

CYPSP Locality Planning Group

10.30am on Tuesday 23rd of April 2024 Sunlea Youth Centre Coleraine

Present:

Stephanie Scott Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (Chair)
Bronagh McCrory NHSCT
Anita Hurley Health Alliance
Sheena Morrison Aware NI
Jonathan Ashe EANI
Pippa Campbell Mae Murray Foundation
Gill Young NHSCT Student Social Worker
Kate Coates Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid
Rhonda McMullan Barndardos

Apologies:

Meghan Campbell Action for Children
Veronica McKinley Health Alliance
Paula McLaughlin NICMA
Áine Máire Mhic Neachtin Gaeil Ruairí Óg agus Gaeil na nGlinnti
Jane McAlister EANI
Stephanie McMullan Solas Moyle
Elaine Donnelly Coleraine Surestart
Deirdre Bradley EANI
Sharon Kirk Surestart
Elizabeth Craig NHSCT Lead Social Worker
Bebhinn McKinley Causeway Coast and Glens Council

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Presentation –

Jill Young Student Social Worker presented on the New Entrants service supporting those seeking asylum. At present in the NHSCT there people are mainly Ukrainian and others who have fled their homeland. Those who are known to authorities get £40 a week or £8 a week and emergency housing. 3 hotels are housing people locally. There is a negative public perception. Many arrive here not knowing what country they are in. Many have come from good jobs and are well educated, willing to do any type of work here. The face issues cultural issues

especially with food. If a asylum seeker is refused entry they must prove they would be at risk if they return home.

There are many unaccompanied refugee children in the NHSCT. Asylum seekers are also at risk of modern slavery and human trafficking. There are also difficulties with traditions such as arranged marriage and young marriage. Social services give assistance to protect children and tackle these issues. There are often issues around funding for housing and access to public funds.

The National Transfer Scheme works with stakeholders to support families in hotels. There is a monthly interagency forum, there is currently no funding for this service. When people get status they have nowhere to go, there have also been issues due to travel passes being taken away. There is a need to develop pathways and plans to support asylum seekers / refugees.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the February meeting agreed.

4. 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

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. The next CYPSP meeting will be held in person on the 4th of June member organisations who received funding will be asked to give a brief presentation on their project.

6. Family Support Hub update

We are still seeing a steady increase in hub referrals across all five hub areas.

Due to high demand the FSH alongside Parenting Focus (Parenting NI) are running a second programme for Parenting Children's Challenging Behaviour it began on the 15th April for 6 weeks.

Parenting Childrens Challenging Behaviour programme-This six-session programme ran by Parenting NI, it aims to help parents understand and deal with their child's less positive behaviours through exploring their role in behaviour management and offering tools to enhance the relationship between parent and child. The importance of sleep hygiene and its significance in relation to children's behaviour will also be explored.

At all our January Hub Meetings we completed our annual evaluations and feedback from this will be shared and discussed at the upcoming hub meetings throughout the year. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to the evaluations.

The May Hub meeting will be on teams, following feedback from last year's evaluations that more people would like to have the face to face meetings bi-monthly rather and quarterly.

If anyone knows of any befriending or youth projects within the area can they let Meghan know thank you.

7. Member Updates

Pippa – Event happening Saturday 9th of June at Portstewart supported by the National Trust there will be a litter pick, supported swimming, drumming. Fun event for everyone. Also looking for volunteers for the red sails festival. Happy to support anyone with additional needs and always looking for new members.

Johnny – supporting young people at centres in Ballysally, Ballycastle, Portrush and Limavady. Youth Voice is up and running they will run a number of campaigns decided on by the YP themselves one being YP rights they will also run a social campaign which they have not decided on yet. Johnny will keep us updated on their work.

Sheena – Aware will be running an abseil down the city hotel to raise funds. Young People's mood matters can be run in community venues if anyone is interested. A 6 week programme of living life to the full is starting on the 14th of May. Aware support group runs every 2 weeks in the lodge hotel and is running tonight (23rd) They are also looking for volunteers for their giant steps event some roles don't require Access NI so open to all.

Anita – Promoted Health Alliance membership and gave information on tapping techniques with capacitar. Also showed the group new vaping resources and lesson plan which she is happy to share with members.

Rhonda – mentioned issues with children newly diagnosed with conditions such as ADHD and ASD parents struggling to manage behaviour. Trying to

support parents to cope during challenging times. Long waiting lists and financial issues making this more difficult.

Issues raised by group :

- Housing issues for asylum seekers
- School avoidance
- Parental support
- Children with new diagnoses
- Vaping
- DV and housing
- Volunteers for C&V organisations.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Coleraine West Community Centre on the 11th of June at 10.30am.