

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**Think Family Sub Group**

**22/07/2013**

<b>Present:</b>	Mary Donaghy (Chair)	HSCB
	Amber McLoughlin	NHST
	David Babington	Action Mental Health
	Kevin Morton	SHST
	Angela Rodgers	NI Cancer Fund for Children
	Marie Gratton	Cause
	Margaret Burke	SBNI
	Liz Bannon	BHST
	Carol Diffin	BHST
	Hazel Quinn	SHST
	Carina Boyle	Action for Children
	Pat Druse	SHST
<b>In attendance:</b>	Maurice Leeson	Children Services Planning, HSCB
	Andrew Hawthorne	Children Services Planning, HSCB
<b>CC:</b>	David Douglas	SHST
	Phil Hughes	NHST
	John Fenton	NHST
	Amanda McFadden	WHST
	Don Bradley	SEHST
	Leslie Walker	BHST

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Following minor amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Membership**

The group discussed whether it was necessary to expand the current membership. It was agreed that links with relevant organisations had been made.

## **Action Plan**

The group discussed each of the planned actions in turn as below:

### ***Communication and information sharing between families and professionals***

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***Early intervention; timely responses and accessible support tailored to meeting family needs***

*Ensure AMH & Addictions are represented on family support hubs*

*Increase awareness within adult mental health (voluntary, community and statutory) regarding referral process for family support hubs and uptake of usage*

Trusts are to decide on best person to join Family Support Hubs

**Action:**

- **Maurice to progress in Belfast on behalf of Carol**
- **Amber informed that progressing in Northern**
- **Kevin and Hazel to progress in Southern**
- **Already existing in South Eastern**
- **Mary to speak to Amanda in West and Maurice to speak to Pat Armstrong**
- **Adult Mental Health Peer Group (community and voluntary organisations) to meet to discuss a potential representative**
- **Maurice to talk to Family Support Hubs re involvement of adult mental health**
  
- **Adult Mental Health Peer Group (community and voluntary organisations) meeting to discuss and quality assure the list of adult mental health organisations**
- **Mary holding ongoing discussions with Hidden Harm**
- **Noted as everyone's responsibility to raise awareness of Family Support Hubs**



