

Minutes from Banbridge Locality Planning Group Meeting

Thursday, 3 December 2015 at 10am
Star Sure Start, Banbridge

<p>Attendees: Alison Beattie (PCSP, ACBCBC) Andrew Bell (Banbridge High School) Colette Ross (EA - Senior Youth Worker) Kevin Duggan (Star Sure Start) Michaela Murray (Youth Justice Agency) Wendy Shaw (Armagh City, Banbridge, Craigavon Borough Council) Annie Clarke (CYPSP Locality Development Officer)</p>	<p>Apologies: Cathy McAdam (Southern Trust) Donna Neill (Home-Start Banbridge) Dympna Maguire (P.I.P.S. Newry and Mourne) Frances Haughey (Closing the Gap Project: Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council) Karl McCaughey (EANI) Robert Stockley (Armagh City, Banbridge, Craigavon Borough Council) Shirley Wells (CAPS Project Worker) Nuala Haughey (CYPSP Locality Planning Administrator)</p>
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<p>WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS Annie welcomed everyone to the meeting and attendees introduced themselves. Annie thanked Kevin for hosting this meeting.</p>	<p>Members signed in.</p>
<p>APOLOGIES Annie made reference to Banbridge LPG not having a Chair at present as Ryan Donaghey has stepped down. Annie agreed to chair the meeting.</p>	<p>Apologies were noted</p>
<p>PREVIOUS MINUTES There were no amendments to the Minutes.</p>	<p>Minutes were agreed</p>
<p>Draft Action Plan and Evidence of Need Annie circulated the draft Action Plan and Evidence of Need booklet and requested that members consider the Action Plan and to forward comments or amendments to her.</p>	<p>Members to forward Comments to Annie/Nuala no later than Wednesday, 16 December 2015.</p>

<p>Underage Drinking in the Riverside Walk Area</p> <p>Alison raised a number of serious concerns which have arisen in relation to young children taking alcohol and drugs in the Riverside Walk area. With the area being close to the river there is added issues of the safety of these young children. Alison is keen to work in partnership with other organisations to tackle these issues rather than simply moving the issue on to another area.</p> <p>A key theme from the discussion was the need for greater work to be undertaken with parents. A number of members expressed concerns that issues that were previously associated with older children e.g. 15 – 16 year olds, are now presenting in children of a much younger age group, 10 – 12 year olds.</p> <p>Andrew highlighted that schools are also experiencing a greater demand from parents, with some parents presenting at school who are unable to manage their child's behaviour.</p> <p>Kevin raised concerns as to the expensive costs associated with organising Parenting Programmes, which limits the amount of support that can be provided. Queen's University and NCB carried out a survey on parenting programmes and the one of the key findings was that there is no cheap or quick way of providing such programmes. This must be taken into account when funding such programmes.</p> <p>It was stated that in Sweden, it is very normal for parents to attend parenting classes until their child is 15 years old.</p> <p>In summary, members agreed that needs to be a greater focus on developing the skills of parents. Peer support has been shown to create a positive impact. Peer mentors/buddy system is in place in some schools and there is funding for this.</p>	<p>Members are asked to contact Annie or Alison with suggestions or possible activities that could help address these concerns.</p> <p>Annie to liaise with Clare-Anne Magee at Parenting NI</p>
<p>Progress Report</p> <p>An updated Progress Report can be viewed on page 4</p>	
<p>Members Update</p> <p>Youth Justice Agency (Michaela Murray)</p> <p>An Early Intervention Project is available to help provide services for 10-18 year olds, but the Agency is currently looking at allowing younger children (from 8 year old) to participate. The main aim of the project is to try to keep young people out of the Youth Justice System, especially younger siblings of those who have been involved in the youth justice system. The agency can deliver a range of activities, including parenting programmes around the issue of alcohol – this may assist in address the issues raised by Alison. Funding for the Early Intervention Project is available over the next 3 years, with the 1st tranche available until March 2016.</p>	<p>Contact Michaela if you would like more information on this project.</p>

