

Social Inclusion Measures Working Group
Meeting notes of 7th April 2008
Held at Park Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Summary

1. Lone Parents Group to be reconstituted
2. A sub-group of SIM is to be set up to evaluate the RAPID plans.

Present: Sinead Carr, Director of Service, Eileen Condon Adult Education Officer, VEC, Carmel McKenna Suir CDP, Grainne de Stafford Spafield FRC, Clare Cashman MFRC, Patricia Wall Comm and Vol. Forum, Bridget O'Keeffe, Tina Kennedy SCP, Cora Horgan TRYS, Antje Hogan CoTIS, Sean McSweeney Knockanrawley RC, Fionuala McGeever VEC, Eileen Horgan C+E, Ger. Walsh Housing Section County Council, Phil Shanahan CCP, Jimmy Cass, South Tipperary Disability Groups Forum, Kathleen Prendergast RAPID and County Childcare Committee, Mary Coakley Social Work Dept, HSE, Marie Boland, Co. Libraries, Angela Joy, HSE Community Development Department, Sheila Collins HSE Community Welfare, Anne Bradshaw HSE, Marie O'Gorman ,Clonmel Borough Council, Liam O'Brien FAS, Ailish Moran Rehabcare, Veronica Crowe VEC, Kaye Mullaney VEC , Philip Ryan Community Forum, Donal O'Halloran Disabilities Groups Forum, Fiona Hassett, County Childcare Committee.

Apologies: Billy Doyle, Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council, Breda Corr, Pobal.

Chairperson: Dan Fox.

Agenda items 1: The meeting report of the last meeting was adopted (proposed Angela Joy, seconded Jimmy Cass) and the Agenda agreed.

Before the first item the Chair noted that since the last meeting he had met with the chair of the CDB and addressed the CDB who were now aware of the SIM's issues re: blocks to its progress. The CDB was supportive of the SIM's programme but, like it, operated within certain constraints.

2a: Disability Action Plan

A report (attached at end) on the progress of most actions in the County Disability Plan was discussed by members. The issue of disabled persons grants (1.1) received a lot of attention with speakers commenting on the apparent confusion with two separate agencies fulfilling similar roles. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the respective Departments regarding the possible social inclusion impact of such confusion. Action 1.3: a meeting would be arranged. Actions 3.1 and 6.3, would be followed up. Ann Bradshaw reported on the progress of the Cashel Gold Star project. It was agreed that Pat. Holland and Jimmy Cass would meet to examine all actions and to report back to SIM Jimmy Cass would also return to SIM with regard to national issues.

2b Youthwork/Teenspace Plan Process

The last meeting of SIM had examined the provision of youth services in the county and among the outcomes was a strong mandate for the creation of a cross-agency county plan for youth provision. The youth services had agreed to the creation of a plan but this had not yet commenced. The VEC was proceeding with their plan process as far as is possible, within the context of enacted legislation and regulations. The SIM and the VEC were both commended on their positive attitude to youth affairs.

2c Traveller inter-agency plan

Sinead Carr noted that SIM have been given a particular responsibility and role to drive this plan. Blockages needed to be identified and statistics would be required soon.

The meeting considered progress on the actions in the Traveller Interagency Plan

- Most actions were commenced
- Some actions needed clearly identified performance indicators and it was agreed by SIM that this would be included as an item on the Agenda at the next Interagency Traveller meeting
- Funding for a men's development worker project was needed
- Changes to the support structure for CDPs, specifically Traveller CDPs, were discussed and it was agreed that whatever the new arrangement, a support structure, and funding for same, must be maintained
- FAS commitment to the Men's Development project was noted as was a commitment to attend meetings
- It was also agreed that meetings should be held more often in future

2d Lone Parents

The report on the needs of Lone Parents had been published with a number of recommendations. The group had therefore come to a natural pause and it was proposed to remandate it by putting out a new invitation to attend and starting a new round of discussions with the recommendations as a starting point. This proposal was agreed by SIM, proposed by Claire Cashman, seconded by Brigid O'Keeffe.

