

Participation Partnership		14 March 2016	
		10.30a.m	
		Council Suite 1 NISCC	
Facilitator: NISCC		Type of meeting:	Participation Partnership Meeting
Attendees:	<p>Geraldine Campbell (Chair) Neil Irvine Anne Mallon Gerard McWilliams Maria Sommerville</p> <p>Apologies: Rionach Campbell Audrey Montgomery Joanne Sansome Emma Tinsley Lee Wilson</p> <p>In attendance: Mark Bradley Brenda Horgan</p> <p>Note taker: Maureen Martin</p>		
Notes			
Item 1.	Welcome and Introductions	Presenter:	Geraldine Campbell
	Geraldine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were given for, Rionach Campbell, Brenda Maitland, Audrey Montgomery, Uel Mcllveen, Joanne Sansome, Emma Tinsley and Lee Wilson.		
Item 2.	Update from Chair		
2.1	Geraldine requested Mark to update members on the Corporate Plan development. Mark reported that a facilitator, Rob Rae, had been engaged to work with the Senior Management team and Council members at a workshop in October 2015, to align the Corporate Plan with the new programme for government.		

<p>Conclusion:</p>	<p>The discussions at this workshop had been collated and structured around the logic model and presented at a Council Strategic workshop on Wednesday 9 March 2016. The overall presentation had been well received with suggestions made on modification of some of the language used within the report.</p> <p>Additional meetings are to be arranged to engage with the Participation Partnership group and the Registrants' Forum with a separate date for a planned session with NISCC staff.</p> <p>Suggested date of Thursday 16 June 2016 at 1p.m for session with Rob Rae to be circulated to all Participation Partnership members</p> <p>Responsible Person: Maureen Martin</p>
<p>2.2</p> <p>Conclusion:</p>	<p>Geraldine noted the success of the Social Care event which had taken place on Monday 7 March at Riddel Hall, QUB. Mark and Brenda H reported good attendance at the event and the high standard of workshops. The Chair, Mark and Brenda H thanked Anne in particular for her inspirational contribution to the event and remarked on how well received her input had been. The feedback from attendees was excellent and highlighted the benefit of direct service user contribution to show the impact of domiciliary care provision. Anne noted that this was an important opportunity to showcase the work of domiciliary care workers and to highlight the need for their work to be valued and status raised. (Influence)</p> <p>Maria queried the issue raised at the last Participation Partnership meeting regarding the involvement of the group in the Social Care event and Mark reported that this is being reviewed internally.</p> <p>Workshop presentations are to be emailed to Participation Partnership members</p> <p>Responsible Person: Maureen Martin</p>
<p>2.3</p>	<p>Geraldine noted that Uel had attended the last NISCC Council meeting to give Council an update on the Book Chapter contribution and thanked Uel for his attendance.</p>
<p>Item 3.</p>	<p>Update from Members</p>

3.1	<p>Update from Neil:</p> <p>Neil advised that he was not involved with the recent ambassador training. Given the number of potential ambassadors it was decided that one service representative would be sufficient and the service user rep from QUB was to be involved. Brenda updated that a further 4-6 ambassadors had been recruited from this meeting and this was within NISCCs expectations.</p>
3.2	<p>Update from Gerard:</p> <p>Gerard reported that he had given a presentation to NISCC staff members which covered both his personal background and his work as Public Involvement Officer within the Patient Client Council. Gerard had delivered a practical, interactive demonstration of the electronic pen and speech recognition system that he uses daily. Brenda H reported very positive feedback from staff on the presentation by Gerard.</p> <p>Conclusion: Following interest expressed by participation Partnership members it was agreed that Gerard would deliver a short demo at the next Participation Partnership meeting.</p> <p>Responsible Person: Gerard McWilliams</p>
3.3	<p>Update from Neil:</p> <p>Neil reported that he had worked with Siobhan Wylie on her chapter of the book that NISCC was contributing to, as well as giving a talk to Mental health Staff on the positive and negative aspects of the role.</p>
3.4	<p>Update from Maria:</p> <p>Maria reported that she had participated, as part of the Social Work strategy, in a regional pilot workstream on reducing bureaucracy, which had been initiated to look at an alternative model to the current Child Protection model. Many parents refuse respite as the current child protection model, which came out of the Childrens' Order, designates any child in respite for 24 plus hours as a Looked after Child (LAC) and can result in the child becoming part of the child protection process. The aim of the workstream is to ensure that these families/children will not be dealt with through child protection procedures. Maria noted that her involvement with this workstream is being reimbursed to recognise the high level of commitment required and the work involved for the delivery of presentations.</p>
Item 4.	Previous notes of 2nd February 2016 and Matters Arising
4.1	The notes of the previous meeting of 2 nd February 2016 were agreed as accurate.

