



Minute of Western Area Outcomes Group
held on 17 December 2014
Strabane Enterprise Agency

Present:

- Mr Kieran Downey, Director of Women & Children's Services [Chair]
- Ms Nicola Topping, Education Officer, WELB
- Ms Cynthia Porter, Department of Social Development
- Ms Cathy Mullan, Public Health Agency
- Ms Colleen Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
- Mrs Monica MacIntyre, Department of Social Development
- Ms Bernie Tierney, Children's Services Manager, Action for Children
- Mr Paul Sweeney, Extern
- Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid
- Ms Michelle McCabe, Lifestart Foundation
- Ms Linda Watson, Caw/Nelson Drive Community Association
- Ms Cathy McCloskey, Early Years Organisation
- Mr Mustapha Ben Hassine, Barnardos
- Mr Max Petrushkin, NICEM North West
- Ms Marie McGale, MENCAP
- Mrs Ann McDuff, Assistant Director [Community & Public Health], Western Trust
- Ms Amanda McLean, Early Intervention Service Change Manager
- Ms Helen Dunn, Regional HUB Co-ordinator, HSCB
- Mrs Anne Hardy, Children's Services Planning Officer, HSCB

In attendance:

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

1	Apologies Mr Gerry Conway, Commissioning Lead, HSCB Ms Maura Mason, Western Area Child Care Partnership Superintendent Garry Eaton, PSNI Ms Muriel Bailey, Director for Parents Helpline & Counselling Service, Parenting NI Ms Gemma Scarlett, Children & Young People's Officer, Derry City Council
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	<p>Ms Avril McAllister, Northern Ireland Housing Executive Mr Eamon O’Kane, Local Commissioning Group Mr Pat Armstrong, Head of Service, Western Trust</p>
2	<p>Chairman’s Remarks Mr Downey and members offered best wishes to Mr Conway who had recently undergone surgery.</p> <p>New Members Mr Downey welcomed eight new members to the Outcomes Group as follows:- Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women’s Aid Ms Michelle McCabe, Lifestart Foundation Ms Linda Watson, Caw/Nelson Drive Community Association Ms Mustapha Ben Hassine, Barnardos Mr Max Petrushkin, NICEM North West Ms Cathy McCloskey, Early Years Organisation Mrs Ann McDuff, Assistant Director [Community and Public Health], Western Trust Mr Pat Armstrong, Head of Service [Fostering/Adoption, Early Years and Family Support], Western Trust</p> <p>Mr Downey said the group had previously been under presented in respect of community and BME representatives and said the extended membership would now allow for the best representation at future meetings. He thanked Ms Mahon, Assistant Director for Safeguarding [Children], and Mrs McDaid, Assistant Director [Health Care], who had previously served on the group. He advised that he had asked Mrs McDuff and Mr Armstrong to join the group as this was reflective of their roles in relation to the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Family Support Hubs.</p>
3	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting All present confirmed that they had received a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 August 2014 and they were a true and accurate record of the discussion that had taken place. Mr Downey said the meeting on 29 October 2014 had to be cancelled due to urgent financial meetings in the Trust.</p>
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Deputy Chair Mr Downey asked members to consider nominations for the vacant post of Deputy Chair and to register their interest via Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Magee.</p> <p>Child Sexual Exploitation Mr Downey noted that at the last meeting on 27 August 2014 a report completed by Professor Alexis Jay had been published on large scale organised Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham from 1997-2013. Professor Jay’s report detailed 1,400 children who had suffered repeated exploitation from members of the Asian</p>

community. The abuse had not been addressed by the relevant authorities as they felt any action could have been viewed as racially discriminating. Mr Downey advised that Professor Kathleen Marshall had been appointed to lead an independent inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Northern Ireland and her report had been published on 18 November 2014. The report was available on the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority's website www.rqia.org.uk and he encouraged members to take the time to read the report. He said he would consider arranging a presentation on child sexual exploitation at a future Outcomes Group meeting. Mr Downey advised that the report detailed 17 recommendations and 60 sub recommendations. He said the report stated that the age range of children subject to child sexual exploitation was as young as 10 or 11 up to 17 years. The report found no evidence of organised gang culture in NI, but said there may be members of gangs and members of paramilitary organisations involved in child sexual exploitation and that it occurred amongst a party culture within NI.

