

Northern Outcomes Group

Minutes of meeting held on 19 April 2012, 2 pm, Northern Trust HQ

Present: Mr C Worthington (Chair), NHSCT
Mr R Gilbert, NEELB
Mr J Magill, PSNI
Mrs A Devlin, Extern
Mrs A Hardy, HSCB
Ms T Stephens, Action for Children
Ms H Johnston, PHA
Mr J Fenton, NHSCT
Mrs U Geelan, HSCB
Ms B McAteer, Locality Chair
Ms B McConville, NHSCT
Ms S Ramsey, NHSCT
Ms C Slevin, NHSCT
Ms N McCall, Ballymena Borough Council
Mrs H Dunn, Action for Children
Mr D Gilliland, YMCA
Ms S Anderson, NHSCT
Mr J Gault, Locality Chair

1) Apologies

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Apologies were received from

Ms E Chan-Hu, Chinese Welfare Association
Mr F O'Connor, NIHE
Mrs M O'Neill, NHSCT
Ms G Keane, Youth Justice Agency
Ms A M Campbell, Magherafelt District Council

2) Minutes of previous meeting – 16 February 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3) Matters arising

i) Feedback from Strategic Partnership

Mrs Hardy advised that the Partnership met on 21 March, presentations had been given by the Belfast Outcomes Group and Mrs Dunn in respect of family support hub. Mrs Hardy distributed copies of these presentations. The meeting had focused on the following matters

- Membership – Mrs Hardy would be undertaking an analysis of

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- membership and attendance at all Outcome Groups.
- The Early Intervention sub group of the Partnership tabled their strategy and resources
- Integrated planning and communication sub group has been established and would require representation from two of the five Outcome Group Chairs
- The Belfast Outcomes Group has undertaken process mapping of locality groups and the Partnership would expect other Outcome Groups to undertake the same process
- Any support for the Groups must be funded from existing resources

ii) Update from locality planning

Ms Ramsey circulated an update regarding locality planning and advised of the successful launches in Magherafelt (22 March) and Ballyclare/rural Newtownabbey (30 March). Progress was being made towards establishing groups in Coleraine and Ballymoney.

4) Action plan

It was noted that the consultation closed on 11 April and the Partnership require the finalised action plan by the end of May. Mrs Hardy shared copies of the presentation which highlighted the purpose of the plan.

i) Responses

Mrs Geelan, Ms Anderson and Ms Ramsey were commended on the work they had undertaken in collating the responses. Members took receipt of the list of groups that had received the consultation and those that had responded (27 in total). Mrs Geelan provided an overview of responses, which included suggested improvements and advised of the positive responses received. The responses were listed under priority areas and discussed as follows.

Early Years – The suggestion that Sure Start be provided regionally was noted. Mr Fenton indicated that Headstart should be included as it is referenced in Transforming Your Care. Mr Gilbert advised of the need for alignment with existing policies.

ADHD/ASD/Disability – Mr Gilbert suggested this be considered in the context of the SEN approach.

Young People – Key theme was early intervention to promote emotional health and wellbeing. Ms Johnston advised that the Departments of Education and Health are working on audit toolkit to support emotional health and wellbeing. Mr Gilbert added that the linking of formal and informal education was also being progressed.

The new themes that had emerged from the consultation were rural isolation, domestic abuse and volunteering. Members acknowledged the information as very useful and the need to put it in strategic context. The information would be used to develop the action plan taking cognisance of existing strategies.

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ii) Finalising priority areas

Mrs Hardy provided a template listing the items that must be included in the action plan. It was agreed that a sub group would be established to draft a plan for sign off at an extraordinary meeting on 25 May, 11 am, The Cottage. The suggested sub group members were noted as Mrs O'Neill, Mr Fenton, Ms Dunn, locality chair nominee, Ms Lorna Gardiner, NEELB and Mrs Hardy.

4) **2012/13 funding**

It was agreed that funding for 2012/13 could not be discussed until guidance was available.

5) **Development of the partnership**

It was noted that work was ongoing with regard to members. The Belfast Outcomes group had held a development workshop and were planning to hold a further workshop.

6) **Any Other Business**

i) Deputy Chair

Mr Worthington advised of the need to consider identifying a deputy Chair as he would be absent for the August meeting due to annual leave.

7) **Date of next meeting**

An extraordinary meeting was scheduled for 25 May 2012 at 11 am. The next full meeting of the Group would be held on 21 June, 2 pm.