

October – December 2015

Service Support Update.

The changes in funding and uncertainty of future funding have impacted on services for women in disadvantaged areas. The Womens Regional Consortium has worked alongside womens organisations to help sustain and develop these vital services.

The Consortium has;

- Met with representatives from OFMDFM regarding the Draft Childcare Strategy and womens organisations community based childcare provision.
- Met with government departments to highlight the need to sustain service provision for women from disadvantaged and rural areas.
- Connected with Government representatives to highlight the issues women organisations face and the impact it has on service provision.
- Collated women centre childcare statistics and produced a WCCF Sustainability, Analysis and Recommendations Report.
- Met with womens organisations delivering frontline services for women in disadvantaged and rural areas.
- Identified training and support for women and womens organisations.
- Promoted good practice by sharing information on policies.
- Supported the development of partnership working among womens organisations.
- Promoted upcoming sources of funding to women's organisations to help develop the services for women in disadvantaged and rural areas.
- Been active in the community planning processes throughout NI.