

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING
LARNE LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27TH APRIL 2017
AT 10.30AM IN SIR THOMAS DIXON BUILDINGS, LARNE**

PRESENT:	David McAllister	<i>Mid & East Antrim Council</i>
	Deborah Neill	<i>LCDP</i>
	Francis Loughlin	<i>EA Youth Service</i>
	Helen Chrisitie	<i>Autism NI</i>
	Joy McNally	<i>Larne YMCA</i>
	Liz Brown	<i>NICMA</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Veronica McKinley	<i>NACN</i>
	Wendy Burgess	<i>Connections Service Start360</i>
APOLOGIES:	Amanda Elliott	<i>NACN</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Neal White	<i>Pathyway Activities</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

David welcomed the group to the meeting and apologies were noted. A round of introductions took place from all members present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Tuesday 2nd March 2017**.

MATTERS ARISING

Locality Merge

Selena commented that we may be joining/merging Carrickfergus and Larne Locality Planning group together. Selena discussed how merging the action plans has worked really well in other areas. The merge is being pushed by CYPSP but has yet to be discussed with Carrickfergus Locality Group.

The group discussed the potential of this merge going forward and members generally agreed that due to the number of groups/partners/organisations this made sense.

VERONICA MCKINLEY - PRESENTATION ON THE HEALTH ALLIANCE

Veronica has been asked by PHA to share information on the Health Alliance and to encourage members/organisations/statutory representations to sign up to the Health Alliance website. Veronica agreed to forward a copy of the presentation so it can be shared with the group for those members not present.

ACTION: Veronica / Gemma

The Health Alliance website is www.healthalliance.org

Selena mentioned that Body Image/Awareness has come up a lot and this is something that she might look into setting up a subgroup for and possibly could be shared by Health Alliance.

ACTION: Selena

UPDATE – RELAX AND CHILLAX

Selena provided information on this initiative in Larne High School. Ian McKenzie had fed back that the programme continues to meet weekly and is lead by the YMCA One Stop Shop and supported by EA Youth Service. They have had awareness and promotion events around topic areas such as No Smoking Day.

This continues as an informal space with good numbers from Year 12 and some year 11 pupils.
If members would like to have a table over a lunch time, contact Ian 028 93329997.

LARNE / CARRICKFERGUS HUB UPDATE

Selena has linked with Phil Joyce – Action for Children and received the following update for the Larne/Carrick area. The main areas of need would be Incredible Years and general parenting programmes. Also, primary school counselling as there appear to be a lot of referrals for young people with low level anxiety. Possibly even a group work programme for low level anxiety may be very beneficial. There also appears to be a need for further support services for children with autism and also children awaiting assessment for ASD.

Selena discussed the potential of still trying to deliver parenting programmes in the Larne area and the need to partner with an agency regarding this.

It was agreed for Sandra and Selena to arrange a meeting with Janet Preston in Larne Parental Support to discuss this further.

ACTION: Sandra/Selena

LARNE YOUTH FAIR

Selena discussed the potential of bringing a Youth Fair to the Larne area. Members discussed links that they have with local post primary schools. Selena discussed the potential of linking in with a Larne Post Primary Principal Forum to try and get this actioned forward.

ACTION: Selena

UPDATE FROM MEMBERS

Selena Ramsey – CYPSP

The Northern Outcomes Group Action Plan is ongoing and will be shared soon.

Wendy Burgees – Connections Service Start360

Wendy is working in partnership with PCSP offering training to members regarding drug information.

Deborah Neill – LCDP

LCDP is currently on a 3 month contract. Deborah is working with Larne Council to make Larne Dementia friendly. This project is being well supported by organisations.

Liz Brown – NICMA

NICMA have a new Director Patricia Lewsley who was appointed in April 2017.

Helen Christie – Autism NI

Completed one two hour support where a child received a diagnosis to support which families can avail of ie finance. Autism NI are currently trying to source funding regarding what the needs are. There is no parent support group in Larne at present.

Joy McNally– YMCA

YMCA with Autism NI are working with 24 young people up to the age of 14 and offering some potential support. The YMCA provides social activities for children with Autism. The After Schools Club is going ahead and Joy is currently planning for the summer. Activities will be provided for Primary Children from 8am – 5.30pm for the full duration of summer. Joy completes evening youth work over a minimum of 4 nights. Joy noted it is really busy and is working with over 100 children on Thursday and Friday nights.

Frances Loughlin – EA Youth Service

Public consultation is ongoing for the area plan. Funding for groups is available until the end of July 2017. Funding includes inclusion for summer interventions. Applications are being sent to registered groups at present. Summer Schemes can also apply for funding and £3000 is available to meet the needs of the young people. Michael is the Area Youth Worker and Leigh is covering St Killian's.

Veronica McKinley – NACN

Veroncia is doing work in Primary Schools in Ballymena to help support children and covering managing stress/aniexity/worry. There is the potential to deliver this and extend in more areas.

David McAllister – Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

David noted he continues to meet with group to identify what support different groups would benefit from.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on **Thursday 22nd June with a time and venue to be confirmed.**