forensic CAMHS service for young people. She also raised the issue of young people who are

bailed overnight. Paula advised work is ongoing in this area with DOJ and DHSSPS.

The group agreed that relevant information was being collected by member organisations, that the map helps to think conceptually about services and that it will be of immense benefit when the Action Plan will be refreshed next year.

Maurice added that the map is a very useful document and that he will suggest to other sub-groups to follow its example.

ACTION POINT: Members who have not yet input their data are to submit their information to Jim Wharton by Friday the 1st March in order that this document can be finalised and signed off at the next sub-group meeting. Members are asked to please input their data directly onto the map provided.

ACTION POINT: Helen to provide input for map on evidence based family therapy models

CYPO Sub-group Action Plan:

Paula thanked all those who had provided inputs (see action points above).

A discussion took place about the importance of positive messages about young people being brought to the attention of the media and that the Policing and Community Safety Partnerships should play an important role in this.

Andrew highlighted all other changes for the Action Plan which had been suggested and after a few amendments the plan was agreed and signed off.

Participation:

Franziska stated that she had met with Participation Network in November and outlined their recommendations which were:

- **CYPO should appoint a Participation Champion.** The group decided that this was not necessary because there is a high level of awareness in relation to children's rights amongst sub-group members
- **Agree a participation plan.** It was agreed that the sub-group would identify areas for participation in the column under this heading of the CYPO map
- **Measure participation against the ASK First standards.** This point was agreed

Maurice explained that some original funding for Participation Network was still available but that there was no further budget after this runs out.

The group agreed that the CYPO was committed to participation of young people.

The group agreed that member organisation who had consulted with young people in relation to the Action Plan should now feed back to them what difference their inputs have made.

ACTION POINT: Member organisation who had consulted with young people in relation to the Action Plan to give feed back to them

Draft Action Plan for the CYPSP BME Children and young people's Sub Group:

Paula advised member organisations that the Draft Action Plan for the CYPSP BME Children and Young People's Sub-group was out for consultation.

AOB:

Deputising

Paula informed that the chairs sub-group decided that whilst every reasonable effort should be made for members to attend meetings, we should be able to choose a named deputy who could attend if necessary. The member should seek permission for deputising from the chair prior to the meeting. The depute needs to be briefed in detail about the business on the agenda. This agreement will still need to be signed of by the CYPSP group.

Early Intervention Sub-Group funding

Paula advised that she has no update regarding this.

ASBOs – support package

Sinead asked members to provide information to her in relation to services their organisations offer for young people on ASBOs and how we might fill any support gaps. The group agreed that we would not want to contribute to making ASBOs more attractive.

ACTION POINT – All organisations offering support packages for young people on ASBOs to send brief synopsis to Sinead

Next meeting 13th March 2013 at 10.30 am – Waring Street, Belfast.