

**MINUTES OF NEWTOWNABBEY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2020 AT 3PM
IN GLENGORMLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Attending:	Bernie McGarry	NHSCT
	Leah Glass	NHSCT
	Pamela Sweeney	Action for Children – Family Support Hubs
	Una Casey	HSCB
	Claire Larkin	Action for Children – Family Support Hubs
	John Lyster	Loughshore Education Centre
	Cathy Todd	Abbey Surestart
	Maria Annett	Disability Action/Counsellor
	Lisa Carduff	Ashton Trust
	Jude Murphy	Network Personnel
	Kelvin Armstrong	Network Personnel
	Elaine Sinton	Mossgrove PS & NU
	Nuala McStravick	Bryson Future Skills
	Geraldine Davey	Edmund Rice
	Roz McFeeters	Hill Croft
	Brian Duff	Carnmoney PS
	Lynn Knocker	Ballyhenry PS
	Valerie Gardner	Barnardos
	Laura Forte	NIACRO
	Marissa McGovern	Bryson Future Skills

Roisin McBride	Bryson Future Skills
Claire Thompson	Start360
Louise Marks	Safe Space
Jonathan Kennedy	EA EWS
Clare Humphrey	Barnardos
Alix Jackson	Glengormley High School
Ricky Massey	Glengormley High School

Apologies:

Nigel Arnold	Glengormley Integrated
Pat Chapa	EA
Mark Baker	EA
John Blair	MLA

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Pamela Sweeney welcomed all attendees to the meeting, outlined the plan for the day and passed on apologies.

OVERVIEW OF LOCALITY PLANNING

Una Casey, Business Support Manager for CYPSP, gave a presentation on the background of CYPSP and structure, Children's Services Planning, examples of Locality Planning Group Work and provided some statistics on the Newtownabbey area. The presentation will be shared with the attendees.

DISCUSSION

Two groups were formed to discuss key issues for children and young people, priorities and other organisations who should be involved in the Locality Planning Group.

Key Issues identified by the groups

- Children's mental health – trauma/SEBD issues in school
- Lack of resilience
- Autism/ADHD

- Children lack aspiration/self-confidence/self esteem
- Parental Mental Health – Early Intervention Work, therapeutic interventions
- Parental literacy
- Need for support. Parental knowledge – need for education
- Parental substance misuse/addiction
- Parental responsibility
- Imprisonment
- Homelessness – risk of
- Supportive outlets for parents
- Young Mums (single) – Education Support
- 2:1 families – single parent with no support
- Families with Children who have disabilities
- Ethnic minority groups – emerging needs
- Risk
- Poverty – Welfare Reform
- Resources available within services

Gaps In Provision

- CAMHS – over stretched
- Early intervention support services
- Primary school counselling services
- Transition work in schools
- Directory of services
- Services that are free
- Accountability to feeding into governmental structure
- Statistics – how they are being gathered and fed up through locality planning
- Infrastructure/within Community Development. Rathcoole, Monkstown, Carnmoney, Ballyduff
- Social Services Thresholds
- Lack of services – impacting care of young people
- No Surestart
- Need for systemic approach
- Build networks in Glengormley
- Restrictions on funding. Schools extended schools funding (MST Team – NHSC funding no longer available)

Involvement from other organisations

- Parenting NI
- Action Mental Health
- Fresh Little Minds – Aine Wallace
- Women’s Aid
- Addiction NI
- Advice NI
- CAMHS
- Rainbow – LGBTQ+
- Autism NI
- ADD – NI
- Churches
- Education Authority – Frances Loughran
- Business in the Community
- Young Enterprise

NEXT STEPS

It was agreed that the group would meet again to discuss the next steps of setting up a Locality Planning Group for Newtownabbey.

If there are any other contacts/organisations you feel should be invited please send their contact details to Bernadette.McGarry@northerntrust.hscni.net

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 1 April 2020, 3pm, Glengormley High School