2e Disconnected Youth

Fionuala McGeever reported on behalf of this group which was meeting in parallel with one advising the Pathways mentoring project, the latter working in the Suir valley area. The Disconnected youth group was currently examining issues including transport and availability of training places and would report to SIM when its discussions were further advanced.

3a RAPID

Arising from the national evaluation of RAPID, all Area implementation Teams have been requested to develop an Action Plan in relation to three specific themes:

- 1). Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour.
- 2). Health.
- 3). Family Support.

These Action Plans will comprise of local strategies which are in place or being developed for the RAPID communities. A National Framework has been developed to support the implementation of each Action Plan. This framework involves the submission of the local Action Plan, for each theme, for endorsement by the Social Inclusion Measures Group (SIM) of the County Development Board, and subsequently to the National Monitoring Committee of the RAPID programme of which the Chairman is Minister O'Cúiv. The outline timeframe for completion of the Action Plans, endorsement

by SIM and submission to the National Monitoring Committee by May 16th 2008 is not in keeping with the meeting schedule of SIM. It was agreed that a small group (Sinead Carr, Dan Fox, Antje Hogan and Carmel McKenna) would examine the plans and if agreeable, sign off on them in advance of the full SIM meeting (to which the plans would be presented at the June meeting). The SIM also agreed that there should be three months notice of any such requests for endorsement and that the Dept. should be so informed.

3b: Cohesion Process

The First Directors were awaiting nominees to the company. The Community and Voluntary Forum representatives noted their unhappiness at the fact that the Directors could not meet until all were nominated even though the process was continuing. A consultant was working on the HR and staff transfer issues. Sinead Carr, Director of Service agreed to write to the outstanding pillar requesting a speedy nomination.

3c: Presentation by Antje Hogan re Tipperary Information Service (see attached file)

This service was established in 2002 under the Social Economy programme and transferred to the Community Services programme in 2006. Funding ceases December 2009. The service has produced a wide range of excellent work and publications at a very reasonable rate. It needs a raised awareness among stakeholders that the existence of the unit post-2009 is under threat and that a sustainable funding and support strategy is required to allow the unit to operate post-2009 so as to continue the potential of the unit to become an inter-agency resource.

4 Report on progress of work on preparing 'Social Inclusion Audit of South Tipperary'.

Phil Shanahan noted that the Gamma stats were not yet available to the county and that the final report would be available for the SIM meeting in June. Some standalone studies were also being done, eg reports on the Elderly and Mental Health being undertaken by the TIS. A list of all reports and data consulted was circulated (attached).

The issue of the inclusion of Carrick-on-Suir was raised. It was part of the Waterford LEADER Partnership area though that organisation had agreed to relinquish it. However a mechanism to allow for the funding of the social inclusion audit in Carrick on Suir had yet to be found by the Dept. This would allow for overall county coverage by the audit, Clonmel data similarly having to be added to the audit. Several representatives from Carrick-on-Suir voiced concern at the non-inclusion of the town and Clare Cashman also noted the unhappiness of the CDP/FRC network at not being included in the Steering Committee.

The SIM members agreed that the South Tipperary Audit document should not be finalised until the Carrick-on-Suir data was included. There was also a discussion re mapping and the need to integrate the county electoral boundaries with those of the County Childcare Committee and those of the audit.

Date of next meeting: Monday 9th June at 2.00pm, Venue to be announced.

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1. Section 2 - South Tipperary Disability Action Plan 2007 – 2009, Report to SIM, April , 2008

Proposed actions with action reports as supplied by lead agencies.

Theme	Proposed Action	Lead Agency	Required Output	Timeframe	KPI	National Policy link
1 Housing						
Disabled persons grants 1.1	Introduction of new disabled persons grant scheme	Local Authority (Housing Section)	Introduction of new Scheme	January 1 st 2008	No of individuals who have received grant	National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2016
Update	<p>Disabled Persons Grant Scheme - New Grants scheme in operation and applications being processed. All existing approved applicants under the old DPG scheme have been contacted and asked whether they wish to be re-considered for grant aid under the new scheme. We have approx 198 applicants with outstanding commitments under the old scheme and approx 200 applications received to date (end of March) under the 3 new grant schemes - Housing Grant for people with a disability (HGD) = 69;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing grant for Older people (HOP) = 126; • Mobility Aids Grant (MAG) = 38 <p>I don't have details of approvals to date as we are awaiting reports from O/T's and Technical staff on applications received. GW</p>					
1.2	Establish a Forward Demand register for those with a disability who require social and/or affordable housing in a manner which meets their needs.	Local Authority (Housing Section)	List of potential applicants	ongoing	No of applicants with a disability that have been accommodated as a % of the whole	National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2016
Update (GW)	1.2 - Record being kept of applicants who apply for re-housing on medical grounds and who require accommodation to be adapted to meet their needs.					

1.3	Housing Section Co. Co. and HSE Disability Services to reconvene meetings twice a year to discuss joint concerns and service to public Information on nos. of individuals on databases requiring housing will be required for planning purposes	First meeting: Claire Curley Second meeting Carol Moore and rotate onwards	Shared knowledge Actions to improve service	Two meetings a year	No of meetings held	National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2016
Update (GW, Co. Co.)	No meetings held to date. As far as I am aware, STCC to convene first meeting and Carol Moore to convene second meeting and to rotate onwards.					
Update (BF, HSE)	First meeting yet to be called by Claire Curley. Database figures available by 31 st March 2008 by HSE as per t/c with Catherine Meade, Housing Section. Information received re new application process both locally and nationally and information circulated to relevant HSE staff and Voluntary Agencies. Housing rep to be invited to meeting with Voluntary Agencies re housing issues for people with disabilities.					
1.4	Networking and Information meeting LA, HSE, FAS , DSFA to attend	Local Authority	Information sharing so that all have better knowledge re accommodation issues	Before end September	No of meetings held	National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2016
Update (GW)	1.4 - No network meeting or information meeting has been held to date. Will look at convening meeting on completion of current Housing Needs Assessment, which must be completed and returned by end of May 2008.					
Education 2.1	Provide a Visiting Teacher Service for those children with visually impaired children	Department of Education	Provision of service in South Tipperary	As and when required	No of additional children provided with services	
2.1.1	Local case issues relating to the provision of hardware and software educational appliances to be examined	Dept of Education and Science	All visually impaired children have full access to relevant IT	On going	Number of cases dealt with, if raised.	National Disability Strategy

			facilities which meets their needs			
Transport 3.1	Invite rep. from Dept. of Transport to sub-group of SIM to meet Disability reps to discuss actions to seek accessibility of service for both night and day activities	C+E (invitation)	Accessible transport provided	By end first quarter 2008	Meeting to take place	National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2016. Towards 2016
Accessibility 4.1	Undertake an access Audit of all public buildings and public places under control of LA and implement in accordance with Implementation Plan	Local Authority (Corporate and Cultural Section)	Accessibility Audit Completed Implementation Plan Drawn up Actions under Implementation Plan underway	June 2007 August 2007 End of 2007 and on-going	Accessibility Audit Completed Implementation Plan Drawn up Actions under Implementation Plan underway	Disability Act 2005 Government Sectoral Plans National Disability Strategy
Update (GC)	Work on the physical (Area Engineers) and the built (Co. Hall) environments which is currently in progress will be included and detailed as integral components of the County Implementation Plan.		Accessibility Audit Complete Implementation Plan Draft Public Consultation & Confirmation of IP Action Programme i.t.o. IP	December 2007 Mid April 2008 Mid May 2008 June 2008 and on-going	Accessibility Audit Completed DRAFT IP Drawn up	
4.2	All Government funded Agencies represented at SIM to provide a timeframe within which they will undertake an accessibility Audit and Accessibility Implementation Plan	HSE (agreed) Department of Education	Accessibility Audit to be completed Implementation	Report by mid-2008	Publication date supplied	Disability Act 2005 Government

		comment on right VEC (agreed) FRC/CDP New LDSIP FAS (agreed) DSFA (agreed)	Plan drawn up and implemented			Sectoral Plans
Update (BF, HSE)	Trial audit carried out on Clonmel County Clinic in consultation with the Voluntary Sector. Awaiting the outcome of this audit before timetable on other PCCC centres is agreed.					
4.3	Put in place a programme of works that ensures that all client communication and agency produced documents area provided in an accessible format	HSE agreed LA agreed VEC to consider DSFA agreed FAS to consider	All relevant documents in an accessible format	Report for next SIM meeting	Publication date supplied	Disability Act 2005 Government Sectoral Plans
Update (BF, HSE)	New HSE website addresses accessibility issues. All National HSE documents are available on request in Braille, audio, screen readable or in translated language.					
Employment 5.1	Carry out an audit of people with disabilities in the county	FAS	Set up an annual database that is easily accessible which updates the information in this area	Mid-2008	Completion date	Government Sectoral Plans National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2016.
Update BF	HSE staff being audited at					