<p>Star Sure Start (Kevin Duggan) Star Sure Start is experiencing a high demand for its services, with waiting lists established for all programmes, including the 2 year olds programme. The Department of Education recently published its Review of Sure Starts across the region and the feedback was very positive. A number of actions were proposed and these are currently being rolled out.</p> <p>CYPSP (Annie Clarke) CYPSP website – Banbridge LPG has its own webpage – group members are encouraged to forward information to us on their service/upcoming events for promotion on the webpage. Annie informed the group that Julie would be returning in January 2016. Annie thanked the members for their support and hard work over the past nine months and wished them all the best for the future.</p>	
<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>Details for the next meeting for the Banbridge Locality Planning Group will be arranged and sent out to members.</p> <p><i>Thank you for attending and for your contribution</i></p>	<p>Annie/Nuala to send out a reminder about the next meeting which will take place in early 2016.</p>

Progress Report

Priority: To address Bullying; however motivated

Action	Lead Responsibility	Progress to date
To undertake a baseline of training/activities that have been delivered to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who were the target audience? - Who provided the training/activity? - What did it cover? 	Locality Group Members Locality Officer	Draft Bullying Survey has been compiled to cover the Southern Trust Area, as five Locality Planning Groups are seeking to address Bullying as one of their Priorities.
To identify what training/knowledge is needed, often there is a misunderstanding among parents as to what is bullying.		
Liaise with the schools/youth clubs/sports organisations regarding experience of bullying and what is needed to address this		
Promote the work of the PCSP's 'Be Safe Stay Safe' Project.	Locality Members Alison Beattie (PCSP)	

Agreed Next Steps

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Priority: Reduce the levels of Children and Young People experiencing Domestic Violence

Action	Lead Responsibility	Progress to date
Raise awareness among Locality Members of Domestic Violence	Eileen (Women's Aid Armagh and Down) Locality Admin Locality Officer	Domestic Violence Awareness session has been organised with Women's Aid Armagh and Down in partnership with the Armagh LPG and Craigavon LPG. The session will be held in Brownlow Community Hub on Monday, 14 December 2015 from 10.00am – 12 noon and lunch will be provided.
Explore opportunities to host a 'Keep Safe' event with contributions from Fiona McCormack (Nexus - New Possibilities Programme), The Rowan (Sexual Assault Referral Centre for NI), ONUS (Safe Place) Women's Aid Armagh and Down (Domestic Violence), PIPS and many more.	Locality Officer Locality Members	Alison and Annie have spoken briefly about this event. There may be a possibility in inviting along guest speakers (Zoe Lodrick, Sexualised Trauma Specialist – will be in the Southern Eastern area in late January 2016 and Dr John Devaney, Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Queen's University Belfast).
Probation Board (funded by PCSP) is undertaking a Scoping Exercise to evidence need for alternative training/support, especially in relation to Foreign National perpetrators of Sexual/Domestic Abuse.		

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Priority: Improve the Mental and Physical Health of Children, Young People and Young Parents

Action	Lead Responsibility	Progress to date
Invite Rachael Long (NIACRO) to provide an overview of the Family Support Hubs and the new Early Intervention Support Service through which people can refer individuals and families for support.	Locality Officer	
Liaise with Young Carer's Group to help identify and support potential young carer's within the area	Locality Admin Locality Officer	
Information event to raise awareness of mental health support and services available to children, young people and young parents	Locality Members Locality Officer	

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Explore opportunities to improve better co-ordination of support services around mental and physical health.	Locality Members

Priority: Inspiring Young People (Increasing Education, Employment and Volunteering Opportunities)

Action	Lead Responsibility	Progress to date
Establish a sub group to organise events and to liaise with Banbridge Enterprise Centre regarding hosting an Employability and Volunteering Fair in early 2016	Locality Officer Locality Admin	
Liaise with CYPSP Information Team re: uploading articles/photographs of children and young people who have made a positive contribution to the local community e.g. sports teams, children volunteering, excelling in music/art/school etc.	LPG Members Locality Officer Locality Admin	This can be promoted through the CYPSP website. Articles would need to be submitted for approval.
Identify potential individuals/teams/groups to be promoted and locality members to draft articles	Locality Members	
Explore opportunities to host a similar event to the YAFTS (Youth And Future Talent Awards) run in the Newry and Mourne Area.	Locality Members Locality Officer	
Promote current activities for young people including Midnight Soccer in Craigavon	Locality Members	
Explore opportunities to evidence need established through this work, for new Peace 4 Funding Programme.	Locality Officer Locality Members	

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