

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

LAC/ 16+ Regional Sub Group

4th December 2012

Present:	Tony Rodgers (Chair)	HSCB
	Marian Hall	HSCB
	Una Lernihan	HSCB
	Una Turbitt	PHA
	Angela Devlin	Extern
	Vivian McConvey	Voypic
	Deirdre Coyle	HSCB
	Jo Smyth	DEL
	Carina Boyle	Action for Children
	Paddy Mooney	Include Youth
	Franziska Hewitt	Youth Justice Agency
In attendance:	Maurice Leeson	Children's Services Planning, HSCB
	Andrew Hawthorne	Children's Services Planning, HSCB
Apologies:	Jacqui McGarvey	South Eastern Trust
	Stephen Knox	Barnardo's
	Kathy Maguire	Council for the Homeless

Introduction

Franziska Hewitt and Maurice Leeson were welcomed to the group and there was a round of introductions for their benefit.

Previous Minutes

The note of the previous meeting on September 27th 2012 was approved.

Matters Arising

Remit of the Group

Deirdre Coyle was invited to revisit a previous discussion of the group regarding their remit with regards to Youth Homeless. Deirdre clarified that when a young person at 16 or 17 presents as homeless, social services have a duty to assess them and they become looked after children and therefore the remit of this group. Deirdre suggested that the focus of this group should also be on the prevention of presentations of homelessness. The group agreed that, in line with the principles of the CYPSP, the group will adopt a focus on early intervention and prevention. The group will maintain a strategic overview of youth homeless and also ensure that the prevention and early intervention of youth homelessness is on the agenda of other groups within the CYPSP.

Action: Maurice and Deirdre to discuss how the group can influence the agenda of other groups

Membership of Sub Group

The group noted that representation from the Youth Justice Agency had now been sought in Franziska Hewitt. There was an outstanding gap from the Education and Library Boards (ELBs). It was noted that their nomination process was more complex as one representative was sought for all 5 ELBs.

Action: Maurice and Andrew to follow up progress in seeking an ELB representative

The Youth Justice Review Implementation Plan

Vivien raised the issue of how the group will link with proposed areas of work in the YJA Implementation Plan. Tony noted the existing Children, Young People and Offending Group who were already working with this Plan and the idea would be to link with them.

Action: Andrew and Maurice to find out more detail about ongoing work

Action plan

Una Lernihan fed back to the group developments in drafting the action plan. A workshop was held on November 16th which was well attended and was useful to further develop the action plan. The most recent draft, although still needs work, was more focused with more emphasis on the multi agency aspect. The group then went through the action plan, providing constructive comments under each of the high level outcomes. These comments were noted and the plan will be amended accordingly. The group agreed to split the outcomes for further comprehensive comment as follows:

Healthy- Una Lernihan and Una Turbitt

Enjoying, Learning and Achieving- Tony Rodgers and Andrew Hawthorne

Living in Safety and with Stability- Una Lernihan and Paddy Mooney (possibly Stephen Knox)

Experiencing Economic and Environmental Wellbeing- Jo Smyth and Deirdre Coyle

Contributing Positively to Community and Society- Vivien McConvey and Angela Devlin

Living in a Society which Respects their Rights- Andrew Hawthorne and Maurice Leeson

Action: Andrew to redraft based on comments made and circulate to group

Action: Group members to give their constructive feedback as above

Action: Andrew to collate comments and produce a final draft

The group recognised that given the date of the next meeting, it was possible to have a final draft finished for sign off

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 14th February 10am, Boardroom, Tower Hill, Armagh