

Minutes
Armagh Locality Planning Group
Thursday 14th May 2015 at 10am
Amma Centre, Armagh

<p>Facilitator: Annie Clarke (CYPSP Locality Development Officer)</p> <p>Chairperson: Ciara Burke (Closing the Gap, ACBCBC & MUDC)</p> <p>Attendees: Barry McKee (West Armagh Consortium) Diane Glasgow (Early Years – The Organisation for Young Children) Melissa Warnock (Cedar Foundation) Jacqueline Connolly (Community Development - SHSCT) Joanne McCourt (Belfast Central Mission) Margarita O'Donnell (ACBCBC) Mia Murray (Arke Sure Start) Nuala Haughey (CYPSP) Pat McGeough (Barnardo's YPP) Patrice Henderson (Cedar Foundation) Ruth Briggs (Home-Start Armagh & Dungannon)</p>	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Barbara Chapman (Education Welfare Officer) Barry Devlin (Armagh Careers Office) Blaine McCartney (Barnardo's) Colleen O'Hare (ATSG) Eileen Murphy (Women's Aid Armagh-Down) Geraldine Donnelly (Team Leader - Safe and Well Project) Jacqueline Reid (Early Years – The Organisation for Young Children) Kat Beirne (Simon Community) Michelle Grant (NICMA) Ronan Garvey (CAPS) Rosie Carey (EANI) Tracey McVerry (Downs Xtra)</p>
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1.0	<p>WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>Ciara welcomed the group to today's meeting and attendees provided a round of introductions.</p>	Members signed in
2.0	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>A list of apologies were read out (please see list above)</p>	
3.0	<p>PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>Minutes from the previous meeting held on 5th March at the Amma Centre were passed except for one amendment which was flagged up by Patrice at Cedar Foundation.</p> <p>Query around Child Protection Training was raised. It was mentioned that Volunteer Now and the Health Trust provide such training.</p>	<p>Nuala to amend minutes according to Patrice's request.</p> <p>Nuala to check with Children in Northern Ireland if CP training can be provided for</p>

	<p>Ciara welcomed representatives from West Armagh Consortium to the CYPSP meeting and acknowledged the important links between the local community groups and communication between CYPSP and the community. Members discussed the possibility of evening meetings to try and accommodate community representatives; however, it was felt that morning meetings would suit best as many of the community meetings are held in the evening. Possibility to review this as required.</p> <p>The membership list was mentioned and members were encouraged to send their details to Nuala at their earliest convenience if they had not already done so.</p>	<p>community workers.</p> <p>Attendees to send their service details/contact details to Nuala (Nuala.haughey@hscni.net); Nuala to update Member Organisation List and circulate to LPG.</p>
4.0	<p>Guest Speaker - Margarita O'Donnell (Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator, FACT Project - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council)</p> <p>FACT – Families and Communities Together Project; reaching out to families with children 0-12 years (and grandparents); £700,000 – 5 year project. Help to overcome difficulties and challenges within families. Only voluntary and community organisations can apply to the Big Lottery for this funding. The FACT is being led by West Armagh Consortium, with partners from the Lisanally and Alexander Project, Armagh Travellers Support Group and West Armagh Consortium, Council and SHSCT. The FACT project has been in development for approximately one year. It is steadily building up a picture of what families need within the area. Working with schools to gain parental involvement. The aspects of the project include: Community home-based support; help for those in poverty; working relationship - bringing people together culturally; BME community issues. The main costs are staff and overhead costs. This is the same pot of money that CIP and SPACE applied for. “Fact” are currently at Stage II of the process and are awaiting feedback from the Big Lottery. Important to show evidence of partnership working and that the area in need is an area of deprivation when applying for funding from the Big Lottery. Schools engaged in the process which will be beneficial regardless of the outcome of the application.</p> <p>Guest Speaker - Diane Glasgow (Community and Health Coordinator (CAWT), Early Years - the organisation for young children)</p> <p>Community Family Health Initiative funded by the PHA. Trying to tackle obesity and promote physical and emotional well-being. Diane expressed an interest in finding out if there are other areas within Armagh which would benefit from this initiative. This programme has been running for 4 years. There is a Dietician in attendance who tracks the child's weight over the course of the programme (new Dietician recently appointed). There is certain criteria for registering for the programme however it is not strict. The initiative aims to encourage healthy living and to provide a fun time for the children as BMI element deterred some people from attending previous programmes. Some possible schools which Diane could contact were suggested by the group - St Francis of Assisi, Keady; Mount St Catherine's; Our Lady's and St Mochua's, Derrynoose. There was a discussion around Keady being out-with the Sure Start area and it is the surrounding areas that are where the young families are based. Three programmes per quarter is the usual pattern. Preventative programme and management programme can be offered within a quarter. Mia from Sure Start suggested that the summer time is a good time to promote the initiative – through Summer Schemes. LA Project has a Summer Scheme every year.</p>	<p>Diane to send Nuala the referral form and any other information (leaflets) regarding the Family Health Initiative and Nuala to circulate to the group.</p>

