

Date: 7th June 2017
Venue: Tullamore Town Hall, Tullamore
Time: 11:15 – 13:00

Committee Planning Session

In Attendance:

Annette Maguire (Chairperson)	Area Manager, Tusla
Eamonn Farrell	PPFS Manager, Tusla
Donal Brennan	DOS, Laois County Council
Rose Doolin	Laois County Council LCDC
Martin Daly	SEO, Offaly County Council
Paul Fields	CEO, Laois/Offaly Education and Training Board
Clive Davis	Laois Comhairle na nÓg/Youth Work Ireland Laois
Geraldine Lacey	Youth Work Ireland Midlands
Bridget Clear	Irish Primary Principals Network
Breda Stewart	SICAP Manager, Offaly Local Development Company
Anne Goodwin	CEO, Laois Partnership
Deirdre Swords	Education Welfare Services, Tusla
Bridget McGreal	Education Welfare Services, Tusla
<i>Jarlath Munnally</i>	<i>CYPSC Coordinator, Laois Offaly, Tusla</i>
<i>Rita Burtenshaw</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>

Apologies:

Anna Marie Delaney	CE Offaly County Council
Joseph Ruane	Health Service Executive
Muriel Dempsey	Laois County Childcare Committee
Áine Brummell	Offaly County Childcare Committee
Clare Deane	Barnardos

Áine O'Neill
Colin McAree
Declan Tuomey

National Associations of Principals and Deputy Principals
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Area Manager, Dept. of Social Protection

1. Introduction

The Chairperson opened the planning section of the meeting and welcomed the facilitator. Following introductions the CYPSC agreed to the agenda as follows:

- To utilise the priorities identified by the agencies (and distributed by the Co-ordinator prior to the meeting), to form initial broad themes and objectives for the CYPSC (noting the research and consultations, may change and develop these initial themes)
- Where possible to link these themes to the five national outcomes
- To agree the role and function of the CYPSC
- To deal with immediate administrative issues eg. vice chair, meetings schedule etc.
- To identify initial work priorities for the CYPSC, while waiting for the completion of the research

2. General Planning Discussion

The general discussion in relation to the plan covered the following:

- (1) Three key components informing the plan: Socio Demographic Profile, Service Mapping and Gaps, Consultation Outcomes
- (2) These are followed by an analysis of Laois/Offaly: strengths and needs based on this information
- (3) CYPSC interagency plan under the 5 National Outcomes (noting that some objectives may cross a number or all of the 5 outcomes) addresses the issues from the analysis

Process and Structure

Although each Outcome (1-5) is expected to have a sub-group, not all sub-groups have to commence at the same time. It is a 3 year plan so the objectives and the set-up of the structures can be staggered over the 3 years.

Priorities

The CYPSC discussed the importance of having a limited number of priorities that can be achieved within their resources and are best achieved through interagency working ie. not the remit of one agency only.

Linkages

Along with the national linkages and agencies the CYPSC noted the following local links in their discussion (noting different structures in each County):

PPPF
Homeless/HAP

Child Care Committees
LECP/LCDC/SICAP

3. CYPSC Identified Initial Priority Areas for the Plan

The Co-ordinator provided a collated list of agency priorities to inform the initial priorities of the CYPSC (see attached). The CYPSC agreed on the following initial priority areas:

