

Minutes
Armagh Locality Planning Group
Thursday, 17 September 2015 at 10am
Amma Centre, Armagh

<p>Chairperson: Mia Murray (ArKe Sure Start)</p> <p>Facilitator: Annie Clarke (CYPSP)</p> <p>Attendees: Barbara Chapman (Education Welfare Service) Teresa Kavanagh (Belfast Central Mission) Rosie Carey (E.A. – Youth Service) Richard Thompson (Armagh Foodbank) Michaela Murray (Youth Justice Agency) Margarita O'Donnell (ACBCBC) Therese Gorman (CYPS – Women's Aid) Lynn Thompson (CYPS – Women's Aid) Rachael Power (Simon Community) Peter Gildea (Mount St Catherine's PS) Julie Ligget (Familyworks, ICSS)</p>	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Stacey Nugent (Cedar Foundation) Joanne McCourt (Belfast Central Mission) Blaine McCarthy (Barnardo's DCYPPP) Geraldine Donnelly (Safe and Well Project) Ruth Briggs (Home-Start Armagh & Dungannon) Pat McGeough (Barnardo's YPP) Nuala Haughey (CYPSP) Colleen O'Hare (ATSG) Tanya Hamilton (Toybox Project)</p>
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<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Mia welcomed the group to today's meeting and attendees provided a round of introductions.</p>	Members signed in
<p>Apologies</p> <p>A list of apologies were read out (please see list above).</p>	
<p>Overview of Armagh Foodbank</p> <p>Mia thanked Richard Thompson for coming along to provide an overview of the newly established Armagh Foodbank.</p> <p>Richard provided a detailed overview of the new Foodbank which was officially opened in July 2015. The Foodbank, which is part of the Trussel Trust's UK-wide foodbank network is based within the Elim Church in Armagh, has over 20 volunteers. Local organisations can register to distribute red foodbank vouchers. These vouchers can then be exchanged for three days of food at the foodbank. There is a limit of three vouchers per family in a given six month period; however extenuating circumstances can be taken into account to increase this. The Foodbank is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10.30am – 12.30pm. An emergency food box can be requested outside of these times. Local churches in Armagh are involved in this, with Elim Church facilitating the service.</p>	<p>For more information or to register with the Foodbank members should contact Richard on 07752680805 or click on the link:</p>

<p>If any organisation would like to register as a referral agency please contact Richard.</p> <p>Mia thanked Richard for his insightful presentation and offered the support of Locality group and its members in promoting the work of the Foodbank in Armagh.</p>	<p><u>Armagh Foodbank</u></p>
<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>Sure Start boundaries – Mia informed the group that the Department of Education were not considering extending the boundaries of the Sure Start areas.</p>	
<p>Draft Action Plan and Evidence of Need</p> <p>Annie provided an overview of the previous meeting whereby attendees were invited to select their top three priorities to be taken forward by the Armagh Locality Group. The priorities that were chosen are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise Awareness of Support Services for Children, Young People and Families (members agreed to reword this priority to better reflect the overall need for greater awareness of the services and support that is available in the area) • Review Membership of the Locality Planning Group • Address Dental Issues through Tooth Fairy Events in partnership with Arke Sure Start <p>These priorities form the basis of the Action Plan. A progress report (see page 4) will be completed at the locality meetings to ensure there is a clear focus on addressing the above priorities. Annie presented the draft Action Plan and Evidence of Need booklet and requested that members consider the Action Plan and to forward comments or amendments to Annie.</p>	<p>Members to forward comments on Draft Action Plan to Annie no later than Monday, 2 November 2015</p>
<p>Priorities – Progress Report</p> <p>An updated Progress Report is included on page 4.</p>	
<p>Member Agency Update</p> <p>EA – Youth Service (Rosie Carey): very busy few months with summer schemes. “Lift Off” Programme which includes 10 OCNs over 2 years (equivalent to a Grade B at GCSE) under way in City of Armagh High School and St Patrick’s High School, Keady. Renovations to Lisnally Youth Centre have been completed. Young Volunteers Programme will offer training over three nights, a placement and registration with Millennium Volunteers. Must be 16 years or older to participate.</p> <p>Women’s Aid Armagh Down (Therese Gorman): based in Armagh 2 days per week. Currently support 8 children with a further 17 children on waiting list. Increase in requests for support from BME community. Keen to promote awareness of the organisation.</p> <p>Simon Community (Rachael Power): running a Chill n’ Spill programme with a school in Newry, Craigavon and Dungannon for year 10 pupils. Simon.app has just been launched and will be updated on a quarterly basis. If you would like to include your local services on the app please contact Rachael.</p> <p>Belfast Central Mission (Theresa Kavanagh): focused on working with young people, with demand for both support and food extremely high. High increase in incidents of self-harm and Domestic Violence and BCM are keen to link in with other organisations regarding these issues. Lack of support available in relation to</p>	<p>Annie and Therese to liaise regarding hosting a Domestic Violence awareness session across Armagh, Craigavon and Banbridge.</p> <p>Contact Rachael to include your information details in Simon.app</p>

