



Minute of Western Area Outcomes Group
held on 27 August 2014
Strabane Enterprise Agency

Present: Mr Kieran Downey, Director of Women & Children's Services [Chair]
Mrs Brenda MacQueen, Dry Arch Centre
Ms Colleen Heaney, Assistant Director, Youth Justice Agency
Ms Bernie Tierney, Children's Services Manager, Action for Children
Mrs Monica MacIntyre, Department of Social Development
Ms Muriel Bailey, Director of Helpline, Parenting NI
Mr Eamon O'Kane, Local Commissioning Group
Mr Michael Dallat, NIHE
Ms Marie McGale, MENCAP
Ms Gemma Scarlett, Derry City Council
Ms Helen Dunn, Regional HUB Co-ordinator, HSCB
Ms Una Casey, HSCB
Mr Gerry Conway, Commissioning Lead, HSCB

In attendance: Mrs Bronagh Donnelly, Action for Children
Ms Valerie Maxwell, Children's Services Planning Information Manager
Ms Amanda McLean, Early Intervention Service Change Manager
Mr Maurice Leeson, Children's Services Planning Professional Advisor
Ms Elaine Forrest, Personal Assistant, Western Trust

1	Apologies Mrs Kate McDaid, Assistant Director [Health Care] Ms Deirdre Mahon, Assistant Director of Safeguarding [Children] Mrs Anne Hardy, Children's Services Planning Officer, HSCB Mrs Margaret Ferris, Assistant Business Services Manager, Western Trust Mrs Anne Donaghey, Business Manager, Western Trust Ms Nicola Topping, Education Officer, WELB DCI Garry Eaton, PSNI Ms Maura Mason, Western Area Child Care Partnership Mr Paul Sweeney, Extern Ms Cathy Mullan & Ms Julie McGinty, PHA
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	<p>Information Mapping Tool Mr Downey welcomed Mrs Maxwell, Children’s Services Planning Information Manager, to the meeting to give a demonstration on the interactive mapping tool.</p> <p>Mrs Maxwell gave an overview of the website www.cypsp.org and detailed the available data tables, bar charts, time series charts, local government districts and interactive maps. She distributed printed copies of the following reports, all of which were available on the website:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Local Governance District Outcome Monitoring Report with Trends 2006 - 2011/12/13 ➤ Turning the Curve Report ➤ Key Points Report <p>Mrs Maxwell advised that a new performance profile was to be launched shortly which would identify improving and worsening trends and distributed a printout of the information that the performance profile would detail. She advised that her team were available to assist with analysing information. Members agreed that the website contained a rich source of data. Mr Conway said it was a sophisticated system which would assist people in making planning decisions. Mr Downey said the information, in its various formats, would allow organisations to plan together and reconfigure services and said it was a useful tool for members to use within their own organisations. Mr Downey said as the information was evidence based, the data would influence dialogue with personnel from the new Council areas.</p> <p>Mr Downey thanked Mrs Maxwell for the presentation.</p>
7	<p>Children’s Services Action Plan Mr Downey asked members to review the Action Planning template circulated for today’s meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that a small sub group of Mrs Hardy, Ms Casey, Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Magee would meet to prepare information and review indicators. Mrs Donnelly agreed to arrange this via Mr Downey’s office. It was also agreed that the next meeting on 29 October 2014 would be dedicated to completing and signing off the document which would outline the way forward.</p>
2	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting All present confirmed that they had received a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 June 2014 and they were a true and accurate record of the discussion that had taken place.</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Update on Membership Mr Downey advised that nomination forms had been forwarded to interested parties and also widely circulated to fill the current gaps in membership. He agreed to keep members apprised of developments.</p>

