

**Antrim/Ballymena Children's & Young People's Strategic
Partnership Locality Planning Group**

TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 2019 2.00 P.M.

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Attending:

Lynsey McVitty	NHSCT
Alison McDaid	Education Authority Youth Service
Karen Sykes	Princes Trust
Kate McDermott	Health & Wellbeing Team NHSCT
Gerry McVeigh	Start 360
Grace McCann	NIACRO
Mervyn Rea	Chair
Chris Lindsay	Education Authority
Natasha McDonagh	Start 360
Lloyd Ewart	NHSCT
Jennifer Campbell	Action for Children Sure Start
Sharon Caldwell	Home-Start Antrim
Jude McNeill	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on 24th of September, 2019.

MATTERS ARISING – No matters arising

Action Plan

Update

Parents Plus- workshop held in October to gauge interest and answer queries. Training is 14th and 15th January and 21st and 22nd January in the Holiday Inn. Spaces are still available if members are interested in attending.

Natasha shared that Antrim Youth Fair held in September, over 300 children attended and evaluations were very positive.

Internet Safety masterclass- date set for 13th February 12-2.30pm, title is “Safeguarding in a digital world”. Funded by Health and Wellbeing Manager for Sexual Health and CYPSP. Open to all staff working with children and young people.

Facebook- Gerry feedback about how a closed Facebook group would work. Members agreed this would be useful. To be progressed.

Scoping organisations- discussed need to scope what organisations find are their children and young people’s needs, what our priority areas should be for next year. Causeway scoping exercise using an outside facilitator and previous internal scoping exercises discussed. Members decided to do our own scoping internal exercise in the New Year either January or March.

Scoping children’s views- Discussed need to scope children and young people’s views as well using survey monkey. Alison shared that EA does a scoping exercise every 3 years and they are currently collating. Agreed to share with group. Discussed need to hold focus groups with a range of children and parents over different age groups. Julie, Chris and Lloyd thought they may have children/parents that could help with this.

Areas questions should cover discussed. Lynsey to create survey monkey.

Youth Fair- Need for Ballymena Youth Fair discussed. Chris to liaise with Ballymena schools to gauge need and timings of youth fair. Members thought it was a useful event.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Lynsey McVitty

Homelessness- The Relentless Change Project from the Northern Ireland Youth Forum has created a video telling the stories of young people who became homeless, how it happened and what happened next. Two people from RCP are willing to tell their story and share the video. Members agreed this would be a useful. Lynsey to organise for future meeting.

Alison McDaid – Education Authority Youth Service

Antrim Youth Service recently employed a Senior Youth Worker for Parkhall Youth Centre who will oversee and support Crumlin and Ballycraigie Youth Centres (Jason Perry).

Parkhall operates Tuesday – Saturday – 6.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

Ballycraigie operates Monday & Thursday – 6.15 pm. – 9.15 p.m.

Crumlin operates Wednesday & Friday – 6.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

Antrim also employs Michelle Maguire – Area Worker Antrim & Randalstown.

Shorenah Gormley – Area Worker – Antrim & Crumlin.

Karen Sykes

No member update noted

Kate McDermott

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Gerry McVeigh

TES – support, information and signposting service.

- Safe social space.
- Delivered OCU 2 in Fair Work Practice.
- Young Roma people using service really positive.

Grace McCann – NIACRO

Family Links continue to provide support to children, siblings and wider family members when an individual is in custody. Support is mostly home based, but support can also be delivered in schools. Engagement events are run frequently between NIPS Staff and Family Members – Children particularly. Family can receive support and practical information, and is not dependent on contact or permission from/with individual in custody.

Mervyn Rea

No member update noted.

Chris Lindsay Education Authority – Developing TAKE 5 models across schools in the locality. Working in partnership with CYPSP and Impact Network Northern Ireland in a collaborative approach.

Natasha McDonagh - Start 360 Connections

Daisy – Drug & Alcohol Service – 11-25 years old – small waiting list at present. Counselling, one to one, family support and family systemic work. Self-referrals, referrals from family, friends, G.P.'s and other professionals.

Voices – Coping with hidden harm – 8-18 years old. Young people and families affected by parental substance misuse. Counselling, group and individual therapy, play therapy and family systemic work. No Waiting List at present.

Connections – Continuing to deliver free Drug and Alcohol Awareness, sessions. Contact Andrew or Natasha to book in.

Dry January – Roadshow promoting Dry January starting Monday 2nd December – Friday 13th December. Setting up stands, different organisations attending events.

Dry January – Alternatives to Alcohol event – Tuesday 14th January, 2020, Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena.

Lloyd Ewart

No member update noted.

Jennifer Campbell - Ballymena & Little Steps Antrim Surestart/ Action for Children

0-4 year old services for children and families across eight ward areas in Ballymena and three ward areas in Antrim.

New nurturing space opened in Farranshane House, Antrim. A safe, welcoming space available for parent and child services.

Sharon Caldwell

Sharon introduced herself as the new Homestart staff member for Antrim area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None noted

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 28th January 2020 at 2 pm in Start 360 YES offices

