



CYPSP Children, Young People and Offending Sub-Group
Minutes of meeting held on 13th June 2013
YJA Waring Street, Belfast

Present:

Paula Jack	YJA (Chair)
Michael Heaney	YJA
Orlaith McGibbon	YJA
Una Magee	Barnardos
Sinead Simpson	CSU
John Duffy	HSCB
Andrew Hawthorne	HSCB
Koulla Yiasouma	Include Youth
Anne Marie McClure	Opportunity Youth
Suzanne Gowling	Belfast City Council
Linda Keating	PPS
Sharon Beattie	SBNI
Jim Wharton	YJA (minutes)

Apologies:

Helen Dunn	Action for Children
Yvonne Cooke	PSNI
Angela Devlin	Extern
Maurice Leeson	HSCB
Dave Weir	NIACRO
Paul Thompson	PBNI
Lee Russell	PSNI

Paula advised that due to other commitments she would need to leave the meeting and asked Michael to chair the remainder of the meeting. Before leaving, Paula asked the group to consider how we are progressing in relation to the Action Plan and to consider the future role of the CYPO sub-group as one of a reporting mechanism on progress within the sub-groups in line with the Action Plan.

Paula also suggested that we look at the attendance log in light of the lack of attendance of representatives from education.

Paula left the meeting and Michael took over as chair.

Declaration of Conflict of Interests:

None declared

Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed by all

Matters arising:

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As neither Maurice nor Lee was present it was agreed that this item be carried over to the agenda for the next meeting.

Mapping Exercise

Jim confirmed that copies of the Map of Young Person's Journey through the Youth Justice System had been e-mailed to members who had requested copies.

ASBOs:

Sinead provided feedback on consultation regarding support packages for young people who are awarded ASBOs.

There was discussion regarding YJA providing support packages for those young people involved in the Youth Justice System and Sinead stated that there was broad agreement for this. Discussion followed around provision of support packages for all young people and not just those already within the system.

Sinead stated that after further planned consultation she would produce a paper which she could then bring before the group.

There was discussion regarding the question of whether support would be part of the Order and therefore if failure to engage with support provision would constitute a breach of the Order.

Koulla suggested that the quality of engagement would be better if support packages were voluntary.

A question arose in regard to who would monitor engagement in support packages.

Orlaith informed the meeting of the details of ASBOs currently in place. Orlaith also stated that there appeared to be no standard process for informing YJA of ASBOs awarded. There followed discussion around procedure regarding the issuing of ASBOs. Sinead stated that revised guidance was currently work in progress. Suzanne informed that a process map in diagram form was in existence and that she would e-mail this to Sinead.

Some general discussion took place regarding procedures, family support, support packages and the ASB Forums.

Michael stated that we would continue to gather information.

Orlaith stated that she would speak with Yvonne, Lee Russell and Mark Dennison about the results of her scoping exercise into current ASBOs awarded to young people known to YJA.

ACTION POINT: Sinead will put together a paper and bring to the next meeting.

Start Times of CYPO sub-group meetings

Michael suggested that discussion on this be postponed until Paula was present.

Terms of Reference:

After reading the document provided by Maurice Leeson, Michael asked for comment from the group. There were a few suggestions regarding amendments to wording which were agreed.

Discussion followed around numbers within the sub-groups dealing with each Area of Interest. Members agreed that they were happy with the current numbers. It was agreed that the Chair of each sub-group must be a member of the CYPO sub group, elected by members of the sub-group dealing with each Area of Interest. Secretarial arrangements should also be decided by the sub-groups.

It was agreed that a first meeting of the sub-groups should be arranged and Michael asked for volunteers to organise this. Volunteers were:

- **Sharon Beattie** Young Persons Advocacy Service
- **Michael Heaney** Transition from Children's to Adult Services – accommodation – relationship – identity
- **Suzanne Gowling** Education, Training and Employment
- **Sinead Simpson** Expanding existing Early Intervention for the Prevention of Offending Services

Michael stated that the first meetings should look at the following:

- Scan of the current situation
- Some view of outcome
- How outcome connects to the Action Plan

It was suggested that initial meetings should take place around the end of August/September with Chairs reporting back to the CYPO sub-group at the 17th October meeting.

Michael asked that members consider how often CYPO sub-group meetings should take place if these meetings were to be styled as opportunities for members to report on the progress made within the working groups.

Orlaith stated that she would speak with Paula regarding the scheduling of CYPO sub-group meetings and in particular the 2 meetings scheduled for 24th July and 5th September as it was felt that these meetings would be of no perceived benefit given that the first meetings of working groups would not take place until August/September.

It was agreed that contact details for members of the CYPO sub-group be made available to all and Jim agreed that he would provide these.

ACTION POINT: Jim to send contact details of CYPO sub-group members to all individual members.

AOB

Orlaith drew the groups attention to the 'Linked In' leaflet – an advocacy service being piloted in just a few areas. There was some discussion around this.

Suzanne spoke about the Map for Justice System and where this fitted into the bigger picture. There was discussion with Andrew about what data is available. Andrew stated that an offending report was to be presented later and it was suggested that this should be sent out to working groups prior to their first meeting.

Sharon advised the group of a position becoming available within her organisation.

Next meeting – 17th October at 10.30 am – Waring Street