

## Minute of Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership



### **Western Outcomes Group** **held on 28 June 2011**

**Present:** Mr John Doherty, Director of Women & Children's Service [Chair]  
Ms Ann Godfrey, Health and Social Care Board  
Ms Anne Hardy, Health and Social Care Board  
Ms Brenda MacQueen, Dry Arch Centre  
Ms Carina Boyle, Action for Children  
Ms Clionagh Boyle, Early Years  
Mr Donnie Sweeney, NIACRO  
Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid  
Ms Grainne Keane, Youth Justice Agency  
Mr Sean Mackie, NIHE  
Mr Gerry Conway, Health and Social Care Board  
Ms Deirdre Mahon, Assistant Director [Family & Child Care]  
Mrs Kate McDaid, Assistant Director [Health Care]

**Apology:** Ms Philomena McDermott, WELB

Mr Doherty welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the Western Outcomes Group. He acknowledged that many members of the group had worked closely together through the former children's services planning process as members of the Western Children and Young People's Committee. He said that he hoped that the significant process that had been made locally would form the basis of a solid foundation for the development of the Western Outcomes Group.

#### **Membership**

It was noted that a number of organisations had still to identify their nominees to sit on the group. This included the local District Councils. It was also noted that a late nominee was Mr Brendan Bonner of the Public Health Agency.

However, it was also noted that there were a number of vacant posts that had arisen due to the time that had elapsed from the date of appointment until the convening of the initial meeting. It was noted that the current gaps are as follows:-

- One voluntary sector representative.
- Two community sector representatives.
- Two BME.
- One representative for the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership.

It was noted that other areas had experienced similar difficulties and had agreed that NICVA, CINI and NICEM would be asked to co-opt members to fill the gaps. On discussion, it was agreed that a similar approach would be adopted for the Western Outcomes Group. It was agreed that members would consider appropriate nominees and forward their suggestions to Mr John Doherty for onward transmission to NICVA, CINI and NICEM. It was also noted that the representative for the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership can be an existing member of the Western Outcomes Group.

### **Presentation by Ann Godfrey, Anne Hardy and Gerry Conway**

Mr Doherty then invited representatives from the Health and Social Care Board to make a presentation which considered the following areas:-

- Terms of Reference of the Western Outcomes Group.
- Early Intervention.
- Family Support Hub Development.

Following the presentation, there was an opportunity to consider a framework for outcomes based planning in the west.

During the course of the presentation, members had the opportunity to clarify a number of key issues including the following:-

- The integration of the Department of Social Development into the work of the Strategic Partnership.
- The relationship between the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland and the Strategic Partnership.
- The need for a definition of early intervention and its relationship with the family support intervention.
- The relationship between the Regional Theme Group and the Outcomes Groups.
- The need to integrate the work initiated by Derry City Council to establish Derry as an Early Years City, into the work of the Western Outcomes Group.

### **Way Forward**

- 1 Ann Godfrey and Anne Hardy will meet with those members who were unable to attend this session due to either late nomination or apologies.

- 2 Members to consider appropriate nominations for the community and voluntary sectors representatives for the Western Outcomes Group. These are to be forwarded to Mr John Doherty, who will in turn ask NICVA, NICEM and CINI to co-opt members to fill the gaps.
- 3 In the light of the initiative undertaken by Derry City Council to make the area an early intervention city, it was agreed that a meeting would be sought with Mr John Meehan, Acting Chief Executive Officer, and Ms Fiona Teague from Derry Healthy Cities, to ensure that the work of the Council is aligned with the work of the Outcomes Group. It was agreed that Carina Boyle, John Doherty and Gerry Conway will meet with Derry City Council.
- 4 Mr Doherty to explore support for the outcomes based planning process within the Western Health and Social Care Trust.
- 5 A workshop will be convened on 15 September 2011 at 2.00 pm in the Dry Arch Centre in Dungiven. The purpose of this workshop will be to develop an action plan for the financial years 2012/13 and 2013/14. The chairs of the Locality Action Groups and Mr Tommy Doherty will be invited to attend.
- 6 The date of the next meeting is 11 October 2011 at 2.00 pm in the Boardroom, Gransha Park House.

**John Doherty**  
**Director of Women & Children's Services**