

Minutes of CYPSP CYPO meeting
13th December 2012 at 09.30am
3rd floor Waring Street

Present:

Paula Jack	YJA (chair)
Helen Dunn	Action for Children
Dr Eddie Jackson	Belfast City Council
Elaine McConnell	CSU
Koulla Yiasouma	Include Youth
Anne-Marie McClure	Opportunity Youth
Franziska Hewitt	YJA
Michael Heaney	YJA
Sinead Simpson	CSU
Una Magee	Children's Services Barnardo's
Brendan Donaghy	Community Safety Unit, NIHE
Sharon Beattie	SBNI
Ethnie McIlroy	PBNI
Andrew Hawthorne (in attendance)	HSCB
Maurice Leeson (in attendance)	HSCB

Apologies:

Angela Devlin	Extern
Linda Keating	PPS
Philomena McDermott	WELB
Dave Weir	NIACRO
Pamela Reid	NICTS
Claire Gallogly	NICTS
Mark Little	NICTS
Eileen Burke	PPS
Elaine McConnell	CSU

Not in Attendance:

John Duffy	HSCB
Stephen Lilley	PSNI
Tom Cassidy	WHSCCT
Yvonne Cooke	PSNI

Introductions were completed. Brendan Donaghy from Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE), Maurice Leeson the Children's Services Planning Professional Advisor, and Sharon Beattie from Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland (SBNI) were all welcomed to the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting

There was one amendment to the previous minutes on pg 3:

The Outcomes Groups will complete an operational scan on early intervention developments in their areas with the aim to produce local databases.

Instead, the Early Intervention group will breakdown their strategic scan by local area.

It was noted that Eithne McIlroy did send her apologies for the previous meeting.

There was a change in one of the future dates for the meeting from March 20th 2013 to March 13th 2013, 10.30am to 12.30am.

Matters Arising

Actions from previous minutes were either completed or on the agenda for this meeting.

Agenda items for this meeting included action points 8 and 9, the data mapping exercise and the action plan/ consultation feedback.

Information from CYPSP Communications Group and LAC Group

Franziska Hewitt informed the group that she is now representing the Youth Justice Agency on the CYPSP Looked After Children (LAC) Sub Group. The group recognised the importance of strengthening the linkages between the groups and other areas of work, especially when many different forums are identifying the same issues. For example; youth homelessness has been identified by both groups; LAC and exploitation identified by the SBNI as an issue.

The action plan mentions the interface between the Criminal Justice System and the LAC as an issue but there are no actions to reflect it.

Action: Andrew to amend action plan to include action regarding linking to the LAC group on this issue.

Franziska Hewitt provided feedback from the Communications Group and how the sharing of information and communicating messages within and across organisations was important.

Sinead Simpson provided an example of the importance of this as some PCSPs have started to make connections with the Outcomes Groups and Locality Planning Groups. The group recognised that where actions are being taken forward by other groups on a multi agency basis, then it is the role of this group to note it as happening elsewhere and to keep informed about the progress of this work.

Information from CYPSP and from CYPSP Early Intervention Group

Paula informed the group of the three identified priorities of the CYPSP as follows:

1. Mental health and emotional wellbeing
2. Readiness for school / education
3. Early Intervention for the prevention of offending

Paula suggested that today's workshop should focus not only on mapping information but also which services the group would like to commission should funding become available for early intervention for the prevention of offending.

Mapping Exercise

Paula outlined the purpose of the workshop and the work that has been completed so far. The journey of a young person through the youth justice system has been mapped generally in three stages, low level nuisance behaviour, anti social behaviour and criminal offence. Information has been mapped from the action plan and outcome monitoring reports against these stages. One purpose of the workshop was to map any data organisations in the group have and also to identify any gaps. An additional purpose is for the group to identify which services they would like to see.

Koulla Yiasouma raised the issue of the PSNI not being present and that they would have much of the information.

Action: Follow up with PSNI any available information

An issue was raised about whether the PSNI were using UNOCINI as an assessment tool and there was a mixed perception.

Action: Find out if PSNI are using UNOCINI as an assessment tool and whether they intend to roll it out to all areas.

A note of the mapping exercise has been taken separately and there a number of areas identified for services:

- Young Person's Advocacy Service
- Accommodation
- Relationships / Identity
- Education, training and employment
- Expanding existing early intervention for the prevention of offending services

Next Steps

Each member was asked to complete the 'Children & Young People & Offending Sub-group Map of Young Peoples Journey through the Youth Justice System' where appropriate with information their own organisation might hold in time for the next meeting. A note of the workshop will be taken to support this.

Action: Franziska to make a note of the workshop and distribute to the group

Action: Members to complete the 'Children, Young People & Offending Sub-group Map of Young People's Journey through the Youth Justice System' with their information and forward to Jim Wharton at the Youth Justice by the 30th January 2013

Paula also requested that members forward any further comments they may have on the action plan. Members raised some issues including:

Mental Health Strategy (Eithne McIlroy)

Action: Eithne to provide wording regarding Mental Health Strategy

Sectarian violence and paramilitaries (Eddie Jackson)

It was noted that there was a sub group of the Policing Board on paramilitary threat and that we should link into this group.

Action: Eddie, Koulla and Eithne to provide wording on sectarian violence

Paula requested that members provide a response on the action plan even if it involves 'no further comment' as a record that the plan has been agreed. These should be emailed to Andrew Hawthorne.

Action: Members to e-mail further comments on Action Plan to Andrew for collation. Andrew will provide a final draft with suggested amendments for final approval

Date of next meeting:

7th February 2012 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm – 3rd floor, Waring Street.