



FORUM RESIDENTIAL: MEETING

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2013 @ 9.30am

Redcastle Hotel, Moville

In Attendance

	Liz Clarke	Fiona Kelly
Michael Arlow	Violet Craig	Irene Kerrigan
Alan Brecknell	Stephen Gault	Errol McDowell
Mitch Bresland	Eibhlin Glenholmes	Jennifer McNern
Alex Bunting	Peter Heathwood	Briege Voyle
Alana Burke	Roberta Holmes	Jude Whyte
Lesley Carroll	Elaine Johnston	

Present

Kathryn Stone - Commissioner (Chair)	Neil Foster – CVS Research Officer
Adrian McNamee – CVS Head of Policy and Research	Tina McCann – CVS Forum Manager

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on the 21st February were checked and verified and no amendments were made.

Matters Arising

DSD Engagement- There has been a request from DSD officials for advice on the training of assessors who will be dealing with victims and survivors. Future engagement is planned and the forum Manager is facilitating this.

AP1: TMcCann to coordinate DSD officials attending a Forum meeting.

Invitation to the First and Deputy First Ministers

The Commission invited the First and Deputy First ministers to attend the June Forum meeting in December 2012. They have now responded and accepted the invitation. It is hoped that the Forum can present the papers they have submitted to the Commission on dealing with the past, services and building for the future.

Status of Papers

Kathryn said how very pleased the Commission were with the wealth of recommendations coming from the working group papers. These papers will be proposed at the April meeting for endorsement.

AP2: Building for the Future, Dealing with the Past and Services Papers to be circulated in advance of April meeting.

Carecall

The Commission take the Health and Well Being of the Forum members very seriously. It was decided that to ensure the health and well being of the Forum a counselling provision should be put in place.

After a procurement competition that met all DFP guidance, a contract was awarded to Carecall to provide counselling provision exclusively for Forum members' use.

Members can call the number on the literature circulated and avail of this service 24 hours a day. Please state that you are with the Forum when you use this service for billing purposes only.

AOB

Wave Event: Alex advised the Forum of the Waves Got Talent concert in The Mac on Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm. This is a fundraiser to send young people to build a school in Romania. Each young person going needs £1,500. Donations are welcome.

UU PhD Graduate: Orla Lavery, a PhD graduate will be available for Forum members to meet this morning. Orla has just completed her study on the media and how it portrays the conflict. She will be with us over the lunch period for those who wish to discuss her findings.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th April at 10.30. Venue to be confirmed.