

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING
COOKSTOWN LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP**

**THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT 10.00AM
GORTALLOWRY HOUSE, COOKSTOWN**

Attendance

Ursula Marshall	Chairperson
Carmel Kelly	Education Welfare Service
Claire McKay	NICMA
Frances McKenna	MUCCC
Gemma Lutton	CYPSP (Minute Taker)
Roisin McConville	SELB Youth Service
Sandra Anderson	CYPSP
Sean McElhatton	MUDC
Selena Ramsey	CYPSP
Judith Wilson	Mid Ulster Women's Aid
Mary Tennyson	GOLD Surestart
Vicky Boland	NHSCT

Apologies

Annette McGahan	PCSP
Brenda Hughes	Cookstown Cultural Integrated Service
Stephen Catherwood	Citizens Advice Mid Ulster
Maxine McLean	Network Personnel
Patricia Harte	Action Mental Health

1. Introductions and Apologies

Ursula welcomed everyone to the meeting. A round of introductions followed.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd December 2015

These were read through and agreed as correct by those present.

3. Matters arising

Video Link

The video discussed at previous meeting is just on a link. Selena will try and share this with the group.

Action: Selena

4. Presentation - Patricia Harte Action Mental Health

Apologies were given from Patricia who was unable to make today's meeting. Patricia or Beth will be invited to a future meeting to present information on the MenSanna Project.

5. Women's Aid – Healthy Relationships DVD

Judith showed the Healthy Relationship DVD to the group. This is only shown to young people over 14 due to its content. The DVD goes alongside the Healthy Relationships programme which is a 7 week programme. The programme looks at relationships and what they should be like. Judith noted she also works with young people on a one to one basis and noted young people would ask a lot of questions about relationships.

Judith shared some statistics on domestic violence cases. Discussions took place and members agreed the importance of getting into Schools to deliver this message and the DVD is a great tool to help to do this.

6. Update – Disability Forum

It was noted the last meeting was cancelled due to a number of apologies. Information will be provided on updates at the next LPG meeting.

Mobility Project

Ursula provided information on this. A taster session will be organised. Equipment will need sourced and potential venues were discussed. Slots would be given to young people to do taster session. Taster session will allow the group to gauge interest for a further event. These taster sessions are aimed to be organised for the summer.

Youth Included Group

The youth included group is running well and the website is now ready. Thanks were given to everyone involved. The launch night was well attended and thanks were given for this also.

7. Update – Cultural Integration Project

The 3 year tender will be ending in March 2016. Work with families is still on-going. The focus for the project is to support groups that meet in Gortalowry. Referrals are received from social services with support ranging from language barriers, poverty and access to medical appointments. It was noted it would be a shame to lose this project as the need is there from families. Mary is asking for guidance beyond the 3 year tender. Discussions took place regarding different issues families face and the challenges they come across. Accommodation, language barriers, hours of work, living conditions etc. were all discussed and how no known group are lobbying for this matter. It was also noted a new wave of families are coming into the area.

8. Update – Family Support Hub

No members attended the last Family Support Hub to provide an update. It was noted the Hub is well established in terms of membership. Dates for the remaining year were released yesterday. Referrals are still on-going. The Trust has extended funding for the next 6 months.

9. Action Planning Review

Discussions took place in relation to the 3 outcomes set within the action plan. Statistics presented were also reviewed. It was noted the Disability event needs added to the locality groups achievements.

Outcome One

Young people age 16+ will have skills, confidence and qualifications to enter employment.

Outcome Two

Young people with a disability and their parents have access to social activities and support.

Outcome Three

Families with English as a second language will be integrated into the community.

Information and further points under each outcome from today's meeting will be added to the action plan. For anyone wishing to receive a copy of the action plan email Gemma Lutton - gemma.lutton@northerntrust.hscni.net

10. Membership Update

Francis McKenna – MUCCC

The Cookstown Centre is very busy with Magherafelt not being as busy and more difficulty in getting referrals. There are a lot of issues with not taking self-referrals and Francis noted the links with other organisations are vital.

Vicky Boland – NHSCT

Vicky explained the Trust's financial challenges and how a lot of services will be delivered regionally. This may cause a number of implications. There will also be a shift to more preventative services being rolled out.

Clare McKay – NICMA

Clare noted a lot of training is taking place due to new minimum standards and refresher training is being rolled out. 20th February is the next scheduled training date. Hoping to roll out resilience training but numbers are low and it is unsure if this is going ahead. Early Years Team are in the office 2 days a week and are stretched to capacity.

Roisin McConville – EA Youth Service

Information was provided on the recruitment of a youth worker post. Information is on the website. The closing date for applications is 18th February 2016.

Carmel Kelly – Education Welfare Service

The Education Authority are currently going through restructuring and Directors have just been appointed.

Sean McElhatton – MUDC

Information was provided on a project – ‘supporting our families together’ which will be launched at the end of the month/end of February. This is a 5 year programme to be run in Cookstown linking with Schools. There will be a project manager and 2 workers working directly with families. Referrals will come from the Schools and the project will work with families who need extra support. Workers will identify children who are struggling at school and will work with them on a one to one basis. Staff will be recruited in Spring. The project will create 3 jobs and support within Cookstown which is positive.

Mary Tennyson – Gold Surestart

The 3 year business plan is now completed and some challenges were highlighted. Mary noted Gold Surestart will be following the Solihull and 5 to thrive approaches. It is hoped to get 5 to thrive training for the whole team. Mary attended a people need people programme and found it useful as an approach. Mary also had the opportunity to go and see how it is implemented within another team. Inspections also took place in Gold Surestart and these went well.

Judith Wilson – Mid Ulster Women's Aid

Information was given on services currently available. It was noted the refuge is presently full to capacity and a lot of referrals are coming through for support.

11. Any other Business

Nothing noted.

12. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 7th April 2016 at 10am in Gortalowry House, Cookstown.**