



**Minute of Western Outcomes Group**  
**held on 28 March 2012 in**  
**Strabane Enterprise Agency**

**Present:**

- Mr John Doherty, Director of Women & Children's Service [Chair]
- Ms Deirdre Mahon, Assistant Director [Family and Child Care]
- Mrs Kate McDaid, Assistant Director [Health Care]
- Mrs Brenda MacQueen, Dry Arch Children's Centre
- Ms Marie McGale, MENCAP
- Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid
- Ms Maeve Linton, ARC Healthy Living Centre
- Mrs Clare Meehan, WELB
- Mr Donnie Sweeney, NIACRO
- Mr Paul Laughlin, Department of Social Development
- Mr Sean Mackie, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Mrs Anne Hardy, Children's Services Planning Officer, HSCB
- Ms Valerie Maxwell, Children's Services Planning Information Manager
- Mr Gerry Conway, Commissioning Lead, HSCB
- Mr Eamon O'Kane, Western Local Commissioning Group

**In attendance:**

- Ms Priscilla Magee, Action for Children
- Ms Bronagh Donnelly, Action for Children
- Mrs Anne Donaghey, Business Manager, Western Trust
- Ms Elaine Forrest, Personal Assistant, Western Trust

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Ms Carina Boyle, Action for Children  Ms Colleen Heaney, Youth Justice Agency</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 29 February 2012</b></p> <p>All present confirmed that they had received a copy of the minutes and that they were a true and accurate reflection of the discussion that had taken place.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Chairman's Business</b></p> <p>Mr Doherty advised members that he would be retiring from the Western Trust in July 2012.</p>

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## Matters Arising

### Membership

Mr Doherty welcomed Mrs Clare Meehan, WELB, who was representing Mrs Philomena McDermott.

Mrs Hardy advised that gaps in membership for all the Outcomes Groups was discussed at a recent meeting of the CYPSP. She agreed to keep Mr Doherty advised of progress, but said it may be helpful if Outcomes Groups could make direct contact with Councils and the PSNI to identify representatives, to finalise the membership.

### Finance and Commissioning Process 2011/12

Mr Doherty advised that the Western Outcomes Group's allocation of £100,000 for the financial year 2011/12 had been fully utilised, as outlined below.

Dry Arch Children's Centre	£20,000
Fermanagh Women's Aid	£27,000
Foyle Down's Syndrome Trust	£7,139
Omagh HomeStart	£2,400
Dry Arch Children's Centre	£9,435
Positive Futures, Fermanagh	£9,998
Foyle Women's Aid	£13,350
Mencap	£2,500
Fermanagh Women's Aid	£2,000
NEWPIN	£6,178
<b>Total</b>	<b>£100,000</b>

Mrs Donaghey advised that payments had already been made to the above organisations via the Trust's Contracts Department. Mrs Donaghey reported that she had been contacted by NEWPIN who had submitted an email application for £8,000. Mrs Donaghey, in liaison with the Trust's IT Department, traced NEWPIN's email to a spam folder. It was agreed with Mr Doherty that the remaining balance of £6,178, as reported at the meeting on 29 February 2012, should be awarded to NEWPIN, as they met the application criteria.

Mr Doherty reported that the above organisations had been contacted and confirmed that they could incur the costs before the end of this financial year.

### Finance and Commissioning Process 2012/13

Mrs Hardy reported that the allocation of £100,000 by the CYPSP had been provided on a recurrent basis. She envisaged that the finance and commissioning process for 2012/13 was likely to be an in-year process, but advised that a paper, which is to be available by the end of May 2012, would ensure a more standardised process for all Outcomes Groups.

