



CYPSP Children, Young People and Offending Sub-Group
Minutes of meeting held on 23rd July 2014
YJA Waring Street, Belfast

Present:

Paula Jack	YJA (Chair)
Orlaith McGibbon	YJA
Anne-Marie McClure	Start 360
Lee Russell	PSNI
Una Magee	Barnardo's
Michael Heaney	YJA
Eithne McIlroy	PBNI
Glen Thomas	BCC
Tony Byrne	YJA (Notes)
Colm Walsh	Extern
Angela Devlin	Extern
Elaine McConnell	DoJ CSU
Mirjam Bader	Mindwise
Sharon Beattie	SBNI
Stewart Finn	Include Youth
Una Magee	Barnardo's
Maurice Lesson	CYPSP
Michele Janes	HSCB

Apologies:

Mark Dennison	PSNI
Tony Martin	NIACRO
Alison Allen	BCC
Alex Barr	WELB
John Duffy	Health & Social Care Board

The meeting commenced with a round of introductions, Angela Devlin introduced Colm Walsh as her replacement on the group as she is retiring, Paula thanked Angela for her involvement and the group wished her well. Paula gave a brief synopsis of CYPO work to date and links to CYPSP. Paula pointed out that there is a wealth of information available on the CYPSP website, Maurice indicated the site will be updated next week. The update will include a 'closed area' on the website which will facilitate the sharing of pre

meeting papers and other information for CYPSP group and subgroup members. The Action Plan will be accessible there and will be circulated to the CYPO group when available.

The OFMDFM Delivering Social Change Strategy was discussed, this is being reviewed in light of consultation responses; further consultation, scoping of stake holders and planning is to take place over the next two years during which time the 10 Children's Plan will continue.

Declaration of Conflict of Interests:

None declared

1. Minutes of previous meeting – 1st May 2014

Agreed.

2. Matters arising

2.1 None

3. Early Intervention Transformation Programme. Presentation by Michele Janes - HSCB

3.1 The Early Intervention Transformation Programme is part of the Delivering Social Change Strategy and is comprised of three work streams:-

1. Universal services
2. Family Support. e.g. Family Hubs, Parenting Programmes.
3. Positively impact the influence of adversity

The programme has £35 million in funding from 5 government departments (£2m per dept) and Atlantic Philanthropies. The Programme was established in response to need, the aim is to work better in shaping and delivering services through coordinated effort to bring about positive change. The Programme is to address five areas.

1. Risky pregnancy, put support in place where the baby is at risk of care. (Sharon mentioned research funded by the PHA and carried out at QUB into domestic violence, which she will forward to Michele)

Action: Sharon to send research to Michele.

2. Intensive Family Support Service
3. Reduce delay in the adoption process to improve outcomes. Reduce delay from current 3 years to 18 months.
4. Edge of Care, Edge of Custody - using evidence to build a model to support families, children and young people to prevent family breakdown. Work to break the cycle of children entering short term care. Reduce the numbers of children and young people entering the criminal justice system and those presenting as homeless.
5. Target young people in/leaving YOC to increase employment potential and teach parenting skills.

The Programme will make resources for teenagers available in systems where they were not available before. There is a need to be responsive and flexible to maintain them in their communities, support will be extended to their families as well.

Education has a huge role to play in identifying children and young people at an early stage so that appropriate support can be provided. Education Welfare Service and the Youth Service also have a role to play.

Consultations have taken place and when services are identified and agreed they will go out to tender. The intention is to pilot in two areas, Enniskillen and Newtownabbey, additional areas were considered but discounted because if the programme was too ambitious then resources would be spread too thin. Enniskillen and Newtownabbey were chosen for a range of issues connected to need. A substantial model of practice will be developed and one of the biggest challenges will be working together.

The group agreed that no one agency, government department or community can achieve the required aims on their own.

Sharon indicated that she would be keen to discuss with Michele how efforts can be coordinated.

Paula mentioned that the YJA is looking at addressing homelessness/lack of accommodation in cases of bail refusal and PACE and asked Michele how that fits with the work she is developing. YJA need to maintain the momentum of this work but it is also necessary to coordinate on these matters.

The group agreed that ongoing work needs to continue while methods of coordination and cooperation are being developed.

Michele informed the group that outcome measures for the Programme are being identified, at least one per department

Further discussion by the groups agreed the importance of sharing information on current practice and other relevant information.