HSE	present. (local Authority staff being audited also at present)					
5.2	Relevant Government Agencies to prepare and develop a guideline document for the Employment of People with Disabilities (3% total) (similar to the HSE document)	VEC-IVEA to prepare	Guideline document in relation to the Employment of People with Disabilities to be completed	To report by first quarter of 2008	Publication of guidelines	Disability Act 2005 part 5 section 47 Public Service Employment 'Promote and support the employment of persons with disabilities'
Health 6.						
6.1	Provide a programme of actions which identify how the "mental Health Policy "A Vision for Change" will be implemented in South Tipperary Currently in the adult Mental Health services there is a Services Development Group with responsibility for the roll out of this strategy document. Advocacy Groups have representation on this group	HSE,	Implementation programme prepared	Report by first quarter 2008		National Mental Health Policy
Update BF HSE	Discussions are ongoing in respect of these issues and the HSE will revert with an update at the earliest opportunity.					
6.2	Investigate possibility of appointing a social inclusion officer in South Tipperary for people with mental health difficulties	HSE Carol Moore	Assessment of position completed and decision made	Report by first quarter 2008	Decision	Social Inclusion
Update BF HSE	Discussions are ongoing in respect of these issues and the HSE will revert with an update at the earliest opportunity.					
6.3	Provide a discussion forum re: how core funding could be provided on a more stable basis for health related CE schemes to be mainstreamed	SIM (C+E)	Stable funding basis provided	End 2008	Discussion happens and actions (if any) agreed	Mainstreaming
6.4	Continue the implementation of the action to ensure the full implementation of the "Cashel Gold Star" project	HSE, agreed County Council and Cashel Town Council	Cashel designated as a Gold Standard Accessible Town	Progress report by first quarter 2008	Actions undertaken	South Tipperary SIM/CDB initiative
Update BF	See progress report at end of this document					

HSE						
General 7.1	Make provision for suitable reporting back arrangements to the CDB (or sub-groups as deemed appropriate by the Board)	Director of C&E	Progress and Issues report to be made at least twice a year to the SIM as agreed by the Board	Sept 07	Being placed on agenda X number of times on agenda (SC)	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Circular LG02/07
7.2	All Statutory Bodies to provide or continue to provide Disability Awareness Training and Etiquette for their employees	LA agreed VEC agreed HSE agreed DSFA agreed	Disability Awareness Training to be provided to all staff within an agreed timeframe	Report on training programme by end 2008	No. of sessions held	Disability Act 2005 Government Sectoral Plans National Disability Strategy
Update BF HSE	Training provided on HSE Training Prospectus. First 2 sessions fully booked.					
7.3	All Agencies to commit to maintaining open links with the Disability Forum , particularly in relation to updates on the implementation of the content of the Disability Act, Drawing up of Sectoral Plans and any policies and/or guidelines that will be drawn up which may affect the disability	HSE agreed LA agreed VEC agreed	Commitment provided by all agencies and commitment implemented in a practical manner	Autumn 2007	No of meetings held	Government Sectoral Plans Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Circular LG02/07
Update BF HSE	HSE rep attends Forum and available to attend any other forum set up.					
7.4	Investigate possibility of appropriate response mechanisms in emergency situations for those with a disability hearing/speech/sight etc)	999/112 phone service responders	PH to investigate	mid 2008	Investigation	Government Sectoral Plans Disability Act 2005

Update	The State's emergency (112/999) service is now out to tender with results expected by end Q12008. The tender process calls for greater capabilities for the service including location information of caller and, I presume, greater accessibility for the disabled. I am investigating the latter question					
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Cashel Gold Star Project, Progress Report - February to April 2008