	<p>Mr Conway noted that £100,000 was a small investment, but said he was hopeful that other organisations would align with this process in the future.</p> <p>Mr Laughlin reported that the Early Intervention City Partnership had agreed the following three high level objectives:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Speech and language.</li> <li>➤ Better access to services.</li> <li>➤ Build active citizenship for young people.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Laughlin stated that it important to get the process right as 25% of DSD funding was to be allocated to children and young people which could amount to £1M. He said DSD was awaiting the priorities from the Outcomes Group to inform their decision making process.</p> <p>Mr O’Kane said it was important that a considered approach was adopted to the communication process in respect of financial matters.</p> <p><b>Visit by Chief Executive, Public Health Agency</b></p> <p>Mr Conway advised that he had facilitated a visit by Dr Eddie Rooney, Chief Executive of the Public Health Agency, to Shantallow Family Support HUB on 29 February 2012. He said this had been an opportunity for Dr Rooney to view how a Family Support HUB worked in practice. He advised that over 20 people from a range of agencies involved in the HUB were in attendance and were able to outline how the right support at the right time and place, was delivered to vulnerable children and their families.</p> <p>Mr Conway reported that the work of the Family Support HUB was very positively received by Dr Rooney.</p> <p>Mr Laughlin requested a meeting with Mr Conway to discuss Family Support HUBS.</p>
5	<p><b>Update on Consultation on Action Plan</b></p> <p>Mrs Hardy reported that Mrs Una Geelan was now permanently employed by the HSCB and would be able to continue to assist all the Outcomes Groups with the consultation process and future work e.g., information leaflets for Outcomes Groups.</p> <p>Mr Doherty asked Mrs Hardy to thank Mrs Geelan for the presentation work she had prepared in relation to the consultation. Members endorsed Mr Doherty’s comments.</p> <p>Ms Magee advised that herself and Ms Donnelly had met with a range of groups including:- Early Years Teams, Action for Children, rural women’s groups, parents of children with disabilities and school age mums regarding the consultation.</p> <p>Mr Doherty asked members to encourage people to respond to the consultation by</p>

	<p>the closing date of 11 April 2012.</p> <p>Mrs Hardy advised that she had arranged to meet with Ms Magee and Ms Donnelly on 13 April 2012 to analyse the responses received. It was agreed that a workshop would take place on 25 April 2012, which is the date of next scheduled meeting, and a working lunch would be arranged.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Update on Locality Planning Groups</b></p> <p>Ms Magee distributed a report on the work of Western Locality Planning Groups and agreed to provide quarterly updates to the group. She agreed to arrange for the report to be placed on the CYPSP's website.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>Ms Maxwell, Children's Services Planning Information Manager, gave members a demonstration of the new website <a href="http://www.cypsp.org">www.cypsp.org</a></p> <p>Ms Maxwell displayed website information on Outcomes Based Planning, Outcomes Groups, Regional Sub Groups, Locality Planning Groups, Family Support HUBS, Young People's pages etc. She advised that it was hoped to set up Twitter and Facebook accounts. Ms Maxwell advised that training sessions on the interactive maps and statistical information would be offered in the near future. She requested that future minutes and reports are forwarded to her to populate the website and to ensure that it was kept up-to-date.</p> <p>Ms McGale offered to assist with information for the section "Young People's Pages". Mrs McDaid suggested including a link to CEMACH [Confidential Enquiry into Maternal and Child Health] on the website.</p> <p>Ms Conway enquired if children affected by domestic violence were to be included in the children's planning process. Ms Mahon endorsed this view and Mrs Hardy agreed to look into this matter and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Doherty thanked Ms Maxwell and noted the very comprehensive website information. Members agreed that it was an excellent resource.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Early Intervention Directory</b></p> <p>Ms Magee distributed a copy of the work prepared to date on the directory of models of early intervention. She advised that information relating to the Northern Sector of the Trust was also to be included.</p> <p>Mrs Donaghey advised that she would raise this issue at the next SureStart meeting so that additional information could also be incorporated.</p> <p>Members agreed it was important that evaluations were undertaken in respect of models of practice.</p>

<b>9</b>	<b>Programme for Government</b> Members noted receipt of a letter from Mr John Compton, Chair of CYPSP, to the First and Deputy First Ministers, seeking a joint governmental priority for early intervention, which should include a set of achievable outcomes.
<b>10</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>  <b>Photograph</b> A photograph of members was taken for the CYPSP website.
<b>11</b>	<b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b> 25 April 2012 at 10.00 am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency.