

**MINUTES OF MOYLE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING**

**TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2015 AT 10.00AM
IN CORRYMEELA, BALLYCASTLE**

Attending:	Brenda McAteer	<i>Early Years Team NHSCT</i>
	Audrey Mullan	<i>Autism NI</i>
	Ann McIntosh	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Clare McKay	<i>NICMA</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Karin Eyben	<i>Corrymeela</i>
	Lorraine Connor	<i>PSNI</i>
	Maureen McCaughan	<i>Homestart</i>
	Michelle Maguire	<i>EA – North Eastern Region</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Veronica McKinley	<i>NACN</i>
	Michelle Scullion	<i>Barnardos</i>
Apologies:	Carriann Rainey	<i>Cedar Foundation</i>
	Janice Armstrong	<i>PHA</i>
	Leanne Abernethy	<i>BREF</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Brenda welcomed everyone to the meeting today and a round of introductions took place.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Tuesday 14th April 2015**.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

AISLINN DELANEY – STEPS TO COPE

Aislinn thanked members for having her at the meeting and provided information regarding the Steps to Cope programme. Aislinn noted this is a regional service funded by Big Lottery Impact of Alcohol Project. Steps 2 Cope works with 11-18 year olds living in NI who are dealing with parental alcohol misuse. Steps to Cope will look at 5 steps when working with young people and this will cover:

- What living with parental alcohol misuse is like for young people
- Information: Learning more about alcohol and alcohol misuse
- How young people cope
- What supports they have
- Where young people can get further support

6-7 sessions are offered to each young person and workers will travel to meet them. Aislinn noted the team is made up with her and 3 social workers. In NI over 40,000 young people are living with substance misuse. There is an interactive website and this is being finalised and the 5 steps will be available online. Young people who wish to use the website will have a login and the website takes their full name. They can use the steps online and workers will have full access to their answers and can act on it due to identified need.

Aislinn provided information on practitioner training. Steps 2 Cope want to train 40 practitioners per year. This is 2 day training for anyone engaging with young people and is delivered free of charge. They also want to complete training for trainers and train 30 trainers to carry out the practitioner training.

Steps 2 Cope held a consultation with young people for the website. This is really exciting for them and it is currently being piloted with young people. Overall outcome is to better protect young people from harm. Steps 2 Cope operate an open referral process and young people can refer themselves. A lot of evening work is completed with young people. All outcomes are monitored with pre and post questionnaires.

Leaflets were distributed with further information on Steps 2 Cope.

AUDREY MULLAN – AUTISM NI

Information was provided on the Autism NI Service and Audrey provided the group with an update on the work delivered by Autism NI to date within the local area. A presentation was given to parents in the area and this put parent in contact with one

another who were in similar situations. Parents also didn't feel as isolated and on their own as a result of this and were signposted to other organisations for support. 12 parents attended this each week for the duration of the programme.

Audrey noted she wants to start a signposting group in Bushmills but was unsuccessful. Donna is the lead in this and Audrey agreed to follow up on the progress. In addition to this, another Parent Time was run in Ballysally, Coleraine and again was very successful. Audrey spoke to parents who have been referred for diagnosis and training will be given to these parents. A parent Time was also delivered in the Glens area. All parents who attended the Parent Time will be given the opportunity to attend training.

'What is Autism' will be running in September / October from 10am – 2pm. This course allows a lot of time to talk and is open for anyone to attend. A training course was run in Ballycastle but only 5 parents attended. Donna will also follow up with a support group for these parents. It is hoped parents will take a lead on this.

A new coordinator has been appointed for a post in Carrick/Newtownabbey. Audrey provided the numbers of young people waiting assessment at present within the Northern Trust. Brenda noted for Selena and Brenda to follow up for support within the area in order to bring people back together.