Gold Star Task Group:

The first meeting of the Task Group will be hosted by the CDW with the HSE at the Town Council Chambers in April 2008. Each member of the group will be responsible for particular tasks agreed at the meetings and have all been actively following up on specific actions during the CDW's Maternity leave. An update on some of the new actions include the following:

Guidelines for Gold Star Achievement: CDW had been working with Ciarian Lynch from the Tipperary Institute to draw up gradient guidelines for the achievement of the Gold Star, before going on leave. This document is still in progress and another meeting with the TI will be arranged after the next Task Group meeting.
 Status: Ongoing and will be progressed after Task Group meeting.

Awareness Programme: One task which was agreed with the Task Group was to develop a disability awareness programme, to be delivered to all sections of the community in Cashel over the coming months. This programme is being designed at the moment by the CDW with the HSE and two of the Academic staff at the TI. It is intended to design a Train the Trainers programme to complement the awareness sessions to empower people with disabilities to deliver the programme to the public. Status: Ongoing with a view to completion over the Summer.

Logo Launched: The Gold Star Logo was successfully launched during my maternity leave. Brian Crowley was invited to officially launch the logo and the event was attended by a myriad of people with disabilities, general public, and voluntary and statutory agencies. The Town Council have erected the logo signage on all entrance routes to Cashel town, reflecting the community's commitment to achievement of the Gold Star. The next step will be to arrange a publicity campaign to highlight the signage in Cashel. Status: Being actively pursued at present.

Disability Awareness DVD: Before going on maternity leave the CDW had discussed the need for a broad based generic type resource to be developed with respect to raising awareness amongst the broader public and all staff and service users...etc, of general disability etiquette in terms of social inclusion of people with disabilities. A proposal for the making of a short 3 - 5 minute DVD has subsequently been written up on return, which would highlight difficulties experienced by people with disabilities in their every day lives. A quotation has been sourced from a film making company and a funding application has been written up and submitted to Management at the HSE, with a view to realising this project. Status: Awaiting decision on funding application.

South Tipp Disability Groups Forum: The CDW has attended the March meeting of the STDGF and has agreed to head up the Forums request to run a Spring Event in Cashel over the coming months, to highlight disability awareness. A proposal for funding has been submitted to Comhairle to fund the event, which will comprise of an information morning/presentation of 'A Day in The LIFE of ...' , the idea is to have four people with disabilities allotted a time slot to present their own story of their experiences in every day life activities in the local community. The event will also launch a general Do's and Don'ts of Disability campaign, to be run in Cashel town over a number of weeks. Status: All preparation work has been done and project is now pending funding.

Photograph Exhibition: The CDW has met with the Manager of Cashel Credit Union and he has agreed to host an exhibition of photographs which were taken with the members of the Irish Wheelchair Association before the CDW went on maternity leave. The photographs depict and capture the structural barriers in the community preventing full participation of people with disabilities in Cashel. The CDW has also been working with the Manager with regard to disability proofing the Credit Union premises and is perhaps one of the closest businesses in Cashel to achieving a Star recommendation in the quest for Gold Star Status. A disability awareness training morning will also be delivered to all staff at the Credit Union by the CDW. Status: The photographs will be displayed during May 2008 at the premises and the Awareness training will be delivered in April 2008

Suggestion boxes: To include community and ensure ongoing consultation around needs, the Nagle Centre participants will design Disability suggestion boxes and put them into local shops, banks, post office, restaurants...etc in the town. The findings will be collated and included in the overall awareness training programme planned for delivery. Status: To be implemented in April 2008

Integration - Mainstreaming

Part of the philosophy underpinning the Cashel project is the integration of young people with disabilities with the mainstream services. With respect to the DVD mentioned above, The CDW has met with a sign language teacher who is interested in working on the project to teach hearing and non-hearing children how to communicate with each other through sign. The intention is to develop a number of children's nursery rhymes that will be delivered through music and sign language. It is envisaged the young people participating will introduce the DVD in the opening scene through sign, should we be successful in securing funding for the project. Status: Work with the Children due to start in the coming weeks.

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