

Notes of Ards and North Down Locality Planning Group

Meeting on – 2^{6th} April 2017 at 10.00am

Venue – Ards Community Network, Frances Street, Newtownards

Present: Julie Bickerstaff (Barnardo’s), Kelvin Doherty (Youth Justice Agency), Kathie Corrigan (Barnardo’s), Cathy Polley (Ards Community Network), Ralston Perera (SE Trust), Jacqui Adair (Bangor Surestart), Joanne Garrett (SE Trust), Louise Little (Nth Down Comm Network), Gareth McCluskey (North Down Community Network), Francesca Dowler (Ards and Nth Down Borough Council), Lisa McCloy (YMCA), Stephanie Thompson (HSCB), Joyce Ross (Homestart Ards), Nicola Flavelle (Women’s Aid), Beth Scott (Women’s Aid), Carole Mairs (SE Trust), Charlene Woods (Pathways NI), Paul Miller (Barnardo’s) and Insp Davie Lindsey (PSNI).

Apologies: Sheila Bailie (Peninsula Healthy Living), Louise Wallace (Homestart North Down), Frances McCormick (CDRN), Alison Blayney (Kilcooley Women’s Centre), Tracey Harrison (Kilcooley Women’s Centre), Linda McConnell (SE Trust), Julie Kilpatrick (SE Trust), Sgt Hugo Kelly (PSNI), Jim Dunbar (Education Authority), Desy Clayton (Kilcooley Community Forum), John Devlin (Pathways NI) and Nadia Dornan (Holywood Family Trust).

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | Cathy Polley (CP) opened the meeting and everyone in attendance introduced themselves. | |
| 2. Apologies | Noted as above and where possible substitute members are in attendance. | |
| 3. Notes of 2 nd March 2017 and matters arising | RP fed back on the matter arising from previous notes which were to invite Holywood Family Centre to attend LPG, and organise meeting to take forward Family fun day in late summer. Feedback o progress of Directory of service is an agenda item. | |
| 4. SE Outcomes Board Networking Event – 31st May 2017 | ST explained that this event was opportunity for all members of LPG’s across the Trust area to come together to gain an understanding of wider Outcomes Group/CYPSP process and to learn about the newly developed SE Outcomes Group plan. CP asked as many people to attend as possible, to show strength for the area. | |

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| <p>5. Update on Ards and North Down Directory of Services – Julie Bickerstaff</p> | <p>JB advised that the directory will go to print in June and she asked for final checks to be made and any outstanding information to be sent to her as soon as possible. It was agreed that the 2nd May, asking is final dates for corrections, to have this ready for 2nd June compilation and publication.</p> <p>ST advised the group about the Family Support NI/CYPSP websites to have pages to have details of the ongoing family/parenting programmes. Can attach the link to own organisations websites to direct people. LMcC mentioned the roadmap as to where people are and what they might need. Not finalised as yet. Issue is where this is running. ST mentioned problems re running a Facebook page, but can tweet stuff and get CYPSP to send stuff out about events and activities.</p> | <p>All outstanding information to be sent to JB asap</p> |
| <p>6. Identified Priorities and Development of Action Plans– Stephanie Thompson</p> | <p>RP explained the context and where we are on the development of the Acton Plan, summarising very quickly the activities that took place in March that led to the identification of the items listed in the Draft Plan. It was proposed that this is worked through, to take out any items and to further develop/refine those things listed.</p> <p>ST led the review of the document and the key items identified/debated were,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving communication pathways – look at Family Fun day and to link better to services, also flagged up to hold events in the Peninsula, maybe smaller events as It was felt that this area is excluded. It was agreed to try and pace event out across the year, to allow time for planning 2. Service Directory and updating families and other service providers/statutory agencies what we do on this 3. Supporting parents to understand child development – what shall we do. To reinstate | |

