

MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN OUTCOMES GROUP MEETING HELD ON THE 12th FEBRUARY 2014 IN THE BOARDROOM, TRUST HQ

PRESENT	Marie Roulston	NHSCT (Chair)
	Anne Hardy	CYPSP
	David Gilliland	Carrickfergus YMCA
	Jayne Miller	NEELB
	Selena Ramsey	CYPSP Participation Officer
	Helen Dunn	Action for Children
	Grainne Keane	Youth Justice agency
	Brenda McAteer	Chair - Moyle Locality group
	Una Lernihan	HSCB
	Maria Herron	Parenting NI
	Angela Devlin	Extern
	Hilary Johnston	PHA
	Billy McMillan	Barnardos

APOLOGIES

Susan Gault	NHSCT
Jenny Adair	Northern Childcare partnership
Frank OConnor	NIHE
John Fenton	NHSCT

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Helen Dunn has been appointed as Regional Family Support Coordinator in HSCB. Acknowledged to loss of Helen who had been a valued member of the group.
- DSC Public consultation extended to 31.3.14 – responses being collated by Maurice Leeson.

Funding

The Outcomes Group currently has available funding from two sources

- (1) **HSCB** funding for early intervention services – this is a recurrent pot of £100k.
- (2) Delivering Social Change (**DSC**) funding is available in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 for a range of purposes as set out below.

Ann provided detailed breakdown. 2013/14 funding to be spent in year.

- 2014/15/16 recurrent funding earmarked for enhancing service provision re Children with Disability and ASD/ADHD. Currently progressing through procurement, at specification stage within NHSCT
- Family support Hubs – 2013/14 in Trust. Action for children continue to provide co-ordination service and will continue to do so prior to the tendering process. Specification currently with HSB for ratification. Helen Dunn

confirmed that arrangements were in place to the end of March and noted the essential role the co-ordinating service would hold. John Fenton to pick up at Hub steering group meeting and feedback at next Outcomes group.

In Year slippage

Slippage of approx. £154k identified

- Proposal for funding being utilised to support LPGs to meet identified localised needs which are not funded through a trust wide service, through a small grant allocation. Following consultation with LPGs in NHSCT area proposals have been received totalling £29k. Each LPG to complete a short application form setting out costing, outputs, outcomes and Value for Money and submit to approval panel made up by Brenda McAteer, Selena Ramsey and Anne Hardy who will consider applications from LPGs. Finally approval would be from Mrs Roulston, Director of Children services with the Trust and funding would be provided through invoices to the Trust. As all proposed scheme were under the £5k mark they would be viewed as small grant schemes and no procurement process would be required, as clarified by Ms B Donaghy, Assistant Director Planning and Modernisation within the Trust. Reference was made to funding being made available re improving access to information / FS services for parents, children and young people, - issue had also been highlighted by the parenting reference group. Maria Herron to link in with Anne Hardy with regards this potential proposal.
- Proposal for some funding to be set aside for infrastructure improvement
 1. Action planning for those groups who require additional support.
 2. Stakeholders event, involving the Outcomes group, LPGs, FSH and CYPCP. Event to be held at the end of March 2014 with a view to strengthening and building relationships
 3. Workshop to embed CYPCP Involvement strategy – Parenting reference group to be included in this workshop.
 4. Promotional materials (publications/communication, local leaflets, etc)

Regional Outcome chairs

Key issue highlighted at latest Regional meeting regarding membership of outcome groups.

- Current 3 year tenure has come to an end, key element in the process is to ensure some continuity within the groups during the process. There would be an expectation that some of the existing member will reapply. Application process will be progressed through CINI breakdown of places as follows, 4 to voluntary sector, 4 to Community sector and 2 BME. Application forms will be available through Website, CINI, HSCB, CYPCP, anticipating a 3 week turnaround. Noted the potential for a mentoring role for new members with out going members.
- Rotate outcome group chairs to attend the CYPCP.

Update from locality planning group and Participation of children, Young people, Parents and comments.

Detailed paper provided by Selena Ramsey (see attached)

Anna Grindle, Participation Development officer provided a briefing re work she had undertaken in the Bushmills area. Project led by BREF, Bushmills Residents and Environment forum – specific activity identified was to create a Children and young person's charter within Bushmills. Work initially targeted at P6 and P7 pupils in local primary schools discussion held re `what makes a good learner and what young people need to help them learn`. Booklet circulated – next stage to consult with post primary school children and youth organisation in the area. Charter to be launched at young people's celebratory event in June 2014. It was noted that currently there would not be any resource to roll out this initiative within other locality at this stage.

