

CYPSP Locality Planning Group

Tuesday 12th of December 2023 at Dalriada Rural Surestart Ballmoney 10.30am

Present:

Bronagh McCrory NHSCT
Stephanie Scott Coleraine Surestart (Chair)
Kate Harrison Women's Aid
Meghan Campbell Action for Children
Marie Donaghey NRC
Emma NRC
Margaret Purdie NHSCT
Rhonda McMullan Barnardos

Apologies:

Veronica McKinley Health Alliance
Paula McLaughlin NICMA
Stephanie McMullan Surestart
Elaine Donnelly Coleraine Surestart
Sheena Morrison Aware NI
Katrine McDermott NHSCT
Pippa Campbell Mae Murray Foundation
Deirdre Bradley EANI
Aine Wallace Fresh Minds Education
Louise Scullion Causeway Coast and Glens Council
Sharon Kirk Surestart
Amy Merron ZGBTST

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Presentation – NRC Step Up

The NRC Step Up programme works to break down barriers to further education offering extra support to those that need it. The project commenced in September and is suited to people that are going back to study or those who didn't get back into school. The project looks at individuals needs and works to meet them providing support with things like travel costs and childcare. It is open to anyone over the age of 16 and there is also an element of the project for over 25s. The project will provide sample sessions and mentoring to keep people engaged. Outreach is available to classes can be set up in communities where there is need. Training will be provided in areas of interest such as beauty, childcare, health and social care and reducing anxiety. Step up aims to support women returners, people with a disability, economically inactive.

Mentors are available at Ballymoney, Ballymena, Magherafelt and Limavady. Contact the project on stepup@nrc.ac.uk

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the October meeting agreed.

4. CYPSP Standards

CYPSP Standards were discussed in June – Bronagh mentioned only one member had completed the online form. Bronagh to send out again.

Action: Bronagh

5. CYPSP Activities Funding

6 applications were received for the funding (£400 per project), successful organisations included – Mae Murray Foundation – Christmas on the beach, Rasharkin Primary School Play Equipment, Homestart Group Funding, Women's Aid Play Therapy, Solas Circus Skills and ZGBTST Therapeutic Sessions.

Kate from CMWA was in attendance and gave an update stating that the children and staff were very grateful for this support and very much looking forward to getting started. They had also received children's art booklets from the NHSCT and were finding these very useful.

6. Family Support Hub update

Megan stated that there had been an increase in Family Support Hub referrals. Their next meeting will be held face to face in February. FSH dealt with many referrals for toys for Christmas and were able to meet them all. Still finding lots of unmet need.

7. Member Updates

Rhonda updated that many service users are affected by the cost of living crisis and that they had been providing support to parents. They had given support during the Summer months by providing food hampers, heat, electricity and items to support children returning to school. Lack of money is having an impact on parents Mental Health. Many service users are on the waiting list for ASD assessments or already impacted.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 20th February @10.30 am venue tbc.