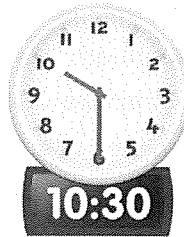
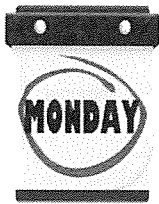





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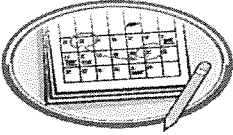


Item	Welcome and Introduction	Action
	Geraldine – Welcomed everyone, and welcomed back Joanne who had taken time off from the partnership to concentrate on her Masters study,	
Item	Apologies	Action
<p>apologies</p>	Apologies Neil Irvine, Audrey Montgomery, Lee Wilson and Rionach Campbell.	
Item	Notes of the Last Meeting	Action
	Notes for 06 th December - pen profile have been sent to the Partnership members, some that have yet to be completed.	
Item	Matters Arising	Action

<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ </div>	1. The dates for the Early Intervention Transformation Project (Seminars) will be sent out to all members so they can have the opportunity attend,	
Item	Update from Chair	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geraldine gave the group an update on the book which is due to be launched. Brenda added that the launch date will be in May (date to be confirmed). Mark commented that Uel had been unwell recently and we will check his availability to attend the launch. Maria hopes to attend depending on availability. • Joanne queried who will receive the proceeds from the book, there has been no discussion with NISCC about this • Recruitment for Council members is imminent. Geraldine reminded the partnership that council is involved in the strategic direction of NISCC, and it is therefore important that the attributes of prospective members include, ability to work in a team, have and use analytical skills, She added that the Partnership members would be well placed for this role. Support would be available for anyone who would be interested 	
Item	Update from Members	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria informed the group that she was nominated onto the Transformation Advisory Board of 'Transforming Your Care', There has only been one meeting because of the collapse of government. Maria views Michelle O'Neill as very invested in what is happening with this scheme. • Mark gave an update on the corporate plan explaining that it will be signed off soon, Maria commented that as part of the plan she felt NISCC should really emphasise Co-Production, Mark stated that he believed at NISCC co-production needs to be at the core of everything we do and we'll continue to champion it. Adding that co-production gives shared responsibility and 	

	shared accountability	
Item	Patricia Nichol : Early Intervention Projects	Action
	<p>Geraldine – Welcomed Patricia Nichol from the Department of Health</p> <p>Patricia Nichols explained to the group that she is involved in a number of projects based around early intervention with children and families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Intervention Transformation Programme is funded between five government departments. The underlying principle is to intervene earlier with children and families. • There are nineteen projects • This project is work stream four, and will focus on how a workforce is supported (skills and qualifications) expected of anyone working from an early intervention perspective. • A series of workshops are being held to help develop a framework of knowledge, skills and values for this workforce. • In terms of potential involvement, Patricia explained that the first step would be the development of the knowledge, skills and values framework, alongside the development of a suite of training and online resources. The partnership could act as a critical friend in telling us: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have we got it right? What do you expect from the workforce? Are there things that we have focused on too much, when it should be something else? Courses, are they fit for purpose? Is this training going to work and fit? • If it is felt that something in particular is important, it can be built into the course. The group agreed that they would like to be a critical friend on this project. <p>Patricia thanked everyone for their time and the dates for the workshops are to be circulated.</p>	

Item	Mairead Harkin and Paul Rooney: Updates on the Apps and Synergy	Action
	<p>Mairead Harkin gave an update on the work currently being done on the content for the adult residential and day care module:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have pulled together a reference group, and are working once more with Dementia together, pam's day care; Age NI, learning and development managers' within the Western Trust and End of Life Care from the Northern Trust. • It's in the early stages but the focus is on getting the content written, and bringing it together by the end of March. The group are also working on how the module could be brought to people across all digital platforms. <p>Geraldine thanked Mairead for her update and informed the group that Paul Rooney has taken over the Synergy Project.</p> <p>Paul explained the Synergy project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Synergy project was created when Colum Conway and Marian O'Rourke visited an organisation and felt that NISCC staff might benefit from experiencing the Social Care Workforce first hand. • There have been a number of visits to Kilcreggan and Mindwise. Adding that the organisations are quite enjoying having staff take part. The staff who have taken part now have a better understanding of how their work affects service users and carers. • It has been suggested that it may be implemented into the induction of new staff. <p>Maria commented that it may be useful for council members to participate in the project as well.</p>	
Item	Brenda Horgan: Update on the GAIN Project	Action
	<p>Brenda gave an update on the GAIN Project explaining that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAIN is the Guideline and Audit Implementation Network 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NISCC applied for funding to write a guideline for the Domiciliary Care workforce and were accepted. • There is currently a working group and steering group helping review the guidelines being written. • The first task was to come up with a literature review, and to include what are the best strategies and techniques to maintain social care and social work practice. • Work is now being carried out with organisations within the private and voluntary sectors to inform the guideline. • The next task was to identify recurrent themes that the standards already try to address and create guidelines that could be applied to the Domiciliary Care workforce. • Although the guideline will be completed this year, work will be ongoing to improve and integrate it into everyday use by the domiciliary care workforce. <p>The group also discussed the possibility of creating a rewards or awards scheme for the Domiciliary Care workforce as it was felt acknowledgement was needed.</p>	
Item	Any Other Business	Action
<p>AOB</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		
Item	Date of Next Meeting	Action
	<p>Tuesday 4th April</p>	

Minutes approved by Geraldine Campbell, Chair

Signature: *Geraldine Campbell*

Date: *23/05/2017*

