

## **CYPSP Locality Planning Group**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> February @10.30 am venue tbc.