

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING
MINUTES OF CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP**

**FRIDAY 7TH JULY 2017 AT 10.00AM
BALLYMONEY RESOURCE CENTRE**

Attending:	Clare McKay	<i>NICMA</i>
	Iain McAfee	<i>Chairperson</i>
	Janice Armstrong	<i>PHA</i>
	Karen Miller	<i>Homestart</i>
	Karen Sykes	<i>Princes Trust</i>
	Paul Allen	<i>ISEEYOUCARE NI</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Veronica McKinley	<i>NACN</i>
Apologies:	Aine O'Hare	<i>Can – Best Buddies</i>
	Claire Crowe	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Lisa Harris	<i>Causeway Coast & Glens</i>
	Sharon Kirk	<i>Dalriada Rural Surestart</i>
	Veronica Kelly	<i>NHSCT</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Iain welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited a round of introductions.

REVIEW MINUTES – 17TH MAY 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting held on **Wednesday 17th May 2017** were reviewed and agreed as being a true and accurate recording.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

KAREN SYKES – THE PRINCES TRUST

Iain welcomed Karen to the meeting and invited Karen to make her presentation to the group.

Karen's role is an Outreach Executive working for The Prince's Trust. Karen is currently recruiting for the Fairbridge programme which is a personal development programme for 16-24 year olds. The programme offers a mix of group activities and one to one support for each young person to develop their skills and confidence. It is a week long programme including a 3 day residential.

Fairbridge will be coming to the Ballymena area commencing in August. There will be a lot of work around Belfast but travel expenses will be covered. Anyone who would be interested in attending or finding out further information were asked to let Karen know.

Information was also given on other programmes which would be more employability based such as 'Get into Retail', with Marks and Spencer's as one of the partner employers. 'Get into Retail' is a 3-4 week programme covering jobs such as security, admin, health and social care and retail. There is a week's placement attached to the programme.

Karen can be contacted by emailing Karen.Sykes@princes-trust.org.uk

UPDATE – OBESITY SUB GROUP

Sandra provided some background to the needs of the Obesity Sub Group, and some of the achievements to date. Sandra discussed plans for Dunluce School and Coleraine College to commence in September.

Sandra also shared the press release on the Year 8 Healthy Lifestyle Programme to all members present.

UPDATE – JOINT YOUTH COUNCIL EVENT

Selena provided background to the youth council event, which aimed to display the voice of the child in Council. An initial event took place in December last year and since then there has been a number of changes within the youth service. These

changes resulted in no longer being able to progress with the event. Selena has spoken to Fiona Nelson – Education Authority and she noted that there is a planned Women’s Day event with the main focus on Body Image. The group agreed the remaining funding can go towards supporting this project.

UPDATE – SIMON WARD EVENT

Selena noted that there is a joint School training day on Friday 25th August with Simon Ward, Educational Psychologist who will be delivering training on Growth Mind-set. There are 20 places available for locality planning groups. Members were advised to contact Gemma if they would like a place.

ACTION: Members

UPDATE – FAMILY SUPPORT HUB

Issues arising from Family Support Hubs are around mental health issues for those of Primary, Secondary / early Secondary age. Young People also have a lack of social skills. Every agency has a waiting list of referrals. It has also been raised the lack of play therapy available. Karin noted an increase in referrals through Homestart and the complexity of cases.

BUSHMILLS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES COMMITTEE

Selena noted that the BCYPC group are now being managed locally and will report to the Causeway Coast and Glens Council.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Janice Armstrong – PHA

Information was provided on a Teenage Pregnancy Midwife position creating additional support for under 19’s and covering Causeway, Antrim and Ballymena. This will be a 30 hour post and will link with the Family Nurse Partnership. Janice also asked that anyone working with travellers to let her know about it.

Clare McKay – NICMA

New Director has been appointed in NICMA: Patricia Lewsley-Mooney and has the intention to include more partnership working within the organisation. Refresher

training on Health and safety and safeguarding will be coming up over the next few months.

Clare is interested in attending events and asked for any promotional opportunities to contact her. She would be keen to attend any event, health fairs etc. and get information sent through on anything upcoming.

Karen Millar – Homestart

Homestart Causeway is very busy. There are 37 volunteers with 32 home visiting and 5 responsible for family group. 3 of these volunteers along with Karen are now trained in Incredible Years and have just completed the delivery of a course. The remaining volunteers are moving towards their accreditation in Incredible Years.

Paul Allen – I See You Care NI

The partnership was set up 11 weeks ago and will work with foster children and adopted children in order to provide a space for these children to meet their families.

It is planned to deliver Art Therapy, 11 therapists are based in town working on a self-employed basis. Play Therapy including Lego therapy will be delivered. Ikea plan to sponsor all the furniture for this. The ISeeYouCare centre will be open 7am – 7pm, 6 days per week. Foster carers will also receive some nurturing. There will be family space and a sensory room which can be booked in advance.

The Project will be delivered in partnership with 5 Schools as well as other partners which were mentioned. A Therapist along with Art Therapy, ASD Training and other bite size training will be available and open to all groups.

There is also a plan to start a coffee shop, which will be a charity. Query around cost with 30% being free and then the remaining costs being priced at cost price. The venue is on Garryduff Road which is a large barn and will be in partnership with Rosepark Farm. The shop will offer an ASD quiet day. There will also be adventure summer camp.

Paul has experienced a gap in tutors and in July next year Paul plans to train tutors who will be classroom assistants. This will be costed at £23 for 2 hours. Other plans include launching Father Christmas and also a quiet Father Christmas launch for young people with disabilities.

Further information and current events can be found on the Facebook page – I See you Care NI

Veronica McKinley - NACN

Promoting Mental Health Grants have been reopened. A Wellness Capacitor Training Workshop was delivered recently in Ballymena North. Veronica plans to continue to roll out regular training seminars / workshops.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chill and Spill Initiatives

Sandra provided background to these projects and noted that they will continue in the New Year.

Corrymeela

Selena mentioned Corrymeela's Big Lottery Application which will be a locality group partnership to support the parents who would benefit most from the project 'Families Re-Wilding and growing Resilience'.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on **Thursday 12th October 2017 at 10am** in Armoy Community Association.