

Minutes of CYPSP CYPO meeting
24th October 2012 at 10.30am
3rd floor Waring Street

Present:

Paula Jack	YJA (chair)
Dave Weir	NIACRO
Helen Dunn	Action for Children
Ann Godfrey	HSCB
Dr Eddie Jackson	Belfast City Council
Elaine McConnell	CSU
Angela Devlin	Extern
Koulla Yiasouma	Include Youth
Anne-Marie McClure	Opportunity Youth
Yvonne Cooke	PSNI
Linda Keating	PPS
Philomena McDermott (video link)	WELB
Franziska Hewitt	YJA
Michael Hewitt	YJA
Jim Wharton (in attendance)	YJA

Apologies:

Una Magee	Children's Services Barnardo's
John Duffy	HSCB
Andrew Hawthorne	HSCB
Stephen Lilley	PSNI
Tom Cassidy	WHST
Sinead Simpson	CSU

Paula asked for introductions and this was completed.

Minutes of last meeting

Agreed.

Matters Arising

Vice-chair: Paula stated that we had been discussed at previous meetings that it was not appropriate for this position to fall within the YJA. Paula asked for nominations and Include Youth and NIACRO were nominated. Koulla withdrew her nomination of Include Youth and nominated Dave Weir of NIACRO. This was seconded by Helen Dunn.

Youth Justice Sub-group: Paula stated that the Criminal Justice Board had reviewed its sub-groups and decided that there would be no more meetings of the Youth sub-group. The CYPSP CYPO Sub-group will take on some its duties.

Information in relation to resources for young people at high risk of sexual exploitation: Franziska stated that she had sent e-mails to sub-group members asking for information but had received none. She asked for the groups thoughts on this issue. The main resource, which group members were aware off, is 'Safe Choices' at Barnardo's. Koulla spoke about the issue of how we identify young people at risk of sexual exploitation and how we refer them on.

ACTION: Franziska to pass on comments to Lisa Boal.

CYPSP CYPO Response to Reducing Offending Strategy (ROS)

Consultation:

Ann informed that this has been submitted to the DOJ. Ann highlighted some key areas from our response and there was discussion about integrating points from our ROS response into the CYPO action plan.

Information from CYPSP and from CYPSP Early Intervention Group

Paula informed the group that there was potentially a substantial amount of funding becoming available as a result of interdepartmental partnerships for joint commissioning with focus on the following three areas: mental health and emotional wellbeing, education and early intervention.

Declan McGowan and Sinead Simpson from the Community Safety Unit in the DOJ are supporting a joined up approach between CYPSP and Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSP) including training on CYPSP for PCSP managers.

Ann and Stephanie Thompson completed an extensive mapping exercise for the CYPSP Early Intervention Group on high level strategies which include early intervention targets.

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

ACTION: The CYPO Sub- group will need to discuss its role in commissioning and standardising the approach to the evaluation of early intervention schemes.

Information from CYPSP Chairs Sub-group

The members of the chairs meeting were tasked to conduct an exercise, like the one the CYPO did a few months ago, where the action plan of their specific group will be compared with the action plans of all outcomes groups.

We discussed the need to contribute to a change in society's generally negative perception of young people.

Information from Communications Sub-Group

Ann explained that this group's aim is to provide information to members of groups within CYPSP and to external audiences. E-zines are being produced for the wider public and internal bulletins will keep CYPSP group members informed. A suite of leaflets, which can be accessed through the CYPSP website, is designed to ensure that all interested parties, including staff in our organisations, are knowledgeable about the CYPSP.

Ann spoke about the Communications Sub-group's decision to highlight positive messages about young people when it disseminates information.

CYPO Action Plan Consultation Feedback

Prior to the meeting Andrew had collated information from the CYPO action plan consultation into forms. This included a list of respondents, responses from young people and responses from organisations. Ann highlighted significant points arising from these and suggested that we include more explanation on how we have come to agree action points under each high level outcome.

ACTION: Ann offered for Andrew to include more details in relation to this.

One of the points raised by young people in their CYPO action plan feedback was the need to address physical health and wellbeing as well as emotional wellbeing. It was agreed that the action plan would need to be changed to reflect this.