Mr Downey said there was a need for further engagement within local communities and reported that the Trust had two highly skilled trainers who were being freed up to cascade general awareness training to the community and voluntary sector. Mr Sweeney reported that a recent event in Omagh had been attended by over 85 local community representatives which reflected the commitment from the community sector to become involved. Mrs Magee said sports groups were concerned at the age of consent and said there may be a need to take awareness training directly to taxi companies, vintners, hoteliers etc, to ensure a more targeted approach. Ms Heaney said there was a desire from community workers to be skilled up in this area and advised on a drop in facility opening in Derry next year which may pick up on child sexual exploitation cases. She also emphasised the need to ensure that further training was targeted to a wider audience. Ms Mullan asked if she could be kept apprised of any links between young people and drugs and alcohol to ensure that appropriate connections were made. Mr Downey said it was also important to ensure that organisations and groups understood child sexual exploitation and offered safe places for adults to disclose abuse which may have happened in their lives.

Transfer of Community Planning to Councils Delayed to April 2016

Mr Downey reported that the transfer of community planning to Councils had been delayed until April 2016. Mrs MacIntyre said Neighbourhood Renewal would remain in its current format, although finances were bleak. She said work would continue in the meantime and the delay would allow more preparation time for the handover.

Early Intervention

Mrs McDuff advised that the PHA had published "Supporting the Best Start in Life – Infant Mental Health Framework and Action Plan 2014-2017" in November 2014.

5 Update from Locality Planning Groups

Mr Downey advised new members that Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Magee, Locality Planners, worked with local communities and could brief new members on their role.

	<p>Ms Donnelly gave an update on current work and developments within Derry, Limavady and Strabane. Mrs Magee screened photographs of the official launch of the Fermanagh Family Support Hub on 14 November 2014. She said it was a successful event attended by MLA's and a booklet detailing Hub partner members was also distributed. Mrs Hardy said it was important that families had different ways of accessing information and advised that the Family Support database was available as an App. Mrs Hardy reported that other Outcomes Groups were interested in rolling out the poverty survey undertaken by the Locality Planners. Mr Hassine advised of an informative short film on food banks and Mrs Donnelly undertook to check if it could be made available on the CYPSP website. Ms Watson said there was a need for breakfast clubs for children during the school holidays when they had no access to free schools meals. Mr Downey said that poverty data should be discussed at the next meeting as it was such a large scale issue. He informed members of a report entitled "Beneath the Surface: Child Poverty in Northern Ireland", published in November 2014, which detailed the overarching position in NI and encouraged members to take the time to read the report.</p> <p>Mrs Donaghey withdrew from the meeting.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Update from Regional Sub Groups</p> <p>Mr Downey said he had received updates from the following two regional sub groups which he would email to members for information:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Young Carers Sub Group – 29 August 2014 ➤ LGB&T Sub Group – 30 September 2014
<p>7</p>	<p>Early Intervention Update</p> <p>Ms McLean thanked Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Magee for organising the recent events in Omagh and Fermanagh which she had attended. She advised that a business case had been submitted in relation to the Early Intervention Service, Workstream 2, and was currently awaiting feedback. She said the model was aligned with Family Support Hubs so there would be no duplication. Ms McLean advised that in relation to Phase 1, there would be one Hub for each Trust with an additional eight services in Phase 2 with effect from July 2016, although sustainability was a big issue.</p> <p>Mr Downey advised new members that the agreed phased approach for the Western area would be three zones - Omagh/Fermanagh, Strabane/Cityside, followed by Waterside/ Limavady. He said Omagh/Fermanagh had been selected first as their Hub was not as developed as others in the Trust and this would give it added impetus. Mrs Donnelly requested clarity from Ms McLean on the phased roll out as Mr Leeson had stated at a recent meeting that all three developments would be rolled out together. Mr Downey informed members of continued political interest in the priority areas identified by the group for development. Ms Mullan advised that funding for Strengthening Families which was funded by the Outcomes Group was due to end in March 2015. Ms McLean said there was available funding for parenting programmes which should commence in June/July 2015.</p>

