

Dungannon Locality Planning Group - Minutes

Thursday 9th November 2017 10.00am 2017- Gardner's Hall Dungannon

<p>Chairperson: Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT Community Development)</p> <p>Facilitator: Darren Curtis (CYPSP Locality Development Officer)</p> <p>Attendees: Kerry O'Hagan (CYPSP) Marian Dorman (SHSCT) Patricia Cairns (SWC) Rosie Carey (EA Youth Service) Loraine Griffin (COSTA Rural Support Network) Colin Robinson (Ascert) Emma Milligan (CAPS - NIACRO) Christine Casey (Women's Aid) Charlene Corrigan (STEP) Joanne McCourt (BCM) Lorraine O'Neill (Parenting Partnership)</p>	<p>Apologies: Ciara Burke (Closing the GAP, Armagh & Dungannon) Mairead McMullan (Sure Start Clogher Valley) Martina McCooey (SHSCT) Siobhan Wallace (Sure Start Dungannon & Coalisland) Diane Glasgow (Early Years) Eamon Murphy (Volunteer Now)</p>
--	--

	ACTION - BY WHOM
<p>1. Welcome/ Introductions/ Apologies Jacqueline welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. A number of apologies were recorded (as noted above).</p>	<p>Members were asked to sign in.</p>
<p>2. Previous Minutes Jacqueline went through minutes of the previous meeting on minutes agreed by members.</p>	<p>Minutes agreed as accurate</p>
<p>3. Action Plan Updates <u>Reduce the levels of children and young people experiencing domestic violence</u> An awareness session on Domestic Violence will be delivered at the end of the Locality Group meeting by Mid Ulster Women's Aid.</p>	

<p>Christine provided an update on the Healthy Relationships programme which will be facilitated at a local school between January and March 2018.</p> <p>4. Speaker</p> <p>Colin Robinson from Ascert Workforce Development Programme gave an overview of Ascert services to the Locality Group.</p> <p>Ascert is contracted by the Public Health Agency to provide workplace training programme in the statutory and voluntary sectors. Ascert is a regional charity and provides free regional training. 99% of the training is around drugs and alcohol.</p> <p>Colin noted that new trends emerging were; Prescription medication and the hidden harm of heavy drinking within the family. New courses have been developed in response to the trends including Understanding Medicines Misuse and Foetal Alcohol Syndrome.</p> <p>All courses are available through the website with an online booking system. Ascert also offers in house provision on site, contact Colin for more information. All the courses are available in various locations throughout NI.</p>	<p>Jacqueline thanked Colin for the overview of services by Ascert.</p>
<p>5. Emerging needs in Dungannon</p> <p>Question raised by Lorraine on a case study regarding a young person with complex emotional needs. Members suggested a Family Support Hub referral.</p> <p>BCM raised issues of 67 young people in housing accommodation, huge increase in parents with a disability and a significant increase in 5 to 12 year olds experiencing mental health issues.</p> <p>Severe lack of affordable housing stock in the Dungannon area. Working families are hardest hit – in some cases 3/4s of salaries are being used to pay rent.</p> <p>Huge increase in number of people requiring Immigration Solicitor advice.</p> <p>A Rapid Bin is being deployed in Mid Ulster for the safe disposal of drugs. Getting information on the extent of usage - Darren to check with CYPSP if statistics on prescription drug usage exist.</p>	<p>Darren to check with Valerie for recent statistics on prescription drug usage.</p>
<p>6. Member Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surestart – Incredible Years starting in February in Dungannon and Nurturing programme beginning in Lurgan. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCM – organising toy and food hampers for Christmas. Poverty within rural areas is increasing • STEP – Family Support including Incredible Years with crèche facilities is running in Dungannon. New programme to begin in January/February 2018. • CAPs – Early Intervention Programme for 0-18 year olds. Schools can refer to this programme. • EA – 3 Learning Together programmes ongoing in Drumglass, St Patrick's and Coalisland. These programs tackle underachievement. <p>From April there will be changes: EA areas are aligning with Council areas.</p> <p>Good news - The Youth Council in the South hosted an event in Armagh, 1 young person from each youth council attended from NI. The young people involved also attended a trip to Brussels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWC – Will be running a Welding Academy next Easter. In the past this has been very successful and in high demand. It comprises of a 1 week intensive welding course and confidence workshop. Open to 16+ in the Dungannon, Omagh and Magherfelt areas. • Neighbourhood Renewal - Last quarter in Coalisland, over 200 children availed of Food share. Lilac offers a block of 6 complementary therapies for patients with chronic conditions. • Programme starting in the Junction in Dungannon for Young People to avoid becoming criminalised. • Southern Outcomes Group – Currently completing turning the curve and the different subgroups are meeting to agree actions. Darren will report back at next meeting. 	
<p>7. Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eglis – no further outputs. • Group agreed to look at Locality Planning Group Standards at the next meeting to review the LPG • Meetings agreed for 2018: 11th January, 8th March, 10th May, 5th July, 13th September and 8th November 2018. 	<p>Una Casey, CYPSP, to facilitate.</p>
<p>Next Meeting: Date: 11th January 2018 Time: 10.00am Venue: TBC <i>Thank you all for attending and contributing to the meeting</i></p>	