

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING
LARNE LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY
2015 AT 10.00AM IN SIR THOMAS DIXON BUILDINGS, LARNE**

PRESENT:	David McAllister	<i>Larne Borough Council</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Liz Brown	<i>NICMA</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Shirley Clarke	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Karen Graham	<i>YMCA</i>
	Ian McKenzie	<i>Pregnancy Resource</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Yury Fleming	<i>NEELB (SAM Coordinator)</i>
	Thomas Archibald	<i>Dunlewey</i>
	Tamara Davidson	<i>Dunlewey</i>
	Scott Oslon	<i>Dunlewey</i>
	Deborah Neill	<i>LCDP</i>
	Maureen Morrow	<i>Glenlough Community Centre</i>

APOLOGIES:	Leigh Whittley	<i>NEELB</i>
	Gail Jackson	<i>NHSCT – Health Visiting</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Selena welcomed the group to the meeting and a round of introductions took place. It was noted the late arrival of members and future meetings have been changed to begin at 10.30am from now on.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Tuesday 4th November 2014.**

MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

UPDATE – BELIEVE IN YOUTH

Maurice noted at the last meeting a number of potential engagements in Larne were identified. Three groups Maurice is targeting are in The YMCA, Town Centre and an Outreach will be carried out in pubs. Maurice has commenced engagement in two of these areas. Maurice noted the Think Drink website is now up and running. There is a self-assessment questionnaire on this website and information on all the projects.

Maurice plans to visit the pubs in the Larne area over the next few weeks. Started 1st of 3 programmes in YMCA in December and this programme will continue to run every Friday night. Peer Educators Scott and Kirsty are delivering this programme. Feedback from this programme has been positive with on average 12 young people attending each night.

Progress has been made with the outreach programme. Maurice noted he will link with David regarding this.

Maurice will provide Think Drink resources at the next meeting for members to use.

Action: Maurice

RELAX AND CHILLAX – UPDATE

Selena provided background information to the Relax and Chillax Initiative which was launched in Larne High School on 24th September 2014. This is led by YMCA and takes place at lunch time every

Wednesday from 12.50pm – 1.30pm. Ian is the key worker and attends Relax and Chillax each week. Feedback from Ian is the space works well. Young people are coming and using this and would have 25 pupils every lunch time. The space is informal and organisations are attending each week to provide information to those attending.

Relationships are getting built up and more issues from the young people are being shared which is encouraging. Ian noted the relationship with Larne High School could be improved. A meeting was suggested to take place with Cheryl, Karen, Ian and Selena. Selena will coordinate this meeting.

Action: Selena

Relax and Chillax will be continuing with the first week on Wednesday 28th January 2015. A rota with members to attend each week will be circulated. Gemma will be recruiting organisations to attend each week and this will also be circulated. Ian noted to make organisations aware it's very informal and they have to go and talk / engage with the young people.

Action: Gemma

HEALTH FAIR PLAN

Selena noted a small subgroup will meet to discuss this and move forward. Members were asked if they would like involved in this. The subgroup will meet in February and members are Liz, Maureen, Selena and Sandra. A date was agreed for Thursday 5th February at 2pm in Carnlough Community Centre.

Sandra provided information on engagement being carried out with 0-4 to identify what is needed for parents in rural areas. Questionnaires were being given to parents for completion and Sandra has linked with Gail Jackson. At last meeting Gail had noted she would try and get questionnaires completed. Sandra suggested to go to the families and noted she will visit families over the next 2 weeks in Carnlough and Glenarm. Sandra will link with Maureen regarding the families to visit and will provide feedback at the next meeting.

LARNE/CARRICKFERGUS HUB – UPDATE

Selena met with Clare McKay to try and establish better links between the locality group and hubs. Clare or a colleague hopes to attend future meetings to feedback themes of referrals being received.

ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

At the last meeting resilience courses for young people was discussed. Gemma tried to identify some courses and found there were not a lot of these courses being delivered. Maurice noted he will try and get some information on these courses.

Action: Maurice

Selena distributed the action plan for members to review and make clear actions. Discussions took place regarding Mental & Emotional Well-Being Services, Child-Minding and Community Relations.

Actions discussed:

- Invite Citizens Advice Bureau to present to the group.
- Promote the importance of registered child-minders. NICMA have postcards to give to Health Visitors for all mums.
- Get involved in the Community Planning group. This group will be set up and will be looking for members to be involved. Jackie Patton in Ballymena is the contact regarding this.
- Invite Leigh Whittlely to March meeting to share information.

Selena agreed to update the action plan with new actions discussed at today's meeting and circulate to members.

Action: Selena

UPDATE FROM MEMBERS

Employers for Childcare

Information was provided on Employers for Childcare and the service that is offered. This is an approved home childcare service which is

flexible and tailored to the family's individual needs. Child-minders are constantly being recruited to keep up with the demand for this service. Have childminders who are trained and specialise in looking after children with disabilities. For more information contact 0800 206 1488 or visit www.employersforchildcare.org

Karen Graham - YMCA

Karen noted a member of staff will be starting next week. This should increase capacity for YMCA.

David McAllister – Larne Borough Council

David continues to work on the Pilot Project. PCSP are organising a play on Monday 26th January called 'Popping Candy' which will focus on legal highs. This is a free event and will specifically target young people aged 14 and above. If anyone has a group in mind transport may be available if anyone has travel issues. David can be contacted if anyone is experiencing difficulties in providing transport.

Deborah Neill – LCDP

Deborah noted LCDP have applied for another years funding and are waiting to hear the outcome of this.

Yury Fleming - NEELB

Yury provided information on a project starting in a Secondary School and Strengthening Families. Strengthening Families was due to start next week however this will now be the week after. So far 4 or 5 referrals have been received for this programme. Yury noted anyone can refer into the programme.

Liz Brown – NICMA

Training programmes are available for all child-minders and are on the NICMA website. New app can be downloaded were training can be completed through and this is a good alternative. This app is free and available to download.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Asda, Larne

An information stand has been secured in Asda, Larne on Saturday 21st February from 10am – 4pm. This was booked to promote services available to families in Larne as families were not aware of the services available locally for them.

The Family Support database will be invited to have a stand with info on the day. This will also be a good opportunity for organisations to come with information / leaflets to promote services to a large audience. Gemma will circulate info regarding this and members are encouraged to attend on the day.

Action: Gemma

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3rd March 2015** at **10.30am** in **Conference Room Town Hall, Larne.**

Please note start time for future meetings will be 10.30am.