

Northern Ireland Social Care Council Participation Forum

Thursday, 13th December 2018
Council Suite 2, NISCC, Belfast

Thursday



Members at the meeting:

Brenda Maitland (Chair)
Noelle Barton (Vice Chair)
David Hayes (Council Member)
Alan Richie
Anne Mallon

Wendy Bradley
Gerard Forrestal
Gerard McWilliams
Grace Price
Joanne Sansome

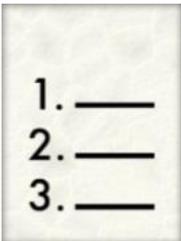
Apologies:

Rionach Campbell
Neil Irvine
Audrey Montgomery
Maria Somerville
Lee Wilson

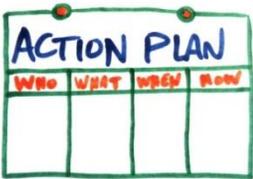
In attendance:

Brenda Horgan
Declan McAllister
Alexis Dickson (Note taker)
André McKeown
Fiona McMahon

Item 1	Welcome and Introduction	Decision/ Action
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	

Item 2	Linking with members on videoconference	Action
	<p>Declan reminded the forum that we, with Joanne's assistance tested the videoconferencing facilities to support members attendance. If members wish to use the videoconferencing facility to attend the meeting then please contact Alexis in advance of the meeting to carry out a test.</p>	
Item 3	Apologies	Action
<p>apologies</p> 	<p>Apologies were noted from Rionach Campbell, Neil Irvine, Audrey Montgomery and Maria Somerville.</p>	
Item 4	Unconfirmed Minutes of Previous meeting	Action
	<p>The notes from the previous meeting of 14th June 2018 were approved.</p>	
Item 5	Matters arising	Action
	<p>Brenda H. reminded the partnership members that applications were still open for the 'finding your voice' training in NICVA, which is aimed at helping you represent the views of service users and carers. Gerard McW. noted that he was currently taking this course and was finding it very informative, as well as being an ILM Level 3 Award in Leadership and Management. Wendy and Alan have confirmed that they will be attending this programme in the new year.</p> <p>Action - Brenda H to resend programme information</p>	<p>Brenda H</p>

<p>Item 6</p>	<p>Update from Chair</p>	
	<p>Brenda M. confirmed to the forum that she will remain part of the NISCC council after her contract was extended and hopes to remain a part of the participation forum for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>The Chair noted that NISCC was currently organising a lunchtime seminar in 2019 for social workers and social care workers in terms of homelessness.</p>	
<p>Item 7</p>	<p>Update from Users</p>	
	<p>Grace continues to work with Gerry Skelton raising awareness of homeless issues and service users. Grace noted the recent theft from the homeless charity and also the 'OutsideIn stall' at the Christmas market which sells beanie hats and other clothes, with one going to the customer while another automatically goes to a homeless person.</p> <p>Gerard McW Is involved in a lot of engagement events as part of his role at the PCC. On 11th December Gerard a recent event at Muckamore hospital to come up with a strategy for the clinical phycology department, delivering services and coproduction with service users with learning difficulties and carers.</p> <p>Gerard F is also working with Grace on a framework for homelessness – giving a voice to the homeless with the aim to have a cooperative approach. As this project is in its early stages Gerard hopes to update the forum on the progress at a later date.</p> <p>Noelle – would like to discuss PPI at a later date.</p> <p>Anne informed the forum that she is currently working on a campaign against the Southern trust that after a FOI request which shows a £7 million underspent on programmes for children with learning difficulties. Anne also updated the group on</p>	

	<p>Woodlawn house which was originally designed to be a respite unit for people with severe mental health and learning difficulties. The unit is currently being used for those with challenging behaviours and Anne will further update the forum after the result of a judicial review.</p> <p>Joanne updated the forum on her work on the five year review of the degree. The review is at the stage where most of the data is collected and the next step for the review group is to look at an interesting way to present the information.</p>	
<p>Item 8</p>	<p>Masters Research Presentation</p>	
	<p>Declan introduced a short preview of the video taken of Joanne Sansome and Joe Duffy's presentation on Joanne's masters research. Declan informed the new members of the forum that this presentation was originally delivered to the forum at the meeting of the 14th of June and the forum felt that it was important not to lose this important piece of learning and so was filmed here at NISCC. The members of the forum reflected on the video and hoped that it would be a useful tool for showing people that there are options at university for all, that barriers can be broken down and the confidence and support that can be provided through the NISCC participation partnership.</p>	
<p>Item 9</p>	<p>Progress Report and Action Plan</p>	
	<p>Brenda H spoke on the participation partnerships action plan which will be updated quarterly. She brought the SMT's matters for attention to members, the social care council are now engaging with the partnership as part of our business planning process and we hope to have a final draft plan for Council at the end of January 2019. An induction for new members of the participation partnership is planned for the new year to ensure that we build knowledge of NISCC. Mr Richard Pengelly, Permanent Secretary met with the NISCC Council on the 10 October 2018 to hear about the work of the Council and its work associated with registration, regulation and workforce development. Brenda H went through the partnerships user and</p>	

	carer engagements highlighting the easy read versions of the standards of conduct and practice and the launch of the learning zone.	
Item 10	Business Plan	
	<p>Andre introduced the five themes of the business plan to the partnership. The first theme is the Standards for employers and registrants which is now also being promoted on the learning zone of the NISCC website, based on 'what if' scenarios and is a more engaging learning tool. Andre noted that the second theme regulation is a large piece and now that the majority of employees are now registered it was important to see what a difference this makes to social care in Northern Ireland. Workforce development is the third theme, building a CPD framework for social workers and social care workers. There is now a focus on training for the domiciliary care workforce aided by transformation money. This also involves a lot of career events promoting social care to young people. The fourth theme is leadership which is NISCC being an influencer in social care in the UK. NISCC is also working with CORU in the Republic of Ireland. The final theme is communication and the Comms department is building a new website and becoming more active on Facebook and Twitter.</p> <p>Action Andre to share slides from presentation</p> <p>Declan noted that there was a planning meeting being organised for all staff and Gerard McW proposed including service users and carers to allow them to feed into the business plan.</p>	AMcK
Item 11	Any other business	
<p>AOB</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Alan requested a glossary of terms used in the health service.</p> <p>Brenda M asked that a flipchart be used at future meeting for members to use for putting up post-its if ideas come from the meeting to inform and assist future partnership business planning.</p>	

	Action Alexis and Brenda H to develop glossary for the group.	AD BH
Item 12	Date of Next Meeting	
	Date of next meeting: 22 nd March 2019	

Approved by: _____

Signature: _____

Date of Approval: _____