5.0	<p>Action Plan – Taking this forward</p> <p>Annie explained the situation that older action plans and previous minutes have not matched up. Annie then put forward her idea of the group proposing three priorities to work on over the next 12 months. A progress report would be used regularly to keep the group focused, to help with progress of an objective, and to ensure that everyone has a part to play in working towards the objective in question. There would be one progress report for each objective. The action plan, therefore, would only be reviewed once a year. It is important that the group forward their top three priorities on 10th June or before this date in order for the work to be collated and, at the next meeting, it can be decided which three priorities will be taken forward by the group.</p> <p>Ciara suggested that “Resources” might be a good column to include within the progress report.</p> <p>Discussion was had around the wards and there being no clear definition of what areas to include. At CYPSP, we are working off the old wards list, however, it is hoped that this will be updated soon.</p> <p>Stats have shown a rise in the BME community within Armagh. Many referrals are presenting with behavioural support but the family need to show evidence of housing issues when they are making a referral to STEP.</p> <p>Domestic violence – on the increase. However, figures are only based on those incidents that are reported.</p>	<p>All members are asked to consider the top three priorities that they are aware of within their service and to send them to Annie by Wednesday 10th June (annie.clarke@hscni.net)</p> <p>Action plan and draft progress reports will be circulated to the group to help with this exercise.</p> <p>Annie to arrange a map to show the current ward areas which we cover.</p>
6.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>CYPSP Planning Cycle for 2015-2018:</p> <p>A consultation document is expected to be circulated in June/July time for consultation (it still has to go to the regional partnership for sign off first). Members will be informed when this is available and are asked to consider. Feedback from the group is welcome. Ciara highlighted that whilst we are awaiting the consultation document, by developing our local action plan this should help inform responses to the consultation from a grass roots perspective.</p> <p>EITP (Early Intervention Transformation Programme):</p> <p>Ciara highlighted that from a recent Southern Outcomes Meeting, reservations had been expressed in relation to the decisions to move forward with the EITP model, resulting in the service being delivered in Craigavon & Banbridge locality. Acknowledgements were expressed in relation to the unclear timeframes, however it was envisaged that this will progress quickly, if not already. Discussions held in relation to a recent tender advertised and CYPSP were to revert with clarity in regards to the tender advertised.</p> <p>BME focus across Southern Area</p> <p>Ciara highlighted that each of the CYPSP areas selected a targeted theme to address in their areas and across the Southern area, the focus was BME. Further to this Ciara updated the group that CIP were unsuccessful in their funding application to the Big Lottery under the Family Support Programme and noted that the Big Lottery felt their application focused on Community Development too much.</p> <p>Members furthered that it has been anticipated that CIP would align itself and services with the new council structures but given this funding decision this may delay such services through CIP being available and resourced in the Armagh</p> 	<p>Nuala to circulate the consultation document to the LPG once received</p> <p>Annie to look into the possibility of a public tender recently advertised and to seek clarity if this was EITP for Southern Area?</p>

