

Equality and Social Need Steering Group Meeting

10.30a.m, Thursday 30 November 2006

Room E4.18, Castle Buildings

Minutes

Present:

Gerry Mulligan	OFMDFM - Chair
Sharon Fitchie	DARD
Kim McCourt	DCAL
John McGuinness	DEL
Irene McAllister	DETI
Margaret Langhammer	DRD
David Malcolm	DSD
Chris Morris	DSD
Susan Nicholson	NIO
Stephen Donnelly	OFMDFM/NISRA
Linsey Farrell	OFMDFM – Secretary

Apologies:

Elaine McFeeters	DE
Carolyn Barr	DFP
Seamus Camplisson	DHSSPS
Alex Boyle	DOE
Pauline Millar	OFMDFM

1. Apologies and Introductions

1.1 Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from:

Elaine McFeeters	DE
Carolyn Barr	DFP
Seamus Camplisson	DHSSPS
Alex Boyle	DOE
Pauline Millar	OFMDFM

1.2 Gerry advised members that Cynthia Smith had taken over as director of Equality within OFMDFM. Gerry will continue to chair the Equality and Social Need Steering Group meetings.

1.3 Members were also reminded that Arlington Trotman and Mary McMahon would require a short period of their time at the end of the meeting to ask some questions as part of their work on the review of the effectiveness of section 75.

2. Minutes of 27 September 2006 & Matters Arising

2.1 The minutes from 27 September were agreed by members.

2.2 Gerry advised that, with the agreement of the group, the minutes from the ESNSG meetings would be placed on the Central Anti-Poverty Unit website. Members indicated they were content with this approach.

Action: Linsey Farrell

Matters Arising

2.3 At the last meeting in September, Gerry had suggested that OFMDFM should compile a brief synopsis of all the Promoting Social Inclusion priorities. Due to work pressures, this had not yet been completed. However members were advised that the intention was still to produce such a document for reference.

3. Settlements and Services Presentation

3.1 Gerry Mulligan welcomed Chris Morris from the Department for Social Development and invited him to give a presentation on important research that had been carried out on Settlements and Services.

3.2 Chris welcomed comments and questions from members in relation to the research.