With regards to the emerging needs identified by LPGs and support initiatives identified that who meet the merging needs in their area if funding became available the issues highlighted would be reflective of some of the issues highlighted by the parenting reference group.

Parenting reference group

Parenting NI was commissioned to involve parents in the CYPSP planning process which seeks to improve outcome for all children living in NI. NPRG links directly to the Northern Outcomes group as part of the Children and Young people Strategic Partnership framework. The role of the group is to participate to the CYPSP process and to act in a consultative role (the voice of parents) in responding to any documentation, plans or initiatives directly by the outcomes group. The NPRG is currently made up by 19 parents across the NHSCT area and the group included a number of parents who have children with Disabilities. The NPRG has met to date four times since it was set up in April 2012. The 1st meeting afforded the parents the opportunity to discuss the priorities identified by the Outcome group to inform the Northern area action plan. The 2nd meeting focused on the proposed action plan, at the 3rd meeting the group were present with 2 practical tasks in relation to parental views of a new health based parenting programme and enhancing community involvement in the Extended school initiative. At the most recent meeting parents were able to discuss what improving outcomes for children means from a parents perspective. Maria provided a detailed breakdown of the key themes in each of the 6 outcomes raised by the Parenting reference group to date (see attached paper). It was also noted that findings from the Western stakeholders event that the Parenting reference group members had found it useful in meeting with the members of the local outcome group and having the opportunity to voice the key issues for them as parents in person.

Mrs Roulston left the meeting to attend clinical workshop, Mrs Helen Dunn stood as co-chair in Mrs Roulston's absence.

Family Support Hubs

Steering group establish - work on-going to encourage other organisations to joining the Group. 5 hubs now in place,

- Newtownabbey the last hub - implemented in January 2014. Information sessions have been organised in the N'abbey urban and rural areas, baseline assessment on-going against 10 best practise standards – assessment to be reviewed. Meeting scheduled for the 13.2.14 as to how to work with the family referred to the hub. Currently 10 core members on hub. Issue around the rural /urban division in N'abbey will be kept under review as to future development.
- Larne/Carrick – 10/12 core and associated members. Noted FS database needed to be update re services/resources available – work on going in this area.
- Antrim/Ballymena – amalgamated- hub open to additional referrals from HV, EW another hub members. Working with vulnerable families who have not been referred to Gateway and do not meet the criteria for referral to Gateway. Ivy Ridge from the Interethnic forum has joined the Antrim/Ballymena hub group. Good collaborative work on going.
- Magherafelt/Cookstown –Action plan in place to address the issue re through put of referrals. Arrangement in place for direct referrals form EW, HV, Gateway and other Hub members. 8 core members.
- Carrick – 14/16 core members – good collaboration and co working within the area.

It was noted that PSNI officers in various areas had expressed an interest in the potential to refer to the Hubs, Helen advised that there would be no representation from the PSNI on any of the hubs due to issues re information sharing – composite response required from PSNI rather that singular local arrangements.

Reference was made to work being progressed by the M`felt LPG chair who was currently working on creating an app which would be linked to the Family support database. It was agreed that this would be useful for all frontline staff.

Action planning /Service mapping workshop

Date to be agreed for end of April 2014. Template to be circulated to group members for completion re priorities, emerging needs and multi-agency issues, assess what resources are available in Northern Trust area and what `works` well. It was also agreed that consideration would be given to a Developmental day in October 2014.

Early Intervention transformation programme

Background – Six Government Departments and private charities , as part of the Delivering Social Change initiative - £3 million available throughout the province. (Breakdown of funding per Trust to be confirmed). Funding has been provided outside of this £3 million to BHSCT for project re Troubled families. Jason White, appointed as Programme manager. The programme seeks to

- Equip all parents with the skills needed to give their child the best start in life
- Support families when problems emerge
- Positively addressing the impact of adversity on children by intervention both earlier and more effectively to reduce the risk of poor outcomes later in life

3 work streams identified to progress work (Trusts will be asked to nominate reps for each workstream)

1. Universal systems HV – Pat Cullen
2. Family support Hubs – C Harper
3. Challenging adversity - F McAndrews

Concern voices that programmes currently being utilised would be overlooked and one programme/service would be promoted as being the `only way` of working with families. It was noted that programmes would be assessed and evaluated by measured outcome and any progression of schemes would be through evidence based assessment.

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E-Zine

Any ideas for articles to be forwarded to Anne Hardy. Statistics currently being collated re who receives E-Zine and who accesses it.

Date of next meeting

16.4.14 at 2pm in the Boardroom Trust HQ.



Marie Roulston

Director Children's services