

Northern Ireland Social Care Council Participation Partnership

Confirmed Minutes
Tuesday 27th September 2022
Via Zoom



SEPTEMBER

27th



Members at the meeting:





Brenda Maitland (Chair) (Board Member)
David Hayes (Board Member)
Sarah Browne (Board Member)
Gerard McWilliams
Anne Mallon
Joanne Sansome
David Gillen
Karen McCormick(IMPACT) (Guest speaker)

Apologies:

Maria Somerville

In attendance for Social Care Council:

Declan McAllister (Director of Registration and Corporate Services)
Mandy Cowden (Professional Advisor)
Rita Lewtas (Head of Strategic Communication & Engagement)
Brian Moylan (Note taker)

1.		<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome, Apologies, and Introductions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">apologies</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">ACTION</p>
1.1		<p>Brenda Maitland (Chair) welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Brian Moylan and Rita Lewtas to the group and put on record her thanks for Jenny's work with the partnership.</p> <p>Brenda thanked Anne and Gerard for stepping in on her absence to Co-Chair the last meeting.</p> <p>Brenda informed the group that Alan would like to take a step back from the group as he has had a tough summer and Grace would like to take a step back from the group while she is still unwell, the group passed on their well wishes to both Alan and Grace.</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Maria Sommerville.</p>		
2.		<p style="text-align: center;">Previous Meeting's Minutes and Matters Arising/Update</p>		
2.1		<p>Minutes from the previous meeting which was held on the 16th of June 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate statement and were passed for approval.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Chair</p>
2.2		<p>Anne and Declan had a discussion around direct payment workers and how they are regulated.</p>		
2.3		<p>Declan informed the group that he had passed on Joanne's details to Professor Jones.</p>		
2.4		<p>Declan reported about Joanne's feedback on the carer champion role, Declan advised that this was reflected in our response to the DOH on the consultation</p>		

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Chair's Update

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| 3.1 | Brenda informed the group that this was her last meeting as chair and stated that it has been a privilege and she is proud to have represented the group and thanked everyone for their commitment to the group and welcomed Sarah as the new chair. | Brenda
And
Declan |
| 3. | Brenda passed over to Declan for some updates. | |
| 3.2 | Declan informed the group that we are moving to James house on the 3rd and 4th of February 2023 and there will be a welcome pack going out to everyone on all the details of James House. | |
| 3.3 | Declan reported Patricia has now been confirmed in post as Chief Executive of the Social Care Council. | |
| 3.4 | Declan reported that there is still work going on developing the social work profession. | |
| 3.5 | Declan reported that the social reform consultation is now closed and advised that we will find out where we are with this and what is the action plan. | |
| 3.6 | Declan informed the group that Sean Holland will be leaving his post of Chief Social Worker and will be moving to the Department of Justice with Peter Toogood replacing him as Deputy Permanent Secretary and Aine Morrison taking up the role as Chief Social Worker. | |



- 4.1 Brenda asked Anne and Gerard about the pilot event that they chaired in June and asked for some points on that. Observations that came from this were,
- Gerard reported that in his personal view there is some engagements that are better face to face and the proposed doing some workshops with some guest speakers and this will show people the importance of getting involved.
 - Anne reported that she prefers face to face meetings but acknowledged that this doesn't suit everyone.
 - Joanne advised that it went very well and that both Gerard and Anne done a very good job in Co-Chairing but some people had some difficulty getting into the group virtually, Joanne agrees that face to face is easier but hybrid should be offered and this has offered a lot of disabled people an opportunity to join in to the meetings but comments that face to face is the way forward.
 - Anne suggested that it was a good idea to have carers and server users involved and chairing helped with that.
 - Mandy asked the group how do we encourage people to come along, aiming to bring in new people to the group.
 - Sarah commented that going forward we need to be clear on why we are doing it. Are we wanting to extend the membership? Are there other ways people can engage with the council? Sarah advised we need a bit of time to think about this.
 - Gerard commented that within our role as the Participation Partnership, we are holding NISCC to account and suggested that we could maybe different

