

Newry and Mourne Wellbeing Action Partnership

Report of Newry and Mourne Wellbeing Action Partnership Meeting held on Friday 10 September 2010 in the Training Room, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry.

In Attendance: Fergal O'Brien, SHSCT
Una Walsh, Women and Family Health
Brian Quinn, Community Representative
Bertie Flynn, Community Representative
Nicola Doran, Health Improvement Worker
Aisling Rennick, Investing for Health Officer
Maria McBride, RAP project
Sr Helena Daly, TESOL Project
Sean McKeivitt, Neighbourhood Renewal
Laurence Bradley, CCG
Jacinta Linden, SDFHI
Loma Wilson, NIHE
Artur Kmiecik, Ethnic Minority Support Worker
Briege Magill, Administration Officer

Apologies: Eileen Murphy, Women's Aid
Liam Donnelly, Orana
Rosemarie McDonnell, CAB
Eddy Curtis, NMDC
Derrick Harris, Newry Sports Centre

Sympathy

Fergal welcomed everyone to the meeting. On behalf of the Wellbeing Action Partnership, he extended his sympathy to Loma Wilson, on the death of her nephew, Stuart Wilson who tragically died following a boating accident at Cranfield. Fergal also extended his sympathy to Una Walsh on the recent death of three close family members.

Minutes of WAP Meetings

On the proposal of Bertie Flynn, seconded by Brian Quinn, agreed to approve the report of the WAP meeting held on Friday, 18 June 2010 (Copy circulated).

Raising Aspirations Project

Maria McBride then updated members on the Raising Aspirations Project. Maria said some young people may be uncertain about their aspirations or perhaps may not have hopes and ambitions for the future because they think their opportunities are limited. This can mean that they don't fulfil their potential as they are growing up. The Raising aspirations programme (RAP) in Northern Ireland helps young people achieve their creative, academic and social potential to maximise their life chances.

RAP is being piloted across the Southern Health & Social Care Trust by three health improvement workers based in Craigavon, Dungannon and Newry. Young people help design and deliver weekly interactive workshops on the following topics:

- problem solving
- autonomy
- gender roles
- social competence
- developing a value base
- sexual health
- communication skills
- relationships
- sexual identity and orientation
- understanding yourself.

Maria said the program was wide and varied and user led. Each group had their own idea of what they wanted to do and Maria was able to assist in providing resources, with funding provided by the Family Planning Association (FPA).

In addition to group work, there were one-to-one sessions and a lot of advocacy work emphasizing that everyone has a duty of care to our young people.

Maria said she worked closely with a number of organisations such as Womens Aid, Neighbourhood Renewal etc. She agreed to liaise with Jacinta Linden re new worker in the South Down area – Paula Lucas and other possible contacts.

Una said she felt the Raising Aspirations Project was excellent – well run and closely monitored.

Action Plan

Fergal then reported progress in relation to the current Action Plan.

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.	Done – Sheelin attended the June WAP Meeting
Invite the Chair/Vice Chair of the Council's Health Service Working Group to the September WAP Meeting.	New chair to be appointed in September 2010 and invited to attend the December WAP Meeting
HSWG Minutes to be sent to all WAP Members.	Briege doing this following HSWG Meetings.
Develop a mailing list of groups/organisations to be kept informed of WAP activities or member activities	Briege has done this. Members to inform Briege of any new workers who should be added to mailing list.
Send out Invitation to specific organisations to become members of WAP	Have written to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NIPPA• Mental Health Forum• Southern Regional College• PSNI• Newry Rainbow Group• Crushan Munia• Senior Citizens Consortium• Jobs and Benefits Office
Develop introduction pack for new members	Briege/Aisling working on this
Extend reach of WAP deeper into the community	
Consider having a Partnership reporting morning.	See attached – 19 November 2010 and 27 January 2011

It was agreed that the following persons be invited to the WAP Meeting to be held on 10 December 2010

- Chief Executive of the Council
- Chief Executive of the Trust
- Chief Executive of the NIHE
- Gerry Bleakney, Head of Health Improvement (South) Public Health Agency
- Chair/Vice of the Council's Health Service Working Group

Financial Report

Fergal provided members with details of the financial statement for period ending 31 July 2010.

The above financial statement was marked "Noted".

Report on Investing for Health

Read: Report from Aisling Rennick, Investing for Health Officer, giving an update on current work of Investing for Health and the Ethnic Minority Support Centre. (copy circulated)

The above report was noted

Aisling said the PHA had been allocated funding for the purpose of community allotments/food gardens with approximately £10,000 being available for the Newry & Mourne area.

Group who are eligible to apply will have to meet the following criteria:

- Community based organisation - constituted
- Disadvantaged area - or targeting people from a disadvantaged area
- Shows evidence of sustainability
- Demonstrates how to use the site for training and awareness
- Demonstrates how the site is used for social interaction, social enterprise and linked in with another initiatives e.g. Neighbourhood Renewal, extended schools etc.
- Demonstrates that it promotes intergenerational work etc

Aisling said there would be a tight turnaround as the funding needs to be spent by 31st March 2011. Closing date for applications is beginning of October.

Aisling said members should contact her if they knew of any group interested in this funding.

Report from Ethnic Minority Officer

Read: Report from Artur Kmiecik, Ethnic Minority Support Worker, giving an update on current work of the Ethnic Minority Support Office. (Copy circulated)

The above report was noted and it was agreed that, if possible, Artur provide details of usage in South Down, South Armagh and Newry Town and type of issues were being experienced in each of these locations in order to ascertain how WAP partners could assist.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.30 am

For adoption at the Wellbeing Action Partnership Meeting to be held on Friday 10 December 2010.

A small sub-group then met to agree partnership reporting morning and following was recommended:-

Information Sharing – Session 1 - Broad base Partnerships

All WAP members to be invited to attend Information Sharing morning.

DATE: 19 November 2010
TIME: 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
VENUE: Boardroom, District Council Offices

Template to be completed by those making presentation
10 minute presentation – consisting of no more than 6 slides

Following to be invited to present:-

- Peace III
- Local Action Group
- Community Safety Partnership / DPP
- Neighbourhood Renewal
- Gerry Bleakney, Head of Health Improvement (South) Public Health Agency

WAP Meeting on 10th December 2010

The following to be invited to attend the WAP Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2010:-

- Chief Executive of the Council
- Chief Executive of the Trust
- Chief Executive of the NIHE
- Gerry Bleakney, Health and Social Wellbeing Improvement
- Chair/Vice of the Council's Health Service Working Group

Purpose of this meeting-

- to exchange information on the future relationship of the Voluntary/ Community Sector with some of the key statutory agencies in the area,
- to discuss role of WAP in meeting health and well being improvement and information dissemination needs in area
- to raise concerns from Voluntary/ community partners about current issues in area

Information Sharing – Session 2

All WAP members to be invited to attend Information Sharing morning.

DATE: Thursday, 27 January 2011
TIME: 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
VENUE: Boardroom, District Council Offices

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Following to be invited to present:-

- Senior Citizens Consortium
- Mental Health Forum – Karl and Seamus
- Disability
- CAWT – Karen Meehan/Anne Gill
- Sexual Health Forum - Gabrielle
- Reach – Gerard Rocks