

## Craigavon Locality Planning Group

Brownlow Community Hub, Craigavon

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 10am

Attendees	Apologies
Diane Clarke (ABC Council) - Chair	Cathy McAdam (SHSCT)
Tanya Hamilton (Toybox Project – Early Years)	Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craigavon)
Colette Murray (EA Youth Service)	Patrick Kelly (Belong)
Frances Haughey (Craigavon Borough Council)	Wanda Rea (ABC Council)
Tim Strain (Youth Justice Agency)	Karen Moore (Care in Crisis)
Annie Clarke (CYPSP)	Tina McVeigh (DELTA Parenting)
Nuala Haughey (CYPSP)	
Sinead Doherty (NIACRO - CAPS Project)	
Trevor McDaid (React Ltd)	
Rachael Power (Simon Community)	

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<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diane welcomed and thanked everyone for attending, in particular, Rachael Power, as this was her first meeting with the Craigavon group. Attendees introduced themselves.</li> </ul>	
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of apologies were noted.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Previous Minutes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes were agreed.</li> <li>• It was noted that child exploitation awareness training and other training is to be organised for the group.</li> </ul>	<p>Nuala to re-send the Child Exploitation awareness training email to Diane and Annie.</p> <p>Diane and Annie to draft a list of potential training sessions for members.</p>
<p><b>Action Plan – Taking this Forward</b></p>	<p>Annie reiterated the plan proposed at the last next meeting; which was that the group would negotiate and agree on 3 - 4 key priorities that can be taken forward over the next 12 months. These key priorities would form the basis of the Action Plan.</p> <p>The priorities, sent through from members of the group together with the key issues that were raised at the Craigavon Stakeholder Event last year were posted up around the room and members were invited to examine them. Annie explained that the tables on display (“performance profile”) look at how indicators have progressed since 2008. The graphs focus on one particular year (usually the latest year for the statistics available).</p> <p>The priorities chosen by the group are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Keeping Safe: Addressing issues impacting young people including Legal Highs, Trafficking, Drugs and Alcohol, Cyber Bullying</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Promote Cultural Awareness</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Improve Educational Attendance Rates and Educational Achievements</b></li> </ul> <p>It was noted that awareness-raising around other issues can still take place but that the above priorities would be the main focus over the coming months.</p>	<p>The statistical booklet which was compiled by Annie and was used in the planning meeting today will be circulated to the group.</p> <p>Online safety workshops – Annie/Nuala to look into for next meeting.</p> <p>Annie to research any trends that are evident on the child protection register as regards school attendance rates.</p>

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	<p>Draft progress report will be completed for the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Discussion around the priorities:</b></p> <p><i>Childhood trauma</i> stood out to Sinead (Caps) as being a significant issue of concern. Colette (EA) commented that the issue of <i>legal highs</i> was very specific; she suggested that <i>drugs and alcohol</i> might be a better focus. Trevor suggested that <i>FASA</i> would be a good contact to have re: drugs. Colette also commented that <i>child sexual exploitation/trafficking</i> is a huge problem in the area. It was suggested that Mel Wiggins from <i>Freedom Acts</i> be invited on to the group – Mel offers workshops in the areas of sexual exploitation. Anita Firth is a colleague. They may also be able to deliver workshops around <i>disability and cyber bullying</i>. It may be a good idea also to have a <i>Barnardo's</i> representative onboard. Tim Strain expressed the thought that <i>family support</i> ties in with <i>mental health of young people</i>. There was a discussion around the <i>impact of addictions</i> within the family on the young person – such as their attendance at school, poverty, and trauma.</p> <p>It was agreed that cyber bullying, sexual exploitation, addiction, drugs and alcohol and legal highs be merged under one priority – 'Keeping Safe'.</p> <p>Furthermore, <i>access to services</i> was a topic of discussion whereby some families may not be aware of the services available to them or how to access them. Annie Clarke mentioned the idea of <i>information road shows</i> that will be taking place in Keady and the rural areas which would help with information distribution. Annie suggested that an <i>information day</i> be organised for the Craigavon area.</p> <p>Discussion around <i>school attendance rates</i> – it was thought that it would be important to explore the reasons behind the young person's non-attendance (role of the EWO) as opposed to immediately taking the parents to court. <i>Smoking</i> – high rates in Church area, and Corcrain.</p>	<p>Annie to prepare draft progress report.</p> <p>Information day around trafficking to be organised.</p> <p>Safeguarding rep to speak with the group – TBA.</p> <p>Invitation to join LPG: Mel/Anita at Freedom Acts; Barnardo's rep.</p> <p>FASA – Nuala/Annie to contact regarding drug issues.</p> <p>Possible information roadshow event TBA.</p>

