

CYPSP Locality Planning Group

10.30am on Tuesday 11th June 2024 Coleraine West Community Centre Coleraine

Present:

Stephanie Scott Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (Chair)
Bronagh McCrory NHSCT
Anita Hurley Health Alliance
Sheena Morrison Aware NI
Pippa Campbell Mae Murray Foundation
Kate Coates Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid
Elaine Donnelly Surestart
Sharon Kirk Surestart
Lara Aitcheson Homestart
Marc McGerty Labour Market Partnership
Veronica McKinley Health Alliance
Jane McAlister EANI

Apologies:

Meghan Campbell Action for Children
Paula McLaughlin NICMA
Áine Máire Mhic Neachtin Gaeil Ruairí Óg agus Gaeil na nGlinnti
Stephanie McMullan Solas Moyle
Elizabeth Craig NHSCT Lead Social Worker
Bebhinn McKinley Causeway Coast and Glens Council
Elaine Twaddle NHSCT
Veronica Kelly School Nurse
Amy Merron ZGBTST

1. Welcome and Introductions

Stephanie introduced herself and welcomed everyone, followed by a round of introductions.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the April meeting agreed.

3. Presentation Kate Coates CMUWA –

Kate gave an overview of the art therapy project completed by the children at the Women's Aid refuge. This brought an opportunity for children to get settled in to refuge life and had therapeutic benefits for

them. Parents were able to feel more settled knowing that their children were getting on well and getting to know staff and others. Kate shared pictures of the art work with the group.

Presentation Zachary Geddis Break the Silence Trust

Bronagh presented on ZGBTST's project which was a 6 week music mentoring programme. The outcomes were better emotional regulation for participants, reduced anxiety and improved communication skills. One participant stated 'This is an amazing service that provides much needed support for children and young people, we both felt very welcome and supported'

Presentation - Rasharkin Primary School

Bronagh presented on Rasharkin Primary School's 'Sand Play' project. 100% of children had used the sand pit and enjoyed it, it had helped everyone make new friends and felt happy playing in it. Pupils said ' it reminds me of being at the beach' and 'playing together is good teamwork.'

Presentation – Solas Moyle

Bronagh delivered the presentation prepared by Solas on their circus skills project with Primary School children. The outcomes of the project were increased mental health and wellbeing of pupils, better confidence and self esteem, better focus and willpower and improvement in gross motor skills. One participant stated 'This was the best day, the circus skills men were so funny.'

Presentation – Home Start

Lara presented on Homestart's mother and toddler sessions. Ballymoney, Coleraine and Garvagh groups were most successful. Over 24 people attended. The groups led to increased social interaction, learning and development. The coordinator was able to offer support during the sessions, find out the needs of the group and plan for the next session. Some dads also attended. Following the sessions participants felt less isolated and more connected.

Presentation Mae Murray Foundation

Pippa from Mae Murray foundation presented on their 'Christmas on the beach' Pippa reported that Portstewart Inclusive Beach saw 208 people from the whole community enjoy the choir, alpacas, S'mores, sport and Santa. The project allowed families to enjoy an inclusive Christmas event without worry about accessibility. It also promoted the work of

Mae Murray and encouraged new people to get involved and make the most of the services which they provide on local beaches.

4. Guest Presentation Labour Market Partnership Marc McGerty

Mark updated on the services provided by the Labour Market Partnership locally including careers information in schools, life long learning, programmes, referrals and employment academies. The partnership has HGV academy, driving academy and more. They received 400 referrals in the last year and have helped more females get in to HVG driving with one even getting an award.

In Causeway Coast and Glens 2650 are on universal credit due to unemployment. The aging population is a challenge in the area. The partnership tries to forecast the industries where most jobs are going to be available to help direct people towards employment.

They currently have 120 people on academies where they get training and are linked to employers. Business start up funds are also available, funded training to develop new skills and gain employment. Qualifications are also available in health and beauty, door supervising and support to get a CSR card is available. 276 people were supported to get into work this year, 60 gained employment via the academy and 36 accessed the business seed fund.

Bronagh to send presentation and contact information.

Action Bronagh

5. CYPSP Standards

CYPSP Standards were explained by Bronagh. Stephanie handed out forms for people to give feedback on each of the 8 standards. Responses were collected by Bronagh and will be collated and sent to CYPSP and members.

Action: Bronagh

6. Family Support Hub update

- The Hubs are currently extremely busy and are still seeing an increase in referrals.
- Claire Larkin the Family Support hub co-ordination has returned.
- Areas with a need for support is in house family support for families with children with a diagnosis or waiting to be assessed.
- June Hub meeting will be face to face. An update on annual evaluations outcomes will be provided at this meeting.
- Action For Children were allocated a stand at the Balmoral Show with a representative from the Family Support Hubs in attendance. Meghan also attended the Ballycastle health fair which was ran by Apex Housing Shared Housing Programme.

- If there is any free summer schemes running over the summer months as we are likely to see an increase in requests for same from June onwards, please let Meghan know.

7. Member Updates

Sharon Dalriada Rural Surestart – Surestart have a number of vacancies coming up including family visiting posts, creche and early years manager (maternity post.) Issues with recruitment as some of the roles involve travel or wouldn't be suitable for people with no access to transport. Not as many new families, programmes still popular but families not attending on a regular basis. Running baby massage, baby yoga, antenatal classes, incredible babies and toddlers. Less programmes. Now holding a weekly group for families with a child with additional needs.

Pippa Mae Murray Foundation – Weather has had an impact on people getting to the beach. During this time they have been working to upskill members so they can help to support others. Working on making the world more inclusive and reducing the barriers people face. People don't need a diagnosis to join.(going to link with Surestart to support parents neurodiverse.)

Christina Connect North Link Worker – Role is to signpost people to relevant services and let people know what is available. Invited people to meet and find out more about the service.

Sheena Aware NI – Updated the group on Aware programme for June.

Veronica & Anita Health Alliance – Northern Healthy Lifestyle Partnership 4 information roadshows based on health and wellbeing coming up

- Transport
- Funding to learn to drive
- Rural issues
- Isolation
- Parental support
- Children with new diagnoses
- Volunteers for C&V organisations.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Mill Strand Integrated Primary School on the 11th of September at 10.30am
Action Planning meeting will be held before at 9.30am (all welcome)

Please email Bronagh to register.