4.2	Geraldine noted Item 3.3 of the minutes of 2 nd February 2016 and asked members to consider what level of minutes should be recorded when discussing other organisations.
4.3	Geraldine reported that she had raised at Council, the lack of involvement of the Participation Partnership in the planning of the recent Social Care event. Council members had expressed their disappointment at this. Geraldine passed on her apologies for non-attendance at the Social Care event due to a prior commitment. (Challenge)
4.4	Social Work Awards member up-dates:Gerard confirmed that he has a meeting regarding the Social Work awards, at Castle Buildings on 25 May 2015 with Sean Holland, re the panel member planning process for his category.
4.5	Geraldine reported that she had raised with Council Chair the idea of collaboration/discussion with the Council and Participation Partnership group on the issue of non-registration for Direct Payment workers. He is giving it some thought on how to progress a meaningful discussion on this issue. (Influencing).
Conclusion	<p>Geraldine Campbell will continue to liaise with The Chair on this issue</p> <p>Responsible Person: Geraldine Campbell</p>
4.6	<p>Brenda H updated members on PPI (Personal Public Involvement) e-learning and reported that it is quite an intensive e-learning process involving a lot of reading and although she has not completed the process, she will continue on with it. Geraldine queried whether this e-learning could be set up on a computer for access by Participation Partnership members who do not have access to the e-learning portal.</p> <p>Conclusion: Accessibility to e-learning to be further reviewed at next meeting and Participation Partnership involvement in creating and delivering PPI training to be added to SMT agenda</p> <p>Responsible Persons: Mark Bradley, Brenda Horgan & Geraldine Campbell</p>
Item 5.	Employer Standards of Conduct and Practice

<p>5.1 Discussion</p>	<p>Geraldine welcomed Helen McVicker, Professional Advisor, NISCC to the meeting. Helen circulated a PowerPoint handout on the Review of Employer Code of Practice for Social Care Workers which came into place from 1 November 2015. The slides reviewed the background and context of the Employer Codes.</p>
<p>Conclusion:</p>	<p>Helen explained that NISCC have a legislative responsibility to provide and review codes for employers and staff and a consultation process must be undertaken before any of the codes can be varied.</p> <p>Helen noted that apart from NISCC, the Care Council Wales are the only other regulatory body that produces employer codes of practice.</p> <p>A reference group has now been set up to commence review of the first draft of the review of the Employer Code of Practice which includes NISCC, RQIA, Employer rep from Social Care work sector, NIASW and 2 trade union reps. A consultation process will be needed on the final draft as well as Council, Department and RQIA approval with a view to the launch of the new codes in March 2017. Helen asked Participation Partnership group members to consider how they can be involved. Maria expressed interest in being a member of the Reference Group and Helen agreed to contact her directly to take this forward. Other members will be engaged as the work progresses.</p> <p>A workshop date in May 2016 will be confirmed and circulated to Participation Partnership group members for information only</p>
<p>Item 6.</p>	<p>Book Chapter</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Brenda H updated members on the Book Chapter contribution and advised that Gerard, Maria and Uel have submitted their substantive contribution and Geraldine has pulled together reflection on these contributions. At the last meeting, Brenda H had discussed the contribution and the relationship model approach used however this original conception has evolved resulting in a unique chapter by NISCC. There is still work to be done and additions made to the chapter overall including theoretical underpinning, literature references, review of terminology used and an explanatory introduction to make it more comprehensive for international regulators.</p> <p>It was noted that the next Book Chapter meeting will be held at 12.00 on 3rd May 2016 and attended by Mark and Maria as Brenda H and Geraldine are unavailable on this date.</p>
<p>Item 7.</p>	<p>Review of Participation Partnership end of 16/17 Business Year</p>

<p>7.1 Discussion</p>	<p>Brenda H circulated a report she had prepared on 2015/16 Participation Partnership activity and outcomes and the following activities and involvement by Participation Partnership members were highlighted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Launch of PiP – Maria was involved in steering group and scripted animation which was also used at CLEAR conference 2. Input by Neil into the Social Work Ambassador training content and delivery 3. Anne and her daughter were filmed for the new standards video (also on website) 4. Gerard collaborated on the Easi read version of the Standards 5. Social Work award panel members 6. Launch of Standards of Conduct and Practice 7. Gerard and Uel involved in the regional policy on adult safeguarding 8. Anne delivered speech at Social Care conference 9. Uel involved in the Rethinking Regulation 10. Consultation involvement including Adult safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Access 11. 2 members also contribute to the Social Work strategy which outlines the reach and influence of the members <p>Conclusion: 2016/16 Participation Activity and Outcomes report to be re- circulated to all members</p> <p>Responsible Person: Maureen Martin</p>
<p>Conclusion:</p>	<p>Copy of Annual Report content to be circulated to members for review and comment</p> <p>Responsible Person: Brenda Horgan</p> <p>Conclusion: Follow up on inclusion of Participation Partnership member on Workforce Development Partnership group</p> <p>Responsible Person: Mark Bradley</p>

