



Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

## Northern Outcomes Group

Minutes of meeting held on 16 February 2012, 2 pm, County Hall, Ballymena

**Present:** Mr C Worthington (Chair), NHSCT  
Ms C Slevin, Mencap  
Ms T Stephens, Action for Children  
Ms B McAteer, Moyle Locality Group Chair  
Ms A Hardy, HSCB  
Ms H Johnston, PHA  
Ms A Devlin, Extern  
Ms C Porter, DSD  
Mrs M O'Neill, NHSCT  
Ms S Anderson, NHSCT  
Ms H Dunn, Action for Children  
Mrs U Geelan, HSCB  
Ms S Ramsey, NHSCT

**In attendance:** Ms J Wilson, YJA (on behalf of Ms Keane)

### 1) Apologies

### Action

Apologies were noted as follows.

Mr F O'Connor, NIHE  
Mr B Loade, YMCA  
Ms B McConville, NHSCT  
Mr J Fenton, NHSCT  
Ms A M Campbell, Magherafelt District Council  
Ms G Keane, PBNI  
Ms N McCall, Ballymena Borough Council  
Mr R Henderson, PSNI  
Mr B McMillen, Barnardos

### 2) Minutes of previous meeting – 6 December 2011

Ms Hardy asked that amendment be made to point 5 of the previous minutes and the minute re-issued accordingly.

### 3) Matters arising

#### i) Terms of Reference

The draft Terms of Reference were agreed.

#### ii) Membership

Further membership of the group was being pursued with various

organisations. Representation from the Councils on all the Outcome Groups was being taken forward by Banbridge Council. Consideration would be given to having a reduced number of council representatives. Ms Johnston explained that the PHA would be working with Councils based on established clusters. **Action**

It was suggested that the dates of the meetings scheduled for 2012 be forwarded to members to prompt. H McClenaghan

#### 4) **Feedback from Strategic Partnership**

Ms Hardy reported that the Strategic Partnership would be meeting on 21 March, with meetings scheduled for three times a year. Regional meetings of locality chairs and locality development officers have also been scheduled. Ms Hardy advised of information that would be available on the website, which was due to go live before the next Partnership meeting, with each locality group having a page via links.

Discussion followed on correspondence from Ms McAndrew regarding linkages with LCGs and indicating that a representative would attend future Outcome Group meetings. Mr Worthington and Ms Hardy would follow this matter up. C Worthington/A Hardy

Mr Worthington advised that the Northern Trust's Children's Directorate had planned a Transforming Your Care workshop on 26 March. Ms Hardy would be asked to attend to raise awareness of the work of the CYPSP and the consultation document.

The need for linkages with the Investing for Health Partnership was raised and it was suggested that the matter be raised at the Chief Executive Forum.

It was noted that regional sub groups had been established and Ms Hardy undertook to provide detail of their membership. A Hardy

#### 5) **Commissioning**

The allocation of 2011/12 in year funding had been approved at the previous meeting. Guidance would be provided on how to Commission in 2012/13 and it was agreed this should be discussed at the next meeting along with development of an action plan. Individual presentations were given on two projects that had benefited from in year funding. Namely Choices Family Support Services, which involved the Youth Justice Agency, Action for Children and Barnardos and the Outlook Project, operated by Praxis.

6) **Consultation process and action plan**

**Action**

The consultation period ends on 11 April 2012 and the action plans must be tabled at the June Partnership meeting for endorsement. Ms Geelan has widely disseminated the consultation document and developed a response template to capture information/feedback provided. A process is in place to acknowledge and respond to all comments received. Ms Geelan was thanked for all the work undertaken to date and for preparing a toolkit which has proved very useful.

7) **Locality planning update**

Ms Ramsey circulated an update report, which identifies the key priorities for each locality group and action taken to date.

8) **Family support development hub**

Ms Dunn advised of a pilot that had been undertaken for six months, with 12 partner organisations working together to promote and implement the model. The work of the hub was explained and although there isn't huge capacity within the groups it was hoped the pilot could be spread across other geographical areas and be operational by June. Ms Dunn would be presenting information on the hub at the Think Family workshop on 23 March.

9) **Development of the partnership**

Mr Worthington indicated that it would be useful to set aside some time to discuss the development of the partnership, although this would be preferable once membership has been consolidated. It was suggested that the development model employed by the Belfast Outcomes Group could be used, and the cost of a facilitator identified.

10) **Any Other Business**

There was no other business discussed.

11) **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for 19 April 2012, 2 pm, Northern Health & Social Care Trust Headquarters, The Cottage.