

Northern Ireland Social Care Council Participation Partnership

10.30a.m, Tuesday 19th September 2017
Council Suite 2, NISCC, Belfast



Item	What we want to get done
	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>Geraldine welcomed Declan McAllister to his first Partnership meeting.</p> <p>Declan expressed how enthusiastic he was at becoming the key champion of the Participation Partnership and stated that he felt the partnership should be a key component within NISCC.</p>
<p>apologies</p> 	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Sarah Gardiner Audrey Montgomery Neil Irvine Maria Somerville</p> <p>.</p>
	<p>Note from meeting of 26 June 2017</p> <p>There were no actions to discuss this morning, or any updates that are needed.</p> <p>Accuracy – All pages agreed as accurate</p> <p>Action - Brenda will catch up and discuss action plan with Declan</p> <p>.</p>
<p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Update from Chair

Geraldine updated the group - At the moment with no minister we have no confirmed new members but the interview process is coming to an end, I, Julie Erskine and Ruth Lavery will leave at the end of this month. Jim has been asked to stay on as chair for another few months.

A remuneration letter to the chair for consideration has been written and discussed with Declan.

Declan updated the group – The Department agreed to set up a workshop around remuneration and also to discuss the travel allowance as there is some discrepancy with this also.

Declan also explained that the finance departments main worry was how remuneration would affect the benefits system, and although there may not be a quick solution to this problem there is now a lot of attention and focus on it.

Gerard questioned what the outline of the workshop would be and who sets up the structure?

Declan will follow up with the strategic forum about the workshop for the partnership.

News & Updates

Update from members

Gerard and Anne are currently working on a project “What do we expect from our social care worker and social worker” and are meeting with Catherine Maguire a professional advisor with NISCC to discuss it further and decide on dates to go to specific groups and ask them their views. This should happen round about October time. They are also discussing a template with Catherine, which clearly outlines what we need to say when we visit different groups.

Anne added that every instance is going to be a bit different with the various people we are going to visit and speak with but we would like to make it relevant to everyone.

Gerard attended the PPI forum and explained that the first half was the same information from the previous meeting. But that they were also talking about the workforce leadership programme, a level 3 at the leadership centre that focuses on participation, taking leadership and involving Service Users. They were waiting for the report coming in from the co-production guidelines as well.

Gerard added that there was also a Level 7 Engagement programme. This is quite lengthy and intense training. They are currently finding it difficult to recruit service users (attendees at the forum).



Update on Early Intervention Professional Development Framework

Patricia Nicholl @ 11.00a.m

Geraldine welcomed Patricia to the meeting

Patricia updated the group and explained the framework has been developed through a series of workshops. They were compiled with a series of professions and groups. Prior to undertaking the work there had been benchmarking exercises to look at other frameworks that existed. It was realised that the Northern Ireland frameworks themes were highly relevant to other early intervention frameworks that were in place. The main idea behind this framework is the upskilling of individuals to work quickly and early and it is made up of seven high level themes. They also decided on a tiered framework as they were aware that not everyone who would come into contact with it would have the same level of skill.

Patricia expressed that she would like the group to look at the framework and feedback if there was any gaps, specifically relating to outcomes for service users.

Geraldine questioned whether service users had been involved in the workshops for the framework. Patricia explained that while no service users had been in attendance at the workshops there were various representatives that were feeding back into their own service user groups.

Brenda H added that she would be happy to have a more in-depth look at the framework and provide more feedback.

Anne suggested that the language used around a child in care might be changed as some references were the same for children that may be in very different situation. Giving the example that a child going into respite is referred to as a “looked after child”. This is also used when a child has been abused and is now being looked after by social services.

Patricia explained that the appropriation of language may be quite difficult to change, but this could be added to the framework in an effort to change the terminology in certain child care situations.

Brenda H suggested that she bring a more condensed and signposted version of the framework to the partnership which they could consult on at a later date. Patricia agreed and added that there wasn't any tight timescales on this project at the moment.

	<p>Geraldine thanked Patricia for attending and added that the new framework was a very important piece of work that will resonate in a lot of people's lives.</p>
	<p>Review of Principles of Participation – 45 mins</p> <p>Brenda H explained that Declan is new here and enthusiastic to see how everything works within the partnership – so would like a little more time to review the principles himself.</p> <p>Geraldine agreed that it was very important that Declan is involved in reviewing the principles.</p>
<p>AOB</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belfast Trust Easy Read Group- Brenda Horgan <p>Easy read group – a group of service users and carers that are willing to provide feedback on the Easy read standards.</p> <p>The participation partnership to be removed from the FTP mailing list.</p> <p>Geraldine – Last group we would have four business type meetings that will take place in December – This will get us back to where the group was before – Initial conversation about what information is needed to be seen here on a quarterly role. We've had conversation with Declan and Colum yday about this.</p> <p>Brenda M suggested the group receiving papers well in advance which would mean having really heavy hitting feedback for Council etc. How we are improving participation within the organisation for example.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: TBC</p>
	<p>Lunch</p>