<i>Number</i>	<i>Area or Theme</i>	<i>Linkages & BOBF Outcomes</i>
<p>Priority 1</p> <p>Additional Health Related areas</p>	<p>Youth Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Needs of young people - Mapping of current services/programmes - Progressing through the services - What ones/approaches are evidence informed <p>Linked to programmes in schools/Pre-schools and 3rd Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Behaviour Programmes - Linkages between Mental Health and Bullying and the relevance of school based programmes - Bringing what is working in this area already to scale <p>Interagency working in Mental Health/Programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools, HSE, Tusla Providing Universal Programmes together - We have examples of this in the area (scaling up potential) <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted funding may be available to work on the Healthy Ireland Agenda through the CYPSC (ie. HI priorities) - Linkages between MH and Health and Well Being noted <p>Drugs and Substance Misuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted links to Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force - Noted links to Youth Justice (see below) 	<p>BOBF Outcome 1</p> <p>Healthy Ireland National Strategy & HI CHO level plans</p>
Priority 2	<p>Transitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To strength transitions in the education process - Particularly difficult time, children and young people can fall through the cracks - Handling these transitions well is recognised as important: preschool/primary(infant classes), primary/secondary, secondary/apprenticeships and 3rd level more generally 	<p>Linked to priority 1 re. MH</p> <p>Linked to BOBF outcome 2</p>
Priority 3	<p>Youth Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review what is effective/evidence informed, for example Good Behaviour Game 	<p>BOBF Outcome 3</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emphasis on Restorative Justice (this could be adopted across the CYPSC plan as a key component) - Linkages between: Anti-Bullying, Youth Justice and Mental Health 	
Priority 4	Youth Involvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Important issue for Laois/Offaly CYPSC - See Youth Participation Policy (National), underway for most effective way to involve young people in the CYPSC – Laois/Offaly CYPSC to review when available - Doing this properly requires resources/funding - CNaNog are commissioned to provide Youth Voice 	BOBF Outcome 5 Also linked to Info Provision in General Priorities
Priority 5	Youth Unemployment/School Retention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actions to support retention - And links to other issues (NEETS) 	BOBF Outcome 4
General Priorities	Scale up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bringing what is working in one area to scale across Laois and Offaly - Review or confirm evidence base and seek to scale-up Inter-related Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making linkages between the issues for example: Youth Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Youth Unemployment – CYPSC develop integrated approaches and not just treat as separate issues Service Gaps/Interagency working/Disadvantage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use current networks, interagency working, pooling our resources, (& more pressure for additional funding) and create opportunities and advantages for the most disadvantaged together – by planning and working together Information Provision (Linked to youth participation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information on what is available out to people - Use Networks to do this (ready made vehicle) - Ensure it is youth friendly - (talk with young people about the most appropriate approaches/vehicles – don't assume etc.) - Note role of CNaNog and National Participation Policy - CNaNog are currently designing an App – we could link to that as a method to provide information to young people (through method designed by them), noting that their funding does not cover maintenance of the App Mapping and Socio-Demographic Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link to ETB Mapping (where young people are living including rent supplement) - Pobal Maps - SICAP Forms 	Relevant to BOBF Outcomes 1-5 Relevant across the CYPSC Plan

4. The Role and Function of Laois/Offaly CYPSC

The Co-ordinator provided a draft document for discussion. The committee agreed with the document with the adjustments below. It was agreed that the adjusted document will be signed off by the CYPSC at the next meeting.

- Emphasise that young peoples' voice should be heard in all decision making
- The membership should include 2 representatives from the Local Authorities due to their particular and significant role
- Whereas the quorum is reasonable, it could represent a limited number of organisations (eg. 3 reps. Tusla), therefore ensure the quorum is made up of approx. 7-8 organisations

5. Administrative Issues

It was agreed that the CYPSC will review this schedule when it is more established.

Day/Dates	1 st Thursday of every month (September, October, November- (Dec to be decided)
Duration	2 hour meetings from 10-12
Vice Chairperson	The Local Authorities will rotate their vice chair role
Venue	The location/venue will alternate between the 2 Local Authorities – along with the vice chair role (Local Authority Venue_
Note:	<i>It was noted that at the next stage some of the sub-groups may meet prior to the CYPSC meeting</i>

6. Immediate Steps

The CYPSC discussed some priorities that could be undertaken by the committee while waiting for the research to complete the development of the CYPSC plan. The following were agreed:

- Communicate Strategy
Develop an initial straightforward communication strategy for the CYPSC
This could include populating the Hub and asking for suggestions
- Promote the Networks
The Chairperson noted the importance of the Networks to the work of the CYPSC
They provide the potential to link to the work happening on the group and to create a communications loop into the CYPSC (providing information and receiving feedback)
Therefore promoting the Networks should be part of the initial work of the CYPSC

The Chairperson closed the meeting, thanked the participants for the time they gave and the work undertaken and said that a substantial amount had been achieved at the planning meeting.