

**South Armagh Locality Planning Group
Tuesday, 23 June 2015
Tí Chulainn Centre, Mullaghbawn**

Attendees:

- Catherine Lynch (Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC) – Home Safety)
- Giuseppina Siriu (Belong)
- Jacqueline Reid (Early Years - Early Years Development Worker)
- Lorraine O'Reilly (NMDDC - Health Improvement Worker (Inequalities), Environment Health)
- Rachel Long (NIACRO Caps Project; Family Support Hub Banbridge and Craigavon – Hub Host)
- Rosie Carey (Education Authority NI – Youth Service)
- Stephanie Armstrong (Home-Start Newry & Mourne)

Facilitator: Annie Clarke (CYPSP – Locality Development Officer)

Minute Taker: Nuala Haughey (CYPSP – Administrator)

Apologies:

- Aisling Rennick (NMDDC - Investing for Health Officer)
- Lesa Johnston (Newry Gateway Team - Senior Social Worker)
- Sinead Houston (Newry and Mourne Carers Association – Young Carers Project Manager)
- Thelma Donnan (Early Years -Toybox Project Worker, Armagh)

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<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Annie welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The members introduced themselves.</p>	<p>Members were asked to sign in.</p>
<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>	
<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>The previous minutes were reviewed by the group and everyone agreed that they were satisfactory.</p>	
<p>Action Planning – Identifying and Agreeing Priorities</p> <p>Annie explained the process of prioritising three or four key objectives for the group to take forward over the next 12 month period and how the action plan would be used. The priorities which had been previously sent in by locality group members, and additional priorities emerging from the statistics and the stakeholder event, were on display around the room, together with supporting evidence. Upon the group's agreement, the two separate priorities on bullying (online and general) were merged together.</p> <p>The group spent some time and examining the priorities, the statistics that accompanied them as well as any anecdotal evidence available. Annie flagged up that dental registrations are poor in South Armagh area and this could possibly be considered as a key priority.</p> <p>Comments received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for more education for parents around online safety/apps. 	

- Workshops were undertaken on online safety for parents some time ago – can these be organised again.
- Rachel Long – there are information pack, collated by Nexus (as a way of getting round the difficulty in encouraging parents to attend a workshop) which focus on Facebook and other social media sites. Nexus are also now funded to deliver information sessions with young people. PSNI are delivering an Online Safety Course at Sacred Heart Grammar School tonight (Tuesday, 23 June 2015).
- Belong have trained facilitators who can deliver anti-bullying training.
- Rosie – Lee Kane is an excellent facilitator who delivers workshops for young people.
- Jacqueline – Early Years has a “Media Initiative” for young children.
- Discussion around breast-feeding – you can only educate people but not force them. Stephanie commented that perhaps the way in which mums are educated about breast-feeding could be improved as the current education can sometimes leave mums feeling deflated/down.
- Dental Health – it was decided that the dental priorities be merged together. Discussion around cuts that prevent dentists from going into schools to educate children about the importance of good oral hygiene. Previous tooth fairy events were very successful. It was suggested that information sheets could be distributed to families by community workers; dental students could be brought in to schools to educate children as part of their training.
- Joyriding – Issue in the Crossmaglen area. Rachel suggested that this might be an issue for the PSCP more so than the Locality group.
- Domestic violence – Women’s Aid and their healthy relationships programme; Roots of Empathy – run in schools in Armagh at present by a student social worker and also being delivered to the Armagh Travellers Support Group.
- Home-work club by Belong – bringing migrant children and traveller children together. Confidence has improved among the children; increase in number of BME/Traveller children who enrol for team sports.

Members were asked to choose their top three priorities. A query was raised around the positive image of young people – could it be linked in with the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of young people? It was decided that it was related to how we can create a more positive image of children and young people among the wider community e.g. good news stories, celebrating achievements of local children and young people and therefore should be left as a separate priority.

The four key priorities agreed by the group are as follows:

- **To address bullying however motivated/to increase parents’ and young people’s knowledge on online safety**
- **To promote the emotional, mental and physical well-being of Children and Young People in the Community**
- **To increase dental registrations and to improve dental health of Children and Young People**
- **To promote a positive image of Young People**

Annie suggested that it would be useful to liaise with relevant organisations and agencies with regards to other areas of concern such as domestic violence or crime.

Rachel to send soft copies of the information packs to Nuala/Annie and these can be circulated to the group.

Annie to look at the project undertaken by Sure Start in Murlough (South Eastern HSCT) to increase dental registrations.

Lorraine to send Nuala Volunteer Now’s contact details regarding sending out volunteers to events.

Member Agency Update

- **NMDDC - Health Improvement (Inequalities)** (Lorraine) – working with men at the moment/visiting GP surgeries in Annalong and Kilkeel. Newry High School – Lorraine worked with teachers on the effects of stress and how to manage it better. She has also worked with Donna Sloan on a project that focuses on young mothers (aged 16 years approx.) and they help organise transport to Orana for the mothers to partake in activities/classes. Leisure Centre – Yummy Mummy Project – encouraging getting fit with their kids as well as providing a social outlet for them. A similar project could be rolled out within the South Armagh area.
- **Belong** (Giuseppina) – Children’s Rights Event was very successful; parents’ feedback was excellent; it had a positive impact on the families – they felt that they were part of something. Mainstreaming of Belong – packages are being put together on cultural confidence and competence. These packages will be free and delivered by trained trainers. Homework Club – trying to secure funding in order to continue this. Belong Project is applicable to all families not just BME families.
- **Education Authority NI – Youth Service** (Rosie) – Planning Summer camps and residential events. Camps – Silverbridge and Kingsmills; Youth schemes in Crossmaglen and Forkhill. Part of Rosie’s role is to promote volunteering. Summer schemes – although fun, there is difficulty in getting volunteers to work in the winter months.
- **Home-Start Newry & Mourne** (Stephanie) – her role involves placing volunteers in the homes of families with at least one child under 5 years old. Over the summer, volunteers will be trained up as breast-feeding support workers. Walking group trial for mums taking place today along the tow path with hope that it can be rolled out next summer within the South Armagh area. School Readiness Programme (preparing children for school) – funding application being completed; training the volunteers; this can be introduced next year. Lorraine and Stephanie to link with one another regarding the Breastfeeding project and the Walking Groups.
- **NMDDC Home Safety** (Catherine) – covers a wide remit; delivers home safety for the Mara project four days a week; provides talks on home safety; also works with over 65 year olds.
- **Early Years** (Jacqueline) – moving to a different role next week, but still within the same area and would still like to be part of the South Armagh LPG. Cancer Bus due to go out to the Traveller group in Killeavy from 10am -12 noon on Wednesday, 24 June 2015. There is an information session being organised for the Travelling community and all services are welcome to attend.
- **NIACRO CAPS Project** (Rachel) – works with children at risk of offending; covers Cullyhanna and Crossmaglen areas among others; summer schemes have been organised for those children who are on the NIACRO programme; most of the work is undertaken in primary and secondary schools with the children/young people.
- **Family Support Hub** (Rachel) – A large number of referrals per month. Biggest referral category is children aged 6-11 years with behavioural problems – they may or may not have a diagnosis of ADHD or other similar conditions. If you would like more information please contact Rachel.
- **CYPSP** (Nuala) – Nuala has been in contact with Housing Executive (NIHE)

Rosie to send information on summer schemes for onward circulation

Nuala to liaise with Jacqueline re: Information Session

Nuala to circulate FSH information leaflet.

Nuala to follow up with NIHE.

