

**LARNE & CARRICKFERGUS LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP
FRIDAY 25TH MARCH 2022
VIA ZOOM - 9.30 AM**

Attending:	Roy Beggs	MLA/BB
	Lynsey Poole	Larne Area Community Support
	Kyleigh Lough	Mae Murray
	Tracy Wishart	Aware
	Lynn McKenzie	Mencap
	Fiona Stanton	Action for Children
	Pauline Coates	PSNI
	Phyllis Lewis	EANI
	Margaret McLean	ROC
	Margaret Armstrong	Barnardos
	Eileen Maguire	Barnardos
	Sarah Johnston	Carrick YMCA
	David McAllister	Mid East Antrim Borough Council
	Claire Galway	NHSCT
	Sinead McCormick	NHSCT
	Amanda Logan	NHSCT
Apologies:	Grace McCann	NIACRO
	Pamela McClelland	Impact NI
	Carla O'Neill	Extern
	Kelly Taylor	Homestart
	Denise McVeigh	MEA
	Catriona Fitzsimmons	Start 360
	Shelly McCord	CCC
	Kelly Anne Coleman	NHSCT

1. Welcome & Apologies

Roy welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate representation and therefore no further changes were identified.

Sinead shared the following updates from the previous meeting

Trauma Training

- 2 day Solihull foundation programme held March. Some members of this group in attendance.
- Live webinar did not go ahead – Sinead will update if this is scheduled.

- The newly formed Northern Digital Safeguarding Group has been launched on Tuesday 8th February, Safer Internet Day 2022. Members include the Northern Trust, NSPCC, police, education, health, local council, youth and community partners and is supported by the Public Health Agency NI.

ACTION; Sinead to update group on any relevant training opportunities

3. Action Plan

LPG Funding - Roy Beggs and Sinead McCormick updated the membership on the use of the £2000 budget. Below is a synopsis of the events and decision making process.

At the last LPG meeting it was agreed to poll members on the use of the £2000 budget. It was agreed to poll 3 potential suggestions for the budget as discussed at that meeting.

- *Opportunity for member organisation to apply*
- *To provide JAM training to the local communities*
- *To re-visit the 'Growing a Healthy, Positive Me' initiative*

The top result of poll was to issue a call for funding applications from member applications. Applications were issued and 3 returns received.

At this point the joint Chairs of the LPG felt that since the process of assessing applications had not been made clear at the previous meeting or in subsequent communications that it was not appropriate for applications to be reviewed or funding allocated prior to the wider group being offered an opportunity to be part of a discussion re the process.

A poll was distributed to the LPG to identify a potential date. The date with the most respondents was identified and a meeting took place. Sinead provided admin support and 3 member organisations discussed the issue. It was agreed that a committee could be formed to assess the applications and given time constraints with the end of the financial year approaching members agreed to part-take in the committee and to proceed with the assessment process immediately.

Scoring criteria and indicators, used by other LPGs, were shared and agreed for use. It was agreed that applications scoring under 9 points would not be funded as this indicated there were less than acceptable. The 3 applications were reviewed individually and scored. Notes were taken and joint scores agreed upon and recorded.

All 3 applications met the criteria and scored sufficiently to be awarded funding.

- *Mae Murray Foundation – To provide 2 All Ability Workshops*
- *Redeeming Our Communities – To provide resourcess to support a day of physical activity being facilliated by Larne FC*
- *Carrick Contact Centre – To purchase equipment for sensory room under development.*

This resulted in a spend of £1200 leaving an underspend of £800.

Uses of this underspend were discussed incl the remaining options from the original suggestions from the previous LPG. It was decided that given time pressures and the strength of the applications received with a spread across physical, sensory and inclusive projects and across the geographical area, that it would be most beneficial to offer the successful applicants the opportunity to apply for additional funds to further support their project.

After the meeting each successful participant was contacted via phone to indicate their success. Each participant was informed of an underspend and offered the opportunity to apply for a proportion of this underspend. All applicants indicated a willingness to apply. A follow-up letter was sent to each with a short application to indicate how funds would be used. All 3 applicants submitted a further application.

The applications were reviewed by the committee and the following awards made:

- *Mae Murray's costings were based on each workshop costing £200, a further £200 would be awarded to facilitated 1 additional workshop (an additional 10 participants)*
- *ROC would be awarded a further £250 which would allow a more durable resource bag and additional resources, thus increasing longevity of the message for 100 participants.*
- *CCC were awarded a further £350. This reflects the significant costs of sensory equipment, the long-term impact of the room and the numbers that will benefit (projected 1500 annually).*

At today's meeting of 25.03.22, Roy sought retrospective approval of the wider LPG. There was agreement by attendees that given time pressures and the value of the projects that the providing this additional funding was the best use of the budget.

