



Early Years Partnership

Minute of Meeting

TITLE : Early Years Partnership Meeting
DATE : Wednesday 15th June 2016 **TIME** : 2.00pm
VENUE : EDC Conference Room, 6 Kenneth St., Stornoway
DISTRIBUTION : All Partnership Members

Present (Members) Cllr Catriona Stewart, Mairi Macneil, Emelin Collier, Barbara Macdonald, Mary Clare Ferguson, Anne Macleod, Calum Smith, Peigi Nicolson
Present (Other): Becky Maclean, Gillian Macaulay, Alison Macleod, Janice Mackay, Paul Johnstone & Gillian Mackenzie (Minutes)
Apologies: Maria Mackay, Valerie Russell, Morag Maclean, Cllr Angus Morrison, Iain GG Campbell & Anna Macdonald

Item	Summary and Action	Who?
1	Apologies and Welcome	
2	Approval of previous minutes (31/03/16)	
3	Matters arising from previous minutes	
4	<p>Agency Updates</p> <p><u>Care Inspectorate – Presentation by Paul Johnstone</u> Paul gave a presentation on the inspection methodology. MC noted that they found the new methodology good and that the inspection report was an easier read.</p> <p>AM questioned if groups would still be inspected every 2 years if they are registered for 2-5 year olds but don't actually have any 2 year olds in the Nursery. Peigi to look into this.</p> <p>BM to e-mail Paul with a list of our partner providers as these can also be included in our annual report from the Care Inspectorate.</p> <p><u>Update from Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIN Group – they continue to fund the Young Mum's groups throughout the islands except Harris as they don't have the demand to run a group. • Named Person – This is ongoing. Anna Macdonald and Dorothy Macdonald have both been away to do the training for trainers. They have linked with Jack on this. • Consultant Clinical Psychologist – Funding has been secured for this post. • Treasure Hunt for Fathers – This event is taking place this Saturday 18th June in Lewis and one in Uist 	

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	<p>the following week at Sgoil Lionacleit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breastfeeding Awareness Week – There is currently lots of promotional information going out. This will be launched next week and will become a campaign over the next few months. <p><u>Lews Castle College Update</u> 2015/16 is the final year of the present award. 10 students enrolled on the HNC Early Education and Childcare course in September 2015. 9 students have now successfully completed the course.</p> <p>It was not possible to offer a part time pathway as this needs to run over 2 years and would have overlapped the new award. A part time course can be marketed for 2017/ 18, allowing the new layout to be trialed this coming year.</p> <p>The new award is the HNC Childhood Practice. One new development is that 3 SVQ Units will be incorporated during the practical work placements. Delivery will be in partnership across the UHI and new materials are being completed during the week beginning 13 June 2016.</p> <p>The UHI validated PGDE in Primary Teaching continues this year and includes students on the Gaelic pathway.</p> <p><u>Early Years Update</u> An update was circulated to all members</p>	
4	<p>ICSP Action Plan & EY Strategic Actions</p> <p>BM gave all members the draft EY Action Plan which incorporates all identified actions from the current ICSP, the Children’s Services Inspection action plan and our previous strategy items which are to be carried forward. BM asked everyone to take this away, study the document and come back to the next meeting with suggestions for amendments/additions to the tasks or measures columns, and ideas as to who should take which actions forward.</p> <p>BM to create a new reporting template to tie in with the new action plan.</p>	
5	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Mairi enquired about whether the EYC Child Poverty working group was still running. BM confirmed that is is and that another meeting of the group is to be arranged soon.</p>	
6	<p>Dates of future Partnership Meetings</p> <p>21st September 2016 – EDC Conference Room 2pm-4pm</p>	