All

4.2	<p>teams from within the Social Care Council come in and give a bit of a presentation and a bit of a background on what it is they do and this could give people a better understanding on why the Participation Partnership is here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declan agreed that hybrid is the way going forward and this would allow more people to attend. <p>Rita brought forward a few questions to the group asking about what representation do we want to see and what is the targeted recruitment the group would like?</p> <p>Rita advised that as well as building on teams coming in and showcasing to the Partnership that we can provide lots of ideas that we can work to make the Partnership better and show how the Partnership can add value to the rest of the council.</p> <p>Gerard suggested that we should do the recruitment far and wide with hopefully 4 or 5 people coming in that would be perfect.</p>	
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5.	 <p>Karen From IMPACT Assembly</p>		
5.1	<p>Karen gave the group an introduction from herself, that her background is as a carer and the opportunity offered by IMPACT was one that connected with her lived experience.</p>	Karen	
5.2	<p>Karen outlined what IMPACT do and that it is based on the identification of evidence of what works well in social care. Karen also explained that an earlier implementor site has been identified in Northern Ireland, but was not aware how that was chosen as it was before she took up post.</p>		
5.3	<p>Karen also explained what IMPACT is trying to establish in the UK and then she had a discussion with the group on</p>		

	their experience of engaging with IMPACT.	
5.4	<p>Joanne expressed concerns from the IMPACT assembly that she had attended that there was no real structure and no real follow up from a participation point of view and that would put it off her priority list unfortunately.</p> <p>Karen apologized to Joanne for her experience and thanked her for her feedback. Both Anne and Gerard reflected similar feedback from the first two IMPACT assemblies.</p>	
5.5	Brenda advised that with Karen now in post we would hope there is a renewed approach to the IMPACT assemblies and that we would be happy to help if the help would be taken on board.	

6.		Break
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6.1	David Gillen had to leave the meeting at this point.	ALL
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7.		Update from Members
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7.1	Anne reported that she has a second meeting with the ombudsman to see where they stand legally with their carers forum and engagement with the Trust.	
7.2	Gerard reported on the event he is taking part in for career in social work- 'A Day in The life of a Social Worker' and has been working with Tricia Devlin from the Social Care Council on this.	
7.3	Joanne shared the great news that the DoH Office of Social Services 'Social work and Co-Production Guide' she helped write has been shortlisted for a European Social Network	

	(ESN) Award.	
8.		Any Other Business
8.1	As this was Brenda's last meeting of the Participation Partnership a small token of appreciation was presented to Brenda by Anne and Gerard on behalf of the Partnership Members. A number of members expressed their thanks to Brenda for her kindness, generosity, commitment and compassion to the work of the Partnership.	
8.2	Brenda thanked everyone for the token of appreciation and thanked everyone for their support, commitment and good counsel during her term as Chair of the Partnership. She wished Sarah well as she takes up the role of Chair of the Partnership. Brenda stated that it had been a privilege to part of the Partnership and wished the group well for the future.	
9.		Dates of Next Meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 29th November 2022 at 10:30am to 1pm - • Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 10:30am to 1pm • Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 10:30am to 1pm • Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 10:30am to 1pm 	
Approved by:	Sarah Browne	
Signature:		
Date of Approval:	29/11/2022	

PARTICIPATION PARTNERSHIP

14TH JUNE 2022

ACTIONS LIST – 14TH JUNE 2022

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>Completed</u>
 Previous Meeting's Minutes and Action List		
1. Page 3 - Item 2.3 The Terms of Reference to remain as an Agenda Item until internal Review is completed.	Jenny	Completed and Closed
 Chair's Update		
2. Page 6 - Item 3.1 B Declan to contact Professor Jones with Joanne's details and to relay the Partnerships interest in the workshops.	Declan	Completed and Closed
3. Page 6 - Item 3.1 B When known, the Children's Social Care Services Review Phase 3 Workshop dates will be issued	Declan / Jenny	Completed and Closed
4. Page 7 - Item 3.1 D Members who wish to attend Board Meetings to inform Jenny	All / Jenny	Completed and Closed



Department of Health's Adult Health and Social Care Consultation

5.	Page 8 – Item 4.1 Declan to discuss Joanne's Social Care Champion role concerns with Patricia and Marian who are the authors of the Consultation's submission	Declan	Completed and Closed
6.	Page 12 – Item 4.1 – Number 6 Declan to relay the preferred usage term of Assisted Living for the Social Care Council's submission	Declan	



Participation Partnership Promotion

7.	Page 13 – Item 6.1 Jenny to reissue invite and Members to share Event Invite with networks	Jenny / ALL	Completed and closed 17/06/2022
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Members' Updates

8.	Page 15 – Item 7.2 Karen McCormick (IMPACT Assembly) to be invite to next Partnership meeting – 27 th Sept 2022	Jenny	Completed and Closed
9.	Page 15 – Item 7.2 Gerard to share IMPACT Assembly presentation	Gerard / Jenny	Completed and closed 15/06/2022