	<p>Ms Dunn advised that there were currently 23 Hubs in the Province with 7 in the Western Trust area. She said she would advise members of SCIE's [Social Care Institute for Excellence] review of Hubs when it was completed.</p> <p>Mr Downey advised that the projects funded by the Outcomes Group were all working well. He said 13 grants had been made available in the last financial year and 7 monitoring forms had been returned to date. He said he would share details of all the evaluations when they were received. Mr Downey said he would communicate with members regarding any available grant aid for the end of this financial year and would issue terms of reference and establish an adjudication panel.</p> <p>Ms Heaney advised of a regional programme by the Youth Justice Agency for rolling out Youth Engagement. She advised that the method for signposting the Youth Engagement programme was via the Hubs, as Youth Justice were already embedded in the Hub process. She agreed to forward Mr Downey a presentation on the Youth Engagement programme for sharing with members.</p> <p>Ms McLean withdrew from the meeting.</p> <p>Mrs Magee advised of an offer from Ms Suzanne Zeedyk, a leading expert on infant mental health and brain development, to have a film night in the Western Trust area in connection with her work undertaken with Connect Baby.</p> <p>Mrs McDuff reported that Mr George Hosking, OBE, of the WAVE Trust in London, had secured £15M from the UK Treasury to roll out pioneering programmes aimed at reducing child poverty and reducing disorganised attachments. Mrs McDuff said herself and Mr Eamon O'Kane had initial discussions with Mr Hosking at his seminar in the Trust on 7 November 2014 regarding the Trust becoming a pilot site. Mr Downey said this was an excellent development.</p>
8	<p>Action Planning Template</p> <p>Mrs Hardy distributed an updated version of the Action Plan template and a note of the meeting of the Action Planning Sub Group which met on 21 October 2014. In order to fully populate the template, it was agreed that members would review the template and forward any additions/amendments to Ms Forrest. It was further agreed that the Action Planning Sub Group would meet again and the date would be shared with all members.</p> <p>Mrs Hardy advised that the CYPSP had asked each Outcomes Group to take one outcome in order to do more indepth work in one particular area to model an integrated service. She proposed that the Western Area Outcomes Group focus on Mental and Emotional Wellbeing and Educational Outcomes.</p>
9	<p>Highlight Report detailing Status/Performance – September 2014</p> <p>Mr Downey said the highlight report contained a rich source of information and would</p>

	continue to be monitored by all relevant groups. He said the report detailed a range of trends which were concerning such as offences, criminal justice issues, economic and environmental wellbeing.
10	<p>CYPSP Think FamilySub Group/Hidden Harm</p> <p>Ms Mullan reported that the PHA had made funding available for a support service for children and families effected by Hidden Harm. She said this was a new and additional service in the West offering intensive support for family engagement, counselling for children and one-to-one work for adults. Ms Mullan agreed to keep members updated on progress and said she may organise a workshop in the New Year to share the action plan for this work and ensure good linkages.</p>
11	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Social Enterprise Workshop – 18 December 2014</p> <p>Mr Downey shared with members details of a workshop entitled “Social Enterprises and Voluntary/Community Sector Working with HSCNI” being held on 18 December 2014 in Knockbracken Health Care Park, Belfast.</p> <p>Co-Terminosity</p> <p>Mr Downey advised that he was not aware of any plans to change Trust boundaries, but informed members that the Public Protection Units had now been aligned with Trust areas. Members noted that there could be difficulties around community planning due to different boundary areas for Councils, Trusts, PSNI.</p>
12	<p>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p>4 March 2015 at 10.00 am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency.</p>