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7.0	<p>Member Agency Update</p> <p>Pat McGeough - Barnardo's YPP: The core work which Pat is involved in is the Young People's Partnership – the role of which hasn't changed. As Chair of the Family Support Hub (FSH), Pat commented that this is progressing well with 15 referrals per month (approx.). The referrals come from a range of sources and there has been an increase in referrals from schools.</p> <p>Mia Murray – Sure Start: Baby Fayre taking place at present in the City Hotel. Newsletter to go out soon.</p> <p>Jacqueline Connolly – Community Development (SHSCT): reflected on the Keady area and the work that she is involved in here and the high percentage of people from the BME community who reside in Keady. BME families tend not to engage with Sure Start. Spoke about the International Deaf Forum which will be supported by SVP. Next meeting with SVP group – 20th May.</p> <p>Ruth Briggs – Home-Start: Recent referrals include parents who have issues with drugs and alcohol misuse; single dads being solely responsible for the children. A lot of families in need within the Keady area. Referrals can come from health visitors or they may be self-referrals. 9 out of 10 families will go with Home-Start than with an alternative charity. A volunteer will be assessed and matched up with a family according to their attributes, skills and qualities. BME volunteers would be ideal for the need that is currently present among families. For families within the travelling community, it is difficult for an outsider to be allowed entry. Suggestions of contacts were made to Ruth who might possibly help with breaking down the barrier in this situation.</p> <p>Melissa Warnock – Cedar Foundation: limited activities available within Armagh area for young people with disabilities (8-11 years old). The use of local transport is important so therefore the activities need to be located within Armagh or quite close to the city.</p> <p>Patrice Henderson – Cedar Foundation: Patrice works with Young People 0 – 18 years of age with a sensory or physical disability or a diagnosis of ASD; Patrice works across the Southern Trust area. It is pertinent that people are not travelling too far beyond their local area. Patrice works in partnership with Oasis Youth Club and would like to tie in with a Summer Scheme. Small number of people from groups within Armagh attending the 6-week programme – “Happy head, healthy heart”. Through ESF funding, there are 3 new posts available (within Armagh and Dungannon, Banbridge and Craigavon, and Newry) to work with 18-30 year olds with learning disabilities. Jacqueline mentioned “Don't Box Me In” - a multi-media production, which included drama, art and animation to highlight the issues young people with disabilities experience when they move from childhood to adulthood.</p> <p>Barry McKee - West Armagh Consortium: The work being done on Armagh Community Resource Centre is still in progress (3 years in). This used to be the old parochial hall. This will act as an extension to the Cathedral Road venue where there is currently an overflow of requests to rent out the centre. Barry's work involves an on-going programme incorporating Men's Shed, Spring and West Armagh Consortium (WAC). The WAC achieved charitable status and is licenced</p>	<p>Nuala to send her email address to Mia for inclusion on the newsletter mailing list.</p>

	<p>with Access NI. They have a website up and running. There will be a summer camp which is free of charge taking place soon. This will include trips to the Planetarium, etc. There is a community festival which runs throughout August. And, a breakfast club for pensioners is hosted at the Community House, Mullacreevie. There is also a small library available. WAC work closely with the SPRING Project.</p> <p>Margarita McDonnell – ACBCBC: Neighbourhood renewal – extended for one year. The community houses need to be used.</p> <p>Joanne McCourt - Belfast Central Mission: Parent Support Service – 11 on the waiting list. Joanne has been advising Health Visitors to send a referral to the Family support Hub as the family in need might receive assistance sooner.</p> <p>Diane Glasgow - Early Years (The Organisation for Young Children): announced that The International Conference and AGM 2015 organised by Early Years – the organisation for young children and hosted by the Belfast Branch will be held on Thursday 4 and Friday 5 June 2015 in the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Shaw's Bridge, Belfast.</p> <p>Ciara Burke - Closing the Gap (ACBCBC & MUDC):</p> <p>Ciara outlined that The Public Health Agency in Partnership with the Southern Health and Social Care Trust and the Protect Life C&V Forum and The CLEAR Project are holding an event on 25th June (10am-1pm) in Lough Neagh Discovery Centre to help showcase projects that have been successful in securing a Mental Health Small Grant in the Southern Area in 2014/2015. This event will provide an opportunity to celebrate achievements and share learning on how the 5 Ways to Wellbeing have been used to improve mental health and emotional wellbeing of participants involved in the wide range of projects funded. The CLEAR Project will also be in attendance to share information on this year's Public Health Agency Mental Health Small Grants programme and groups will have the opportunity to ask questions about the application process.</p> <p>An event is scheduled to promote awareness around legal highs and Ciara will onward circulate for members benefit.</p> <p>In addition, Closing the Gap are developing their locality action plans and are awaiting a decision from the PHA in relation to programme costs for delivery of holistic programmes in the Armagh area.</p>	<p>Ciara to send information to Nuala regarding legal highs and this is to be circulated to the group.</p>
8.0	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting for the Armagh Locality Planning Group will be held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Thursday 2nd July at 10am in the Amma Centre, Armagh.</i> <p>The details for the rest of the year's meetings are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Thursday 17th September at 10am in the Amma Centre, Armagh</i> - <i>Thursday 5th November at 10am in the Amma Centre, Armagh</i> <p>Thank you for attending and for your contribution</p>	