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	<p><i>Domestic violence</i> – on the rise in every ward and its impact on the young person; domestic violence and its link with cultural differences among BME communities; drugs and alcohol; rural isolation. For some members of the group, the statistics, though shocking, were not unexpected.</p>	
<p><b>Update on Activities/ Member Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>• <b>SELB Youth Service – Colette Murray</b></p> <p>Summer camp - £16,000 grant was applied for and they were successful in their application. They organised recruitment from existing clubs as opposed to an open recruitment. There were 83 applications received but only 60 places available. They under-recruited with regards boys – Colette requested that members encourage more boys to apply. The camp is for 11-17 year olds; it begins on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August; mixed gender; mixed religious backgrounds. On 10<sup>th</sup> August, Lurgan summer camp will be taking place which is for 14+ year olds.</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>Simon Community – Rachael Power</b></p> <p>Rachael promoted the new app which has been created by the Simon Community. It aims to create more awareness about services (covering the whole of Northern Ireland) and is updated every quarter.</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>ABC Council (Health Inequalities) – Frances Haughey</b></p> <p>A key focus of this work is on Men's Health and Frances is keen to find out what else is going on in the area relating to Men's Health.</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>React Ltd - Trevor McDaid</b></p> <p>Cyber bullying programme on Channel 4OD was very insightful.</p> </li> </ul>	<p>Members are to contact Rachael if they would like their service to be added to the app.</p> <p>Members are asked to forward on information regarding Men's activities/ programmes to Frances.</p> <p>Trevor to send link to cyber bullying programme to Nuala for onward circulation.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Toybox – Early Years - Tanya Hamilton</b> Tanya distributed a copy of a letter to the members which informed them about the Toybox Service Design Manual that has been developed and published by Early Years – the organisation for young children. The focus of the manual is to support early years practitioners and agencies to develop effective partnerships with parents so that collaborative relationships are established that will enhance children’s learning, development, and well-being.</li>   <li>• <b>ABC Council – Diane Clarke</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>“Control Alt Delete” drama production:</b> Diane flagged up this drama which might be worthwhile for some of the group members to attend along with their young people/service users.</li> <li>– <b>Summary of Themes raised by CYPSP Parent Reference Groups:</b> This summary provides an initial overview of the key themes raised by parents across Northern Ireland. These issues are important to parents and contain many suggestions about how services could be more responsive in working with families to ensure better outcomes for children in Northern Ireland.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• <b>CYPSP – Annie Clarke</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Training Opportunity:</b> “Interactive mapping system” workshops – members of LPGs were notified of this training. Details will be circulated in due course.</li> <li>– <b>Membership of Locality Planning Group:</b> Annie requested that members have a think about any organisation that should be invited along to sit on the Locality Group.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Tanya to send soft copy of leaflet to Nuala and this is to be circulated (re: Toybox Service Design Manual).</p> <p>Nuala to circulate flyer about <b>Control Alt Delete</b> Drama Production to the group.</p> <p>Nuala to forward document to group.</p> <p>Nuala to forward details of the Interactive mapping system workshops when they have been arranged.</p> <p>Members to update list and suggest potential new members. Rep’s from Freedom Acts and Barnardo’s to be invited on to the Group (as mentioned above).</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>CYPSP Craigavon webpage – Promotion of events/activities:</b> Members were encouraged to forward flyers/info on to Annie/Nuala for promotion on the CYPSP Craigavon webpage.</li> <li>• <b>CYPSP - Nuala Haughey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Music Therapy:</b> Shane Harvey may be able to deliver two music therapy sessions in the Autumn to children/young people with disabilities in the Craigavon area.</li> <li>- <b>Starter packs for the Homeless:</b> The Public Health Agency has asked Council for the Homeless NI, on its behalf, to purchase and distribute 'starter packs' to homeless households who are leaving temporary accommodation, including those making their own arrangements, to take up their own tenancies. The packs include the following items: Duvet, pillow, mugs, towels, cutlery and kettle, etc. Currently, the nearest venue (to the Southern Health area) to pick up these packs is Cookstown. There was a discussion around sourcing a more local collection point for the Craigavon group.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Members to use CYPSP webpage for promotion of activities/events.</p> <p>Nuala to contact Shane re: sessions in the Autumn for the Craigavon group/Members to inform us of any children who would benefit from these workshops.</p> <p>Nuala to look into the situation of starter packs/collection point and send details to the group.</p>
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>The next meeting will be held on:</p> <p><b>Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2015</b></p> <p><b>Time: 10.00am</b></p> <p><b>Venue: Brownlow Community Hub</b></p>	<p>Nuala to inform members of new date for the next meeting in advance.</p>