Ann Marie enquired into what involvement voluntary organisations have had in the process so far. Michele indicated that details are available on the OFMDFM website, she also indicated that 'market sounding' will invite interested stakeholders to contribute to shaping the specifications and services. Eithne mentioned that PBNI would be able to contribute to shaping the proposed work in YOC, Kiera Lloyd, DoJ, has the lead in this.

Michele pointed out that due to the fact that the Programme was only agreed by the Executive in June and information related to it has not been widely disseminated.

Michele agreed to provide regular progress updates to the CYPO and the matter will be a standing item on the CYPO agenda.

Action: EITP to be standing item on agenda.

4. Working Group updates

4.1 Education, Training and Employment Working Group

4.1.2 Anne-Marie presented the Education, Training and Employment Working Group final report to the meeting. (Copy attached with email) A copy of this was sent to CYPSP DEL representative, there has been no response to date.

4.1.3 A discussion followed on the importance of EWOs identifying those children and young people with less than 85% school attendance and appropriate support being provided.

4.1.4 Research indicates that 38,000 young people are classified as NEET, work is ongoing to map their location and focus provision accordingly. There are issues around the multi-funders of services and various criteria for referral to schemes for young people NEET.

4.1.5 Information sharing was discussed and it was stressed that when there are serious concerns about a child or young person then information should be shared to prevent harm but otherwise information should only be shared with the knowledge and permission of those concerned and should not be passed to third parties until fresh permission to do so has been obtained. SBNI are developing protocols which Maurice will put on the website when available.

The final report contains suggestions for taking matters forward which will be considered by the CYPSP Group

Action: Maurice agreed to provide a copy of the ETE Report to Community Family Support.

Action: Maurice to put Information Sharing protocols on the website when available.

4.2 Advocacy Services Group

4.2.1 No representative of this group present.

Action: Stewart to approach Koulla for status report and Tony will circulate.

4.3 Transitions Working Group

4.3.1 Michael reported that the work of the group has been completed.

Information related relating to accommodation issues has been forwarded to Deirdre Coyle. Michael said it would be useful to check in from time to time on the issues identified by the working group to assess progress. Work on other matters will continue in other forums e.g. YJA & PBNI working on transition of young people from youth justice system to adult justice system.

4.4 Early Intervention for the prevention of offending Working Group

4.4.1 Maurice circulated a report. (Copy attached with email). CYPSP will be sending a request for information to CYPO members to map services.

Maurice will bring the completed mapping to the next meeting of the CYPO Group.

4.4.2 Maurice encouraged any members whose organisations information is not on the Family Support NI website to register and provide.

Action: CYPO Group members to complete template and return to Maurice.

5. Offending Monitoring Report

5.1 Lee delivered this report which is available on the website and subject to a number of caveats on the use of the information and drawing conclusions from it.

Lee agreed to do another report which would include primary and secondary offences. Michele and Tony (Byrne) are to liaise with Lee on this piece of work.

Action: Lee, Michele and Tony to liaise on producing a new report.

6. UNOCINNI - PBNI database

6.1 Eithne informed the meeting that there is no such database, all referrals are held centrally but not in the form of a database that can be interrogated.

7. Key messages / Summary / Communication Items

7.1 Maurice reiterated the interest and support of the CYPO Group for the EITP and said that relevant information will be put on the website as would summaries of the work by the various work-streams.

Maurice raised the matter of, children of prisoners and CYPO involvement in this area. NIACRO have produced a report on the subject and it was agreed that it would be useful to ask Tony (Martin) to speak to the subject at the next meeting and for members to consider for the next meeting how we can be proactive in this matter.

Action: Tony M to be requested to speak to the subject 'Children of Prisoners'.

Action: Group members to consider how CYPO can be proactive in the matter of 'Children of Prisoners'

8. AOB

8.1 Safe guarding - Children at risk from paramilitary exploitation and child sexual exploitation there is some evidence of this happening. Paula and Sharon are to discuss before the next meeting -

Action: Paula and Sharon to discuss prior to next meeting.

Action: Agenda Item for next meeting

8.2 The following item was identified at the 1st May meeting as an item for discussion at the 23rd July meeting but was omitted from the agenda: -

All group members to consider possible ways to help prevent sectarian related offending.

Action - Agenda item for next meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

******* End Oct, 10.30am, YJA 4th Floor Board Room.**

To be emailed with these minutes



CYPO EI Subgroup
Position Paper.doc



Service Profile Tool
Template.docx



Final ETE Working
Group Summary Repr