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| | <p>infant mental health group. Usual services under SIF are addressing this, but also the issue of having somewhere for parents to access. Maybe have midwives around the table? Tie in with wider Outcomes Development initiative, Donna Marks – use this as part of a conference – get her to come and see us? JG mentioned about Mood Matters and getting this circulated and when this is happening and how groups can access this</p> <p>4. Keeping People Safe/ Alcohol – lifting a couple of days and running with this. Western Trust run a day on this every year. To raise awareness on this. Some discussion about doing something pre-Christmas and this will be a priority in the run up to Christmas and all the knock on effects including DV, Fetal alcohol, excess drinking. LL – working collectively but also engaging with private business, as they have interface instead of churches, community groups. Use of notice boards in these areas and also communal areas run by council. LPG to coordinate the updating of this. Link in in with Chamber of Commerce, time to plan to do something big. LL will check with councils and businesses to see if this is possible?</p> <p>Link in with Incredible Years, get schools involved to help co design, YMCA harm prevention work, video work, this could be part of a range of things. Get sub group together to plan and implement this, members to include Lisa, Julie, John (Pathways), Fran, Cathy, Louise, Gareth, Stephanie and Beth/Nicola</p> <p>5. Imbed parenting strategy for NI – in draft, not much work for us at this stage, Tie in with Parenting NI when this is out.</p> <p>6.Improving mental health – Big Brothers Big Sisters will get then to come to come up and do presentation, and take this forward as a pilot, subject to funding,</p> <p>7. LL advised that there is an education group already in existence and that members are</p> | <p>Sub group to be formed to look at this.</p> |

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| | <p>welcomes to join and contribute. It was agreed that this group will feed back on what is being done to the LPG. Includes kids of all ages.</p> <p>8. Family Nurse Partnership – will deal with all 15 year olds, complementing the New Parent Programme will need to having something. Russell Erskine has 25 on caseload, FNP has 5 at moment. CP talked about role modeling to help the younger aged mothers, KC, about building better relationships with HV's and getting them better signposted to FSH Homestarts and Surestart. DL, issue of tailoring something to mothers from our area. CP has said needs to be something on the ground. What else can we do, that will work in the community at a lower level. ST mentioned the Young bumps, young mums coffee mornings, which go on in Sth Belfast, how do we do this?</p> <p>9. PSNI Data – HK to present in June hopefully?</p> <p>10. Kids in Care – ST is meeting with Council and Trust, it is in the Community Plan, highest number of kids in care is in this locality. KD, kids in care most likely to engage in crime, 28 in court 23 have care background., KD to do presentation on this at a future meeting, maybe Sept 2017?, to explain the background and context.</p> <p>11. Support for families in rural communities – Food share. Food poverty, trying to get this publicized. Absolute poverty is one of the main things. Use family Fun day as a means of engaging families. CP talked about PiP payments. Citizens Advice Bureau to be asked to attend – RP to contact Pauline Morton.</p> <p>12. Debt advice workshops coming up to Christmas, is this something we can do? Keen to do this, roll out wider sessions on existing groups, link in with CAB. Do this is a holistic way to tackle Christmas. DL – Jan 18, target this as. Savvy Shopper programme – Surestart.</p> | <p>RP to make contact with Pauline Morton at CAB</p> <p>Sub group to be set up to look at this and the best time to tackle this.</p> |

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| | ST undertook that the Final version to be collated and sent out for comment and agreement at next meeting in June. | |
| 7. AOB | <p>SIF Update – PM, circulated written report to the group, explained context, explained that Barnardo’s employs JB and that there is provisional agreement to alter the use of this SIF funded resource to better support LPG activity. Suggestion is to use Julie to assist with the taking forward work of the LPG, will have had a configuration, of resource to have some funding from June 17 to March 18 to help support LPG. MS will still manage the relationships, but will use additional hours.</p> <p>PM advised that there are still issues with EY’s and IY delivery. Lots of issues around this. Need some fuller discussion about this at the next meeting.</p> <p>LMcC fed back on PwP targets, was a slow burner, and does have a small waiting list. 547 is the overall target across the locality.</p> <p>LMcC also fed back on MAP – 16 schools, 9 primaries, took on additional two schools transitioning really well. It is a 2 year intervention; it is a long term process. Teacher strike has had a big impact. Early good for parent and child. Queens University trip, raising aspiration. Very good about making new relationships.</p> <p>Strengthening Families – JG gave overview as to the funding of this, no courses as yet, Action Plan in place to deliver this, will be delivered in Jan 18. Good for group to hear about SF, but need facilitators to be able to do this. JG asked for volunteers, to be able to take this on.</p> | |
| 8. Dates and venues for future meetings | <p>Dates of meetings for 2017 are, 8th June 2017 @ 10.00am – YMCA Bangor 7th Sept 2017 @ 10.00am – Ards CN 25th Oct 2017 @ 10.00am – YMCA Bangor 7th Dec 2017 @ 10.00am – Ards CN</p> | |