

- **Children affected by Parents with Drug/Alcohol Issues (Hidden Harm) Sub Group**

Planning work to support this group of children and young people will be linked to the CYPSP.

- **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Children and Young People Sub Group**

The CYPSP has agreed that it will carry out integrated planning and commissioning for the often over looked population of LGBT young people who have specific needs and face particular challenges.

- **Children who have Family Members with Mental Health Issues (Think Family) Sub Group**

'Think Family' will continue to improve the interface between adult mental health and children's services. This will ensure appropriate linkage, and the remaining O'Neill recommendations will also be taken forward by this group.



## How do they do it?

Each Sub Group will first consider the needs of the population of children and young people, using relevant information, and then jointly plan and commission services and supports based on this need. The idea is that the services and supports should then positively impact on the identified need, so that the outcomes for the group of children and young people are improved.

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## REGIONAL SUB GROUPS

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## What are the Regional Sub Groups?

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) has a number of Regional (Northern Ireland wide) Sub Groups, which carry out integrated planning and commissioning for specific groups of children and young people at a particular disadvantage. They concentrate on those things which cannot be achieved more locally and have to be worked through by the agencies at Northern Ireland level.

We have been careful not to set up groups and processes that already exist but rather to make links with ongoing work elsewhere.

## Who is involved?

The Regional Sub Groups bring together expertise from the community, voluntary and statutory sector organisations which share concerns regarding the particular disadvantaged group of children and young people to plan for Outcomes Based Planning.

## What the sub groups do?

To date (2013) eleven regional sub groups have been set up by the CYPSP, each for the following groups of children and young people;

- **Young Carers Sub Group**  
Young Carers are children and young people aged up to age 18 who have a substantive caring role for a family member that significantly impacts on their health or development.
- **Children with Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (EBD) Sub Group**  
This sub group focuses on children or young people suffering emotional or behavioural difficulties which impede or distort personal development and affect relationships, causing distress to the child or young person, their family or community.
- **Children and Young People with Disabilities Sub Group**  
The focus of this sub group is children and young people who have a physical, sensory or learning disability or prolonged illness or condition which, in interaction with various barriers, and without the provision of adequate support services, may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others and hinder their optimal potential for personal development and social inclusion.
- **Transitions Sub Group**  
This sub group will plan what needs to be changed to address the rights and needs of young people with disabilities at transition to adulthood.
- **Children, Young People and Offending Sub Group**  
The group of young people concerned are defined as:
  - Children and young people at risk of offending;
  - Children and young people in the justice system and
  - Children and young people for whom offending and its consequences present a significant risk.
- **Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Children and Young People Sub Group**  
This sub group is concerned with the specific needs of BME children and young people. BME refers to settled BME communities, Travellers, Asylum Seekers, migrant communities and children of mixed parentage.
- **Children and young affected by Domestic Violence Sub Group**  
This group links ongoing work in relation to children affected by domestic violence in Northern Ireland (a sub group of NI wide work on domestic and sexual violence) into the CYPSP.
- **Looked After Children and Vulnerable 16+ Young People Sub Group**  
The group will link work for this population of children and young people. This will ensure that there is no duplication of work with any new process.