

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Regional Sub Group on Young Carers

20th February 2014

Present: Nicola Topping
Billy McMillan (Co-Chair)
Carina Boyle
Rosemary Breslin

WELB
Barnardo's
Action for Children
NHSCT

In attendance: Andrew Hawthorne
Children Services Planning, HSCB

Apologies: Sean Caughey,
Maurice Leeson

Carers Trust
Children Services Planning, HSCB

What was Discussed	What was Decided	Who will take the Lead in Moving this Forward
Previous minutes	Approved pending minor amendments	Andrew Hawthorne
Link with Careers Service NI- tentative links made currently and in progress	Nicola to follow up	Nicola Topping
Awareness Raising Pilot in Schools:	CYPSP Communications to reflect the event	Andrew Hawthorne
Date agreed for 21 st March in Armagh Teachers Centre and aimed at Teachers & EWOs	Update Scorecard	Andrew Hawthorne

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Young Carers Service literature being developed in time for the event	All material to be completed	Carina Boyle
<p>Education Resource:</p> <p>The toolkit provided by Carers Trust should be easily transferred to a Northern Ireland context by replacing case studies with local examples and statistics from Young Carers Regional Service</p>	<p>Sub Group to meet to discuss on 11th March and develop draft</p> <p>Information to be circulated beforehand</p>	<p>Sub Group Members</p> <p>Andrew Hawthorne</p>
<p>CAMHS:</p> <p>This group is not in a position to 'ensure' equity of access across the region but it can promote it.</p> <p>The Young Carers Protocol and also the inclusion of CAMHS workers on the Family Support Hubs has the potential to improve access to services across the region for Young Carers by providing additional pathways</p>	<p>Reword this in Scorecard</p> <p>Distribute Young Carers Information to CAMHS Coordinators in each Trust Area</p>	<p>Andrew Hawthorne</p> <p>Sub Group members</p>
16-18 age group and transition Draft protocol specifies that Young Carers 16+ are entitled to assessment by Trusts		

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Need to widen representation on the group to include adult carers	Invite rep from Belfast Carers Group Invite Helen Ferguson from Carers NI (Umbrella Group for Carers-Northern Ireland branch of Carers GB)	Carina Boyle Billy McMillan
BME Community Information that has been developed so far not BME specific and advice needed on the best way to engage with BME community	This will be on agenda for next BME Sub Group meeting to seek advice	Andrew Hawthorne
Scorecard	All actions related to the Regional Young Carers Service will be removed from the scorecard	Andrew Hawthorne
Think Family Pilot Project Young Carers involved through Action for Children	Continue to update the Sub Group	
Summary of Meeting	Items will include: Awareness raising sessions Resource toolkit Think Family	
Next meeting	17 th April 2pm, Barnardos, Magherafelt	