ACTION; Sinead to ensure invoices paid and evaluations completed

Task & Finish Groups - Sinead informed the memberships that both groups met early March and essentially both groups need a task, having completed previous tasks. Different issues were discussed but consensus within the T&F groups was that because attendance was small that a wider agreement on a direction was required. A survey was created to essentially garner opinion of the type of task that the groups might act on, for example, sourcing speakers, arranging training, arranging an event. Sinead shared a Powerpoint Presentation on the results.

Respondents ranked the top 3 priorities for MHEW to be

- *Sourcing direct training for parents/caregivers*
- *Sourcing direct training for member organisations*
- *Sourcing speakers to inform on local services*

Respondents ranked the top 3 priorities for Poverty to be

- *Sourcing direct training for member organisations*
- *Sourcing direct training for parents/caregivers*
- *Sourcing speakers to inform on local services*

At today's meeting of 25.03.22 these results were discussed and with subsequent conversation it was agreed at the next meeting to have a structured conversation about local services amongst member organisations. There was discussion re community notice boards and directories.

ACTION; Sinead to request ideas for topics and plan for a structured conversation at the next meeting
Sinead to send link to Community Resource Guide

4. Guest Speaker – Clare Galway – Paediatric Health Improvement Dietitian

Clare Galway - Paediatric Health Improvement Dietitian. Clare is hoping to increase her awareness of food poverty throughout the Northern Trust with a specific focus on childhood nutrition. She has been tasked with providing nutritional support to holiday hunger clubs, with Carrickfergus YMCA highlighted to her as CiNI's Hub for holiday hunger.

Clare would also be interested in providing support (training, resources) to any services or organisations in NHSCT who work with young families, children and young people. She is also keen to hear the opinions of organisations, parents and most importantly children and young people on what the issues or needs are for them in relation to Holiday Hunger specifically and Food Poverty more generally.

Sinead shared that Holiday Hunger was discussed at MEA's Direct Services Committee on 15/03/22. Agreement to write to Education Minister to seek an extension to the School Holiday Food Grant Scheme until Easter 2023

See agenda point 5.2 https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/downloads/Meeting-Pack_-_Mid-and-East-Antrim-Direct-Services-Committee-15-03-2022.pdf

ACTION; ALL to send Sinead any details of organisations involved in holiday Hunger Services in Carrick to help scope the area to support Clare

5. Information Sharing

- Youth Wellbeing Prevalence Survey – Completed in 2020, this study delivers prevalence estimates of common mental health problems in children and young people in Northern Ireland.
<http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/our-work/social-care-and-children/youth-wellbeing-prevalence-survey-2020/>
- The recording of the Youth Wellbeing Prevalence Survey...1 year on- Insights from Research Evidence event is now available.
<https://vimeo.com/675884636/0075267e3d>

- Nuffield Trust – Research in England on the effect of the pandemic on CYP
New analysis from QualityWatch, a Nuffield Trust and Health Foundation programme, shows that the pandemic has led to an unprecedented increase in demand for mental health services for children and young people.
<https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/resource/growing-problems-in-detail-covid-19-s-impact-on-health-care-for-children-and-young-people-in-england>
- Joseph Rowntree Foundation has launched their Poverty in Northern Ireland 2022 Report. This report explores the rates of poverty of Northern Ireland and assesses the impact that poverty is having on the lives of people who live in Northern Ireland. For the full report <https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/poverty-northern-ireland-2022>
- Mental Health Champion - Prof O'Neill recently noted young people as whole were "more heavily impacted by the pandemic and the restrictions than any other age group". She made reference to the Co Space Study and referred to the large-scale study, which tracked the mental health of parents, children and young people between March 2020 and July 2021 <http://cospaceoxford.org/>
- Mid Ulster/Dungannon LPG working on a producing a Uniform Exchange Toolkit – hope that it will be regionally available more information to follow. Working with a number of schools in that area to develop.
- Mental Health First Aid Training- see member update document for more information on dates/registration
- Fit for Fun Programme for Primary Schools – 25 schools in NHSCT (with high % of free school meals_ have been identified by the EA to receive Fit for Fun resources. This initiative aims to enhance the physical and mental wellbeing of pupils and to help them achieve the recommended level of 60 minutes of physical activity every day. 100 children per school will receive an individual bag with a range of equipment including a skipping rope, cones, bean bag, balls etc. along with a selection of resource cards on various activities which will help develop fundamental movement skills.

6. Members Updates

Members were provided with an opportunity to introduce themselves and give an update from their organisation on key areas of work being progressed since the last meeting- Please see member updates document

7. Any Other Business / information sharing

Roy expressed the need to share information regarding school uniform recycling. The need for help with school uniforms for the children returning to school in September will be huge due to the increase in families struggling to provide for their families.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as **Wednesday 18th May 2022 @ 10.30am** via Zoom