

South Armagh Children's Services Planning

Tuesday 21st April 2015

Mullaghbawn Community Centre

<p>Facilitator: Annie Clarke (CYPSP)</p> <p>Attendees: Lorraine O'Reilly (NMDDC - Health Inequalities) Martina Flynn (SHSCT) Nuala Haughey (CYPSP) Stephanie Armstrong (Home-Start Newry & Mourne)</p>	<p>Apologies: Aisling Rennick (NMDDC) Catherine Lynch (NMDDC) Conor McArdle (Sure Start) Thelma Donnan (Early Years) Una Walsh (WFHI)</p>
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1.0	<p>Welcome and Introductions Annie welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The members introduced themselves.</p>	Members were asked to sign in.
2.0	<p>Apologies Apologies were noted. It was said that the numbers within this LPG have dropped significantly over time and it would be great to reinvigorate the group.</p>	
3.0	<p>Previous minutes The previous minutes were not available (18th November 2014).</p>	Nuala to check with Una Walsh again if she has a copy of the minutes.
4.0	<p>Emerging needs in South Armagh area – Stakeholder Event It was commented that the needs in the area are still the same even with all the changes across the community groups. Cyber-bullying is an on-going issue – sometimes workshops might act more as a “sticking plaster” than actually preventing any problems. Perhaps an intervention could be introduced to help build upon a child's resilience and confidence in order for them to be aware of what they should do within a potential cyber-bullying situation. It was agreed that South Armagh area is a very widely spread out area with a variety of needs. There is poor representation of schools within the South Armagh LPG. The question of how can we encourage them to attend the LPG Meetings was proposed. Planning permission in the Mullaghbawn area was turned down which was greatly disappointing as it was hoped that there would have been facilities</p>	Nuala to circulate the emerging needs that were gathered from the Stakeholder Event to the group.

	made available for young people such as an all-weather pitch. It was reported that there is very little for young people to do within this area and they have to travel to Newry to avail of certain activities.	
5.0	<p>Action Plan – Taking this forward</p> <p>Annie explained the idea of using a progress report to help keep a tighter focus on the key objectives for the group and everyone would have a role to play in working towards the group’s goals. The attendees were in agreement of this new approach. At the upcoming June meeting, the main objectives will be discussed and they will be narrowed down to a possible 4. If the progress report is used continuously, then the Action Plan would only be updated annually. One possible focus could be the availability of resources for young people; transportation is also a huge issue.</p> <p>Lorraine (NMDDC) reported that the emerging needs that are discussed within this group can be fed back to the Council and these will influence their own action plan.</p> <p>It was suggested that an application be put in for Big Lottery Funding and that this could be a focus for the group.</p>	<p>Annie to send out sample progress report and group members to feedback their views on this and what the objectives should be from their perspective.</p>
6.0	<p>Member agency update</p> <p>It was agreed that a membership list would be drawn up and circulated to the group to complete. This way, we could be certain of who would like to be involved within the group and possibly who is missing from the group.</p> <p>Partnership working was discussed briefly giving the example of Home-Start and Sure-Start linking in together to help young mums with healthy eating for the family and this would feed into issues around obesity and dental care, etc.</p>	<p>Nuala to look into getting a representative from the housing executive on board as well as enquire about Sinead Houston’s membership (Newry and Mourne Young Carers). Nuala to circulate the membership list to the group to be completed and then collated.</p>
7.0	A.O.B.	Nuala to send out the dates of the future LPG meetings.
8.0	<p>Thank you for attending and contributing to this meeting.</p> <p><u>Next meeting: Tuesday 23rd June at 10.00 am at Mullaghbawn Community Centre</u></p>	