

Wellbeing Action Partnership

Report of Wellbeing Action Partnership planning session held on Tuesday 11 May 2010 in the Training Rom, Monaghan Row, Newry.

In Attendance: Fergal O'Brien, Trust
Eoin Devlin, Environmental Health
Laurence Bradley, CCG
Aisling Rennick, Investing for Health Officer
Sean McKeivitt, Neighbourhood Renewal
Loma Wilson, NIHE
Lorraine Murphy, Newry and Mourne Carers
Rosemarie McDonnell, Citizens Advice Bureau
Bertie Flynn, Community Representative
Brian Quinn, Mournes Area Community Representative
Sr Helena Daly, TESOL Project
Briege Magill, Administration Officer

Apologies: Nicola Doran, Health Improvement Worker
E Curtis, NMDC
Jacinta Linden, SHFHI
Eileen Murphy, Womens Aid
Kathleen Smyth
Una Walsh, Women and Family Health
Paul McLennan, EGSA

Fergal welcomed everyone to the meeting and said the purpose of today's meeting was to look at the purpose and objectives of the Wellbeing Action Partnership and to identify an action plan for the next two years - 2010-2012.

Fergal outline the outstanding actions from the current action plan.

Aisling said the four themes currently being proposed by Investing for Health were:

- Early Years
- Income/Employability/Poverty
- Sustainable Communities
- Health Improvement/Promotion

Geography – Newry, Mourne and South Armagh – ensure services are locally sensitive to Newry and Mourne. For present agreed not to expand membership to the Down area as this would not be appropriate currently.

Members present then agreed to the following Mission, Purpose and Aims and Objectives as follows:-

Mission

Working together for health, wealth, education and happiness for all in Newry and Mourne.

Purpose

The purpose of the Wellbeing Action Partnership is to help all organisations and communities to work together to improve health and wellbeing in the Newry and Mourne area.

The Wellbeing Action Partnership is a forum to facilitate key statutory bodies and community/voluntary agencies in the Newry and Mourne area to work in partnership to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the area.

Values

Social Inclusion
Equality
Equity
Transparency
Diversity
Interdependence
Social Justice
Rights
Respect

Key Aims and Objectives

- To facilitate information sharing between WAP members and between WAP and relevant public, private, voluntary and community organisations.
- To link with other health and wellbeing related partnerships.
- To provide opportunities for members to develop and implement joint working to ensure delivery of services to meet local need.
- To promote the involvement of communities in the development of community planning and delivery of services through engagement.
- To become a central point for information regarding issues in respect of the wellbeing of people in Newry and Mourne.

Members agreed the following outcomes:

Outcomes

- Improved access to information and clarity of information.
- Increased co-ordination of services
- Improved communication between statutory and voluntary/community sector
- Improved relationships between statutory and voluntary/community sectors
- Increased networking and opportunities for enhanced services.

Members then identified possible membership gaps.

Membership – Possible gaps

Early Years (Children and Young People)

South Armagh Childcare Consortium
Surestart – S Armagh and Orana
SELB

Income, Poverty and Employability

Jobs and Benefits – Matt Toner – Rosemarie to get details
SVDP/Salvation Army/Churches – Aisling
National Energy Action - Bryson House
Re-issue invitation to:-
Newry Chamber of Commerce – Mary Doran
Stephen McClelland – Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
PSNI - to replace Lorraine Dobson

Health Improvement

Suicide Awareness/Mental Health
Rural Health Partnership
Men Aware – L Moley
Newry Rainbow Community
Newry and Mourne Youth Strategy Partnership
Disability – Fergal to get contact
Re-issue invitation to:- Senior Citizens Consortium

Sustainable Communities
 Rural/Urban Transport
 Rural Development Council
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CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS/PROJECTS

Peace 3	Older People Mental Health Forum
Community Safety	CAWT
Newry Greater Vision	S.Armagh Childcare Consortium
BME Forum	S Armagh Locality Planning
Belong	Safe and Well
Southern College Transforming Communities/Voice	Drug and Alcohol Partnership/SADACT
Challenge of Change	REACH
SOAR	Smoking Cessation Group
Home Accident Prevention Group	SIHP
Neighbourhood Renewal	Newry and Mourne Youth Strategy Partnership
SAIG/Fit Futures	Housing Community Network
SAAT	Newry and Mourne Labour Forum
Newry City Centre Management	Kilkeel Development Association

Action Plan Points

Members agreed the following Action Plan points

- Invite Sheelin McKeagney, Chair of the Local Commissioning Group for the Southern Area to the June WAP Meeting to give an overview of the Commissioning Group's role.
- Invite the Chair/Vice Chair of the Council's Health Service Working Group to the September WAP Meeting.
- B Magill to arrange for future HSWG Minutes to be sent to all WAP Members.
- Consider having a Partnership reporting morning.
- Develop a mailing list of groups/organisations to be kept informed of WAP activities or member activities

- Send out Invitation to specific organisations to become members of WAP.
- Develop introduction pack for new members
- Extend reach of WAP deeper into the community

It was agreed the Action Plan would be finalised at the next WAP Meeting to be held on 18 June 2010.

PHA/Local Government Joint Working – Southern Cluster

It was agreed, if requested, to forward WAP membership list to the PHA/Local Government Joint Working Group for the Southern Cluster to help them identify potential Community Network representatives.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 1.20 p.m.

B Magill
Administration Officer