Action: Brenda / Selena

UPDATE – FAMILY SUPPORT HUBS

It was noted the biggest gap is with the 8-15 years as there is little organisations to refer this age group onto. Feedback regarding the meetings and the outcomes are usually all very good. It was noted however, the person making the referral into the family support hubs does not receive feedback until a great length of time has passed and they are holding on to hear what has happened with that particular referral. They rely on the parent for feedback in most occasions.

MEMBER UPDATES

Maureen McCaughan - Homestart

7 volunteers are finishing a course and are from the Moyle area. Posters were distributed widely in the local areas with information on this.

Audrey Mullan – Autism NI

Audrey noted if anyone has concerns in Rathlin Island to make contact and Autism NI will visit the island. Audrey can be contacted by email: Audrey@autismni.org

Michelle Scullion – Barnardos

Michelle noted she was working with a lot of families and most of these families have now completed. Michelle is now picking up new families as the project is inundated with referrals. A meeting is taking place with funders next week in order to discuss funding for the project.

Telephone: 077 9614 8549 or email: michelle.scullion@barnardos.org.uk

Clare McKay – NICMA

There are a few changes in regard to NICMA Child-minding procedures. Access NI checks have to be done online. Child-minding Inspection reports are also going to be online. A lot of phone calls are coming through in relation to these changes. Free core training will be coming up over the next few months. Child-minders are now going to have an ID number. This has been a while being implemented in Northern Ireland as this is already rolled out in England, Scotland and Wales. Family Support database are updating their lists of child-minders and all child-minders will now be available to view. All details of all child-minders will be published online.

Michelle Maguire – EA NI

Michelle provided information on the education project and 8 adults from Bushmills have completed 8 week Adult training. There were 4 dropouts from people who weren't ready for it. Feedback from the course has been fantastic and group thoroughly enjoyed it. Michelle noted 3 out of the group are very capable of progressing to the OCN training. Michelle has requested the other training the group would like and they will access this.

Anne McIntosh – Health Visiting

Information was given on the Family Nurse Partnership. This is a home visiting programme for first time mums and dads aged 19 or under. A specially trained family nurse visits the young mum regularly until the child is 2 years. Streetwise runs on Tuesdays the Presbyterian Hall. Parent Groups are running and Anne noted the

group in Dervock has been great. A group of 12 parents attend every week. Anne is trying to run another parent group in Ballycastle. Baby massage is starting on Tuesday. Anne is also visiting Rathlin Island every Thursday until the end of July 2015. Anne noted she is keen for Autism NI to come over.

Sandra Anderson – CYPSP

Information was provided on Supporting Siblings workshops. These were organised for young people aged 10+ who have a brother or sister with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). A workshop was delivered in Carrickfergus and Cookstown with the Trust ASD team providing information to those attending.

A Top Tips leaflet was developed to give to young people with information on ASD. These are going to be distributed across the Northern Trust ASD teams as a resource for young people to use. These were also distributed to everyone present to be given to any families.

Karin Eyben – Corrymeela

Karin is currently developing partnerships with different organisations and identifying how Corrymeela could be used. Corrymeela is planning a programme on the 1st weekend in December and Karin is also trying to bring families to events. This programme will be free of charge and Karin is currently trying to work out the referral criteria. Karin agreed to come back with further details when agreed.

Bushmills Transition project is coming to an end and young people are finishing a film. This will be able to be used by Schools in future years. Information was provided on the Education Festival this Saturday 13th June from 11am – 1pm in Dunluce Parish centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lorraine Connor – PCSP

Lorraine noted a complaint in the area regarding a person being verbally abused. There is also reorganising in the structure of PCSP but Lorraine will be remaining as is at this present time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Carer Survey

Brenda noted The Health and Social Care Board are keen to hear from carers who care for a family member, neighbour or friend who needs care and support to help them remain at home. A survey can be completed and information was given. Gemma agreed to forward the link to this survey to all members.

Action: Gemma

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 11th August 2015** at **10.00am** in **The Tilly Molloy Centre, Armoy.**