ACTION: Anne-Marie McClure to provide Franziska with revised wording.

ACTION: Paula asked that all members look closely at indicators and feedback points collated by Andrew and bring their thoughts to the next meeting.

Data Collection

Koulla spoke about the need for accurate data collection regarding the young people's journey through the Youth Justice System. Paula suggested that this would best be addressed by way of a workshop.

It was agreed that a youth justice system process map should be designed. Ann suggested the inclusion of links to the CYPSP website where additional information could be accessed. Paula asked for volunteers to help Franziska to develop a draft map prior to the workshop. Koulla offered for Paula Rodgers from Include Youth to be involved and Ann agreed for Andrew to do so. Ann also noted that Valerie Maxwell could be of valuable support.

ACTION: Other members to consider their organisation's assistance in designing a youth justice system journey overview sheet

ACTION: All members to come prepared to the next meeting with the following information:

- ***What data do you currently hold / have access to?***
- ***What data do you not yet have but would like to have?***
- ***Match this information with CYPSP Planning Process***
- ***How are statutory and voluntary organisations linked up?***

Member from the Housing Executive

It was agreed that a representative from the Housing Executive could provide valuable inputs to the CYPO sub-group.

ACTION: Franziska to contact Housing Executive to identify appropriate person to be invited to be a sub-group member.

Mental Health and Learning Disability

Yvonne spoke about the need for PSNI officers to be better equipped to identify young people with an autistic spectrum disorder. Yvonne has confirmed that PSNI are committed to developing an assessment tool in relation to mental health and learning disability.

Assessments

Young people are, sometimes repeatedly, assessed against a wide range of assessments with different criteria by various organisations. We discussed the

value in streamlining assessments in the future to inform overarching work plans for each young person.

Participation

Paula stated that she is due to meet with staff from Participation Network. We agreed that we are generally not very good at telling young people what changes they have contributed to through their participation and that this should be a priority for the CYPO action plan. Koulla spoke about people's high level of understanding of issues concerning them and that we should listen.

ACTION: Include into CYPO action plan that we will inform young people of the impact their participation has had

ACTION: Paula will give feedback at the next CYPO meeting on her meeting with Participation Network

AOB

Philomena informed the group about demanding priorities and staff shortages within the Education Library Boards during a period of restructuring and that whilst this may effect her availability to attend CYPO meetings it would not diminish her commitment to the process. Ann highlighted that there is very positive engagement by senior education staff on strategic partnership level in the CYPSP and that Clare Mangan's role there is significant.

Anne-Marie raised a point that had been discussed at previous meetings in relation to deputising of attendees at CYPO meetings. Anne-Marie stated that despite her commitment she had been able to attend at only three meetings to date and that it might be beneficial if a deputy could attend in her place. A discussion followed leading to the following decisions:

ACTION: It is important for all members to adhere to the CYPSP Terms of Reference which state that deputisation should not take place except in exceptional circumstances.

ACTION: The attendance list from all CYPO sub-group meetings will be sent out with these minutes.

Elaine asked members for advice relating to the Criminal Justice Inspection recommendation Point 9 which referred to a package of support for young people who have received ASBOs. A discussion took place around those issuing ASBOs should also pay for a support package for the young person concerned.

Proposed dates for meetings in 2013

ACTION: Proposed dates will be sent out in the minutes of this meeting so that members can plan ahead and attend as many meetings as possible.

The proposed dates are as follows:

7th February

20th March

2nd May

13th June

24th July

5th September

17th October

27th November

Thank you

Paula ended the meeting by giving thanks to Ann Godfrey for her invaluable support over the lifetime of the CYPO sub-group, advising that this would be Ann's last attendance at these meetings. All members agreed with this sentiment and gave Ann a round of applause!

Date of next meeting

It was planned for the December meeting to take place on the 6th December 2012.

Since the October meeting the date for the December meeting has been changed, to accommodate for a longer workshop, which will take place on the **13th December 2012 from 9.30 am to 2 pm – 3rd floor, Waring Street.**