

Raising Awareness of ACE Screening of Resilience Evaluation From: South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen: 14th June 2018

Background

The Western Health and Social Care Trust are the lead partner delivering upon the Fermanagh and Omagh Community Plan Outcome that will ensure “Our people are healthy & well – physically, mentally and emotionally”.

In addressing this community planning outcome the Fermanagh and Omagh Locality Planning Groups have been tasked to increase awareness amongst community partners of the impact of adverse childhood experiences on life outcomes and expectancy and develop targeted initiatives to address these.

This will be done through contributing the following indicators:

- Gap in life expectancy between the most and least deprived areas
- Standardised admission rates due to alcohol and/or drugs
- Number of anti-depressants prescribed per 100 patients

In addition, this work contributes to several priority obsessions of the CYPSP Western Area Outcomes Group Children and Young People's Plan for 2017-2020

- Every child has the best start in life
- Promote the safety of our children and young people

In undertaking this task, the CYPSP Fermanagh and Omagh Locality Planning Groups in partnership with Family Support Hubs: Western Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership and Digital Safeguarding Group have been raising awareness of the impacts of ACE's across the locality through a recent screening of the Resilience Documentary.

Making a contribution to the following High Level Outcomes for Children & Young People

All children and young people have good physical and mental health

All children and young people live in safety and stability

All children and young people learn and achieve



The Panel at the screening of Resilience, SWAH, 14th June 2018

L-R: Priscilla Magee, LPGs (Organiser) , Ann McDuff, Assistant Director, Arlene Wright, EA EWS, Maire Dunne, WHSCT, Missing from photo Brian Simpson, Adult Mental Health, WHSCT.

How much did we do?

- 4 attendees reported having no knowledge of ACE before the screening; with all 4 reporting that it had increased after viewing.
- 25 attendees reported having little awareness of ACE before the screening; with all 25 reported an increase in their awareness afterwards.
- 11 attendees reported having a good awareness before the screening; with five reporting their awareness stayed the same after viewing with six attendees reporting it had increased their awareness.

How well did we do it?

- 60 attendees attended the screening; with a 67% response rate to the evaluation.
- 7 sectors were primarily represented by the delegates attending the screening; including Local Government, Health, Community/Voluntary Sectors, PSNI, Social Work and an MLA.
- 9 family support organisations presented stands before the screening, to further inform attendees of local provision
- 100% of attendees who completed the evaluation, considered that the screening had been beneficial to them in terms of their job role.

Communications:

- The screening was widely posted by attendees on their personal Twitter feeds and by the WHSCT Communications Team. The screening was also highlighted within the promotion of Infant Mental Health Awareness Week #IMHAW2018

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of attendees reported that after reflecting on the screening, they would consider changing elements of their working.
- The family support organisations who put up stands to highlight their work, verbally reported being very busy and they had made many useful contacts with other practitioners from different remits, which they will be following up.

Recommendations moving forward

- More opportunities for the resilience documentary to raise awareness locally for practitioners in communities
- Increased awareness / training on Safeguarding in the Digital World

Is anyone better off?

Feedback From Participants After Viewing Resilience

Great to be able to engage with other sectors

I can use so much of this right now in my practice with parents & teachers

Should be a mandatory screening for all practitioners and parents

Could see how to implement ACE into my awareness training which I deliver

A great aid to promote hope

So powerful. Really highlights the neurological impact ACE has on the child

I work directly with young people & this will help me daily with my interaction with them

We will now look at universal provision & build into it resilience & growth mind-set

As the panel said, the film makes you thirsty to learn and do so much more with families