<p>Mental Health.</p> <p>Familyworks (Julie Ligget): provide counselling services in post primary schools. Each school with under 1,000 pupils can avail of 3 sessions and a drop in service, while those schools with over 1,000 pupils can access 5 sessions and a drop in service. Mental health is a huge issue within post primary schools which is being compounded by the fact that many young people are not meeting the criteria for accessing CAMHS. There is a need to develop young people's links with organisations such as sports groups and youth clubs to encourage social interaction.</p> <p>Youth Justice Agency (Michaela Murray): working with approximately 20 young people across Armagh and Banbridge. Looking at Early Intervention activities and what are the consequences of actions for young people. Rolling out a Youth Engagement programme for 10 – 18 year olds which is improving the outcomes for young people and the numbers attending young offenders centres are decreasing.</p> <p>Education Welfare Service (Barbara Chapman): working in local primary schools. Issues with parents including an increase in the number of court cases for absenteeism. Generational issue - many children and young people involved are 2nd or in some cases the 3rd generation of a family involved in the service.</p> <p>ACBCBC – Neighbourhood Renewal (Margarita O'Donnell): awaiting a final decision on Big Lottery Application today. Currently have 2 full-time workers in West Armagh and Lisanally and Alexandra, a part-time Traveller support worker and a BME support worker.</p> <p>ArKe Sure Start (Mia Murray): Welcome all families with children under 4 years living in Sure Start catchment area. There are some generic activities that families can access if they live beyond the Sure Start area. ABC Network is hosting a Conference exploring challenges facing Rural BME communities in Armagh City Hotel on Thursday, 8 October 2015.</p> <p>CYPSP (Annie Clarke): there are two music therapy classes available to groups working with disabled children in the Armagh Area. The Armagh Locality Planning Group has its own webpage on the CYPSP website and members are welcome to send in information on their upcoming activities and events to Nuala/Annie for advertisement on the webpage.</p>	<p>Margarita to update members of Big Lottery decision.</p> <p>Annie to forward information on Music Therapy sessions to members</p>
<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting for the Armagh Locality Planning Group will be held on:</p> <p>Date: Thursday, 5 November 2015</p> <p>Time: 10.00am</p> <p>Venue: Amma Centre, Armagh.</p> <p>Thank you for attending and for your contribution</p>	

Progress Report - September 2015

Priority: Raise awareness of Support Services available for Children, Young People and Families

Action	Lead Responsibility	Progress to date
Set up a subgroup to organise roadshows	Locality Development Officer	Subgroup meeting organised prior to next Locality Group Meeting. Background research undertaken on schools in the area and potential host schools.
Organise Roadshows in partnership with local Primary schools in the Keady and Armagh City area	Information Roadshows Subgroup	Keady Roadshow will be held on: Date: Friday, 13 November 2015 Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm Venue: TMAC Centre, Keady A list of Schools, playgroups and exhibitors has been compiled.

Agreed Next Steps

Action	Lead Responsibility

Priority: Review Membership of Locality Planning Group (Increase representation of Community/sports groups)

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Liaise with Council in relation to the proposed new City wide Community Forum	Locality Administrator Locality Development Officer Margarita O'Donnell and Helen Cranney – ACBCBC	
Compile a list of sports organisations within the Armagh Area	Locality Administrator Locality Development Officer Helen Cranney – ACBCBC and Mid Ulster Councils	
Explore opportunities for community groups/organisations to feed into the Locality Group	Locality Development Officer	

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Priority: Improve dental registrations and dental health

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Work in Partnership with ArKe Sure Start to deliver Tooth Fairy Events in Armagh and Keady	Mia Murray (ArKe Sure Start) Locality Development Officer	Mia, Louise and Annie have met and final preparations are underway for the Tooth Fairy event to be held on Thursday, 15 October 2015 in Sherry's Field Armagh from 10.30am – 12.30pm.
Explore activities and programmes which have increased Dental Registrations in other areas e.g. Down Sure Start's successful programme at increasing dental registration in Murlough.	Locality Development Officer	Contacted Clare Marie in Down Sure Start – received research paper but still to speak with Clare Marie to discuss this further.

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