	<p>Deputy Chair Mr Downey advised that the Deputy Chair role required to be filled by a representative from the voluntary and community sector and asked for a nomination to be proposed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Child Sexual Exploitation Mr Downey advised that following this week’s shocking news of large scale child exploitation in Rotherham between 1997 - 2013, he again highlighted the current campaign by the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland – “The More You Know, The More You See”. He asked members to redouble efforts within their own organisations by raising professional curiosity to what is happening, and to circulate posters and leaflets to draw Child Sexual Exploitation to people’s attention and raise awareness.</p> <p>Community Planning Mr O’Kane advised that the next Community Planning event for Derry/Strabane was organised for 23 September 2014 at the Everglades Hotel. He confirmed that himself and Mrs Donnelly had attended the first meeting.</p> <p>Mrs MacIntyre reported that the work of Department of Social Development was being presented to the new Councils to inform them on how statutory bodies were linked to Councils. Mrs MacQueen reported that as yet there were no developments in the Limavady area and she was concerned at the lack of ownership and co-terminosity. Mr Leeson reported that three of the new Councils had advertised for Community Planning Managers, but said co-terminosity was a huge challenge with five Outcomes Groups and eleven new Council areas. Mrs Donnelly suggested that it may be helpful to arrange a meeting with Mr John Kelpie, Chief Executive of the new Derry City and Strabane District Council, to inform him of the structure and remit of the Western Area Outcomes Group and the Locality Planning Groups. Mr Downey agreed to take this forward to create an opportunity for engagement with Council personnel.</p> <p>Mr Downey advised that Community Planning would be kept on the agenda of the Outcomes Group.</p>
4	<p>Update from Locality Planning Groups Mrs Donnelly gave an update on the current work of the Locality Planning Groups.</p>
6	<p>Early Intervention Transformation Programme Ms McLean, Early Intervention Service Change Manager, distributed a document detailing the development of the Early Intervention Service which was being jointly funded until 2018 and detailed the following workstreams:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Equipping parents to give their children the best start in life. ➤ Supporting families when problems arise before the need for statutory involvement. ➤ Positively address the impact of adversity on children.

	<p>Ms Dunn advised that the Trust currently had seven Family Support HUBS and said there was good collaboration between all agencies. She said she was in the process of developing a quarterly return which would detail information on referrals on children in the 5 – 10 age range and the performance of the HUBS. Ms Dunn said Early Information Family Support would be accessed and aligned to the HUBS. Ms Dunn reported that SCIE [Social Care Institute for Excellence] were undertaking a review of HUB's and she would share the report with members when available. This review had been commissioned by the DHSSPS.</p> <p>Mr Downey said the HUB developments in the West excelled operationally and by their delivery of services and said members had been able to view some of the HUB's at the stakeholder events held earlier in the year. Mr Downey said the focus was on the existing seven HUB's to ensure they all operated at a similar level, with an 8th HUB identified for the Outer West, Bogside and Brandywell areas, with a range of additional site areas planned for the future [broad areas would be - Omagh/Fermanagh, Strabane/Derry, and Derry/Limavady] depending on available funding. Members acknowledged that rurality was a big issue in the West. Ms McLean said the first services were to be in place from April 2015, with procurement of services via competitive tendering.</p> <p>Mr Downey reported that Parenting NI had organised a series of consultation workshops on EITP. It was agreed that Ms McLean would link with Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Magee as a forum for consultation with the Locality Planning Groups.</p> <p>Mr Conway reported on the wide range of information available for both parents and practitioners on the Family Support NI website. Ms Dunn said this information was also available as an App.</p> <p>Mr Downey thanked Ms McLean and Ms Dunn for their updates.</p>
5	<p>Early Intervention Updates</p> <p>Informing an Infant Mental Health Framework for Northern Ireland on 22 September 2014, Shaftsbury, Belfast</p> <p>Mr Downey agreed to re-circulate information to members on the above event on 22 September 2014. Mr Leeson said members were welcome to submit comments on the framework and agreed to inform Mr Downey of the closing date.</p>
8	<p>CYSPS Think Family Sub Group/Hidden Harm</p> <p>Mr Leeson advised that full minutes from the sub groups were available on the CYPSP website.</p>

<p>9</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Regional Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender Sub Group Update of 12 June 2014 Mr Downey said there was a need to strengthen representation from the LGBT community.</p> <p>Bright Start Mr Conway referred to Bright Start, the Executive's £15M programme for affordable and integrated child care, and advised that there was currently a call for applications which was open to 30 September 2014 with a further call to be made in January/February 2015. He advised that funding was aimed at providing support to new providers and those wishing to develop additional or new provision for school age children and said events were being planned to advise people on the criteria and application processes.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Date, Time of Next Meeting 29 October 2014 at 10.00 am in the Boardroom, Strabane Enterprise Agency</p>