

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

LAC/ 16+ Regional Sub Group

27th September 2012

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

Introduction

Carina Boyle and Paddy Mooney were welcomed to the group and there was a round of introductions for their benefit.

The note of the previous meeting on May 28th 2012 was approved.

Membership of Sub Group

The group agreed that there was adequate multi-agency representation in the group however there were gaps from Education and Youth Justice. This representation will be sought.

Action: Seek representation from Education and Youth Justice (Ann Godfrey)

Update on relevant issues and developments within CYPSP

Ann Godfrey introduced the CYPSP leaflets as a 'bitesize' way to distribute information about the CYPSP, the Regional Sub Groups, Outcomes Groups, Locality Planning Groups, Family Support Hubs and related CYPSP processes. The leaflets effectively condense the content of the CYPSP Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014, which was also circulated.

Ann Godfrey outlined the importance of the attendance lists, which were also circulated, and that the 0% attendance recorded for Paddy Mooney and Carina Boyle would reflect that they could not attend the last meeting as they are new members to the group.

Ann Godfrey also outlined the significant work of the Early Intervention Group, which is conducting a scan of strategies to identify and synchronize any Early Intervention focus, and mapping current Early Intervention services across Northern Ireland.

Feedback from working group on the development of the action plan

Una Lernihan shared a recent draft of the action plan, noting the very early stage of development. Discussion ensued that involved initial feedback from group members and clarity on a number of issues:

- The importance on focussing on a few indicators that are multi agency in nature. This will reflect the group as a mechanism for synchronizing the ongoing work in other groups rather than duplicating such work.
- The remit of the group to include, not just LAC children and young people but those that are 16+ and homeless. Because of the status of LAC and 16+ homeless, the

remit of the group is not to prevent such a status but to effectively manage the specific issues that arise.

- The action plan should also emphasize a rights based approach and the importance of qualitative information alongside key indicators.

The next stage of development is a workshop of available group members to be held on the morning of November 16th 2012- location to be determined.

Children's Services Framework Standards

Una Turbitt fed back progress on the development of the Standards. It was recognised as important to make them as concise as possible and avoid duplication. It is also important to reflect the ongoing work of this group, linking the two, and to reflect the input of children and young people.

Any Other Business

Tony Rodgers took the opportunity to recognise and the contribution of Ann Godfrey to Children's Services Planning, as this was her last meeting. Tony Rodgers said Ann Godfrey had been a tenacious and determined champion of children and young people and without her contribution; there were many things that would not have happened. The group followed this acknowledgement with a round of applause.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 4th December 2012 10am, Room 222 Tower Hill