

## Notes of Ards and North Down Locality Planning Group

Meeting on – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 10.00am

### Venue – Ards Community Network

**Present:** Julie Bickerstaff (Barnardo's), Stephanie Thompson (HSCB), Cathy Polley (Ards Community Network), Ralston Perera (SE Trust), Gareth McCluskey (North Down Community Network), Francesca Dowler (Ards and Nth Down Borough Council), Lisa McCloy (YMCA), Stephanie Thompson (HSCB), Linda McConnell (SE Trust), Shirley Hawkes (Early Years), Louise Little (Nth Down Comm Network), Sgt Hugo Kelly (PSNI), Desy Clayton (Kilcooley Community Forum), Lisa Roulston (ANDBC), Joanne Neill (Bryson), Dawn Thompson (Bryson), Kelly Maxwell (Autism NI), Beth Scott (Women's Aid), Aveen Greenan (Early Years), David Stitt (Kilcooley Community Forum) and Kelvin Doherty (Youth Justice Agency)

**Apologies:** Nicola Flavelle (Women's Aid), Orla Watt (Parent Action), Jacqui Adair (Bangor Surestart), Frances McCormick (CDRCN), Kathie Corrigan (Barnardo's), Sheila Bailie (Peninsula Healthy Living), , Jim Dunbar (Education Authority), Julie Kilpatrick (SE Trust), Joanne Garrett (SE Trust and Joyce Ross (Homestart Ards),

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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 8th June 2017 and matters arising    | Notes were accepted, matters arising to be covered under the substantive agenda  |        |
| 4. Presentation by Kelvin Doherty on LAC and YJS | <p>Kelvin Doherty, Assistant Director at the Youth Justice Agency gave a presentation on the Looked After Child Population and the challenges and issues facing them.</p> <p>One of the reason for the presentation, is that Ards and North Down has a higher than average representation of Looked After Children, with William St, James St, Marmion, Lakewood and Oakland's situated in the locality.</p> |        |

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|  | <p>The presentation was very well received and there were a number of questions and discussion following completion.</p>   |  |
| <p>5. Feedback from Family Fun Day 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017</p> | <p>JG/CP advised that there had been a better than expected level of attendance with a minimum of 500-600 people. Some feedback received was that people loved that everything was free, and there was a very upbeat and fun feel to the event. There had been some unexpected outcomes, such as a diagnosis of diabetes. Overall lots of support from all partners and the attendees seemed to get a lot from it. There was a good turnout from locals councilors, MPs, MLA's and even the mayor.</p> <p>There was some discussion of where the next event will be, with a view it should be along the Peninsula, in the new year.</p>  |  |
| <p>6. Keeping Safe Sub Group – Update and decisions</p>              | <p>RP gave a brief overview of the group which had met on 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 17 and then handed over to ST, who referenced the summary document she had prepared and took the members through this.</p> <p>After some discussion, it was agreed that our LPG would be keen to attend a breakfast meeting hosted by SEDACT, to find out a bit more about services and to hear case studies/learning.</p> <p>The First responder scheme was discussed, and the group was keen to link into this. ASCERT have been awarded the contract to deliver this before end of March 2018. It was agreed that RP would make contact with ASCERT and find out more.</p> <p>It was agreed that LL will be this LPG's link with PCSP and that RP would approach PCSP Manager to see if the LPG could access any funding</p> <p>There was some discussion about the Targeted Life Skills programme, the TaTi (Talking about Tough issues) programme and</p> | <p>RP/ST to contact SEDACT to organise</p> <p>RP to speak to ACERT</p> <p>RP to contact PCSP re grants/funding</p> |

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|  | <p>the costs and benefits of each. It was agreed that the group would link in with Youth Justice to see if there are any opportunities to accessing funding to spread these further than current coverage.</p> <p>There was a general discussion on drugs ,with HK advising on the Rapid Bins initiative funded through the PCSP. He advised that the locality has got three of these, and that PSNI would empty this. Will officially launch this in Redburn.</p>  |        |
| 7. Ards and North Down Directory of Services – Julie Bickerstaff | JB advised that the Directory had been completed, with the official launch to take place on 11 <sup>th</sup> October, between 12.00-2.00 in Ards Town Hall. Feedback has been very good. The group commended JB for her hard work in developing this.   |        |
| 8. Education sub group   | <p>LL made the distinction that the group was not a sub group of this PLG, but would rather be a group that linked with the LPG and worked collaboratively to tackle common issues.</p> <p>LL advised that there were a goo range of partners including SERC, post primary/primary sector, AND council and local MP's. LL advised that next meeting of the group would be 15<sup>th</sup> Sept at which ST would be helping to run an OBA process to help identify priorities.</p>  |        |
| 9. SIF Project update  | <p>RP updated verbally, having been briefed by Mabel Scullion on the achievements for the SIF programme, which was continuing to perform well. There was still some concern about Incredible Years delivery, but this was hoping to be resolved with Early Years.</p> <p>RP then advised the meeting that was a small underspend in the SIF programme and set out the options for utilising this. Following discussion, it was agreed that any monies would be used 70% to pay for crèche to support delivery, 15% to support accreditation for IY and 15% to publicise the programmes.</p> |        |

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| 10. Standards for LPG's – Self Audit                     | RP explained that all locality groups are assessing themselves against the 8 standards. Members were asked to review the document and assign a score as to where they thought we were against each of the standards. Collates scores to be circulated and discussed at next meeting.   | Completed audit to be circulated |
| 11. Updating Action Plan and projects/Activity for 17/18 | This matter was deferred to the next meeting for a more detailed discussion  |                                  |
| 12. AOB  | <p>A number of items were raised,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LR from AND Council made the offer that we could work with the statistician seconded to them to help with our data needs., if required.</li> <li>2. LR also updated regarding PEACE IV tenders, to say some were out at the moment, with others et to come out shortly.</li> <li>3. DT/JN advised that Bryson are working on a Lottery bid to continue family support/PwP work to help when SIF comes to an end</li> <li>4. SH advised that Early Years are rolling out a media initiative as part of good relations under PEACE IV to playgroups in Ards/Bangor</li> <li>5. LR advised that a community planning co delivery event is taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.</li> <li>6. BS from Women's Aid advised that a new 1 stop shop is being set up with some funding from PCSP, will run on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues every month from 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</li> </ol> |                                  |
| 13. Dates and venues for future meetings                 | <p>Dates of meetings for 2017 are,</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 @ 10.00am – YMCA Bangor<br/> 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 @ 10.00am – Ards CN</p>  |                                  |