

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN OUTCOMES GROUP
HELD ON 13TH AUGUST 2014 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM,
COUNTY HALL, BALLYMENA**

Present: - Anne Hardy CYPSP (Chair)
John Fenton NHSCT
Ruth-Ann Wilkinson Action for Children
Grainne Keane Youth Justice Agency
Teresa Hazzard Mencap
Gerard Stewart Extern
Jenny Adair NCP
Billy McMillan Barnardos
Gemma Luton CYPSP
Sandra Anderson CYPSP
Jayne Millar NEELB
Brenda McAteer Moyle LPG Chair
Amanda McLean PHA

Apologies: -
Hilary Johnston PHA
John Michael Ballymoney Borough Council
Nicola McCall Ballymena Borough Council
Marie Roulston NHSCT
Selena Ramsey Locality Dev. Officer
Caira McKillop NHSCT
Helen Dunn HSCB, CYPSP

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions were made.

2. Previous Minutes

The previous meeting was held on 11th June 2014. The minutes were approved.

3. Matters Arising

Funding 2013/14. Anne Hardy advised of funding from the board. One pot for disability and one for delivering social change. There are two lots of money in social change funding – Family Support Hubs and Early Intervention. It was agreed early intervention money would go out to tender for ADHD. The Trust will be responsible for this tender. Issues have arisen about the DSC funding and this pot of money may be at risk.

There was some discussion regarding interventions that have been funded. There were many small events that were very significant to the local areas.

Anne advised that there will be slippage in the budget. Some of the slippage may be absorbed in start-up costs of new tenders. It was agreed that locality groups could possibly apply for funding from slippage money in a similar process to that introduced in the previous year.

August E-zine – Anne is responsible for reporting a story each month. This is a regional report and is from different areas each month. There was some discussion around people's views on this. Grainne suggested it may be helpful to have an update from regional sub groups in the E-zine.

4. Action Planning

The last Action Plan had to be completed very quickly focusing on 4 key priorities. The draft action planning template was made available to members of the group. There is another piece of work to be completed which could be completed by a sub group before the next meeting in October. Some members of the group volunteered to sit on sub group.

John queried what the regional sub groups are taking forward regarding action planning and how we tie it all together alongside locality groups. Billy highlighted challenges between locality issues and regional issues. These will be discussed at the Chairs meeting in October.

5. Membership

Anne explained to the group that it is hoped there will be an induction for new members to Northern Outcomes Group.

6. Locality Planning and Participation Update

Sandra shared a report with the group which provided an update from locality groups. Emerging needs table remains the same as the locality planning groups did not meet in July. Sure Start has commenced work in Maghera area as this has been identified as a deprived area. Sandra reported that there are issues re poverty especially in term time after the summer months when families struggle to heat their homes. It was highlighted that there were stark poverty issues amongst families who are working and own their own homes.

The Western Group have commenced a survey which captures information regarding people accessing payday loans etc. and also give information re helplines. Anne reported it is hoped this will roll out across all locality groups.

The Bushmills Young People's Education Charter has resulted in a parents' cafe where parents can go for a coffee and chat about any issues and get help and advice. There are also now homework clubs in the primary schools in Bushmills.

7. Family Support Hubs Update

Ruth-Ann provided an update on Family Support Hubs. All hubs operational and running well. Newtownabbey has opened up so all members can refer into the Hub. Other 4 hubs will also open up in

stages. Two Support Workers are in post to complete assessments with families.

8. EITP Update

Amanda explained what EITP was, where it originated from and where funding was coming from. Three Work Streams cover from antenatal to 18 years. Work Stream 1 is Antenatal, Work Stream 2 is Early Intervention and Amanda is responsible for this. The Family Support Hubs are part of this Work Stream. It is hoped parenting programmes will also come out of this. Early Intervention services (EIS) approximately 25 will be aligned to the Family Support Hubs and comprise of 3 people in a team. Within Northern Area there will be 5 EIS teams. Work Stream 3 – Tier 3-4. Families known to Social Services. Includes concurrent planning, Edges Programme– pilot phase in one area of each Trust. Newtownabbey area for NHSCT. This work stream also includes high risk pregnancies.

Emotional health and wellbeing Hubs are also being rolled out and the first ones will be in Newtownabbey and Coleraine.

At the end of September proposal goes to EITP Board for approval and it is hoped the service will be up and running by April 2015. Three Year funding will end June 2018.

9. Any Other Business

Super Councils_ - Due to come on board next year – it would be good to have an interface between community, planning and strategic planning. Northern Outcomes Group will be responsible for 4 council areas when super councils are in force.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 October at 2.00 pm in the Conference Room, Bretton Hall, Antrim.