

MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN OUTCOMES GROUP MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH OCTOBER 2013 IN THE BOARDROOM, TRUST HEADQUARTERS.

PRESENT	Marie Roulston	NHSCT (Chair)
	Anne Hardy	CYPSP
	Billy McMillan	Barnardos
	Collette Slevin	Mencap
	Helen Dunn	Action for Children
	Jayne Miller	NEELB
	Selena Ramsey	CYPSP Participation Officer
	Jenny Adair	Northern Childcare partnership
	John Fenton	NHSCT
	Dougie Tyler	Barnardos
	Patricia McKeaveney	Youth Justice agency
	Brenda McAteer	Chair - Moyle Locality group

APOLOGIES	David Gilliland	Carrickfergus YMCA
	Maria Herron	Parenting NI
	Angela Devlin	Extern
	Susan Gault	NHSCT
	Deirdre Coyle	HSCB

IN ATTENDANCE	Bellaghy Youth inclusion Group
	Wilson Cochrane Barnardos
	Carmel Milne Action for Children
	Sabrina McMenemy Barnardos
	Geraldine McCourt DEL

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Amendment under Family Support Hubs should read £125k. Previous minutes to be amended and recirculated.

Presentation given by Bellaghy Youth Inclusion Group supported by Wilson Cochrane.

Billy McMillan set the context of the establishment of this group, followed by presentation given by the young people. Young people expressed how this forum had `given them a voice` within their community and positive feedback had been received from various local community groups. It was agreed that it would be useful to showcase this positive development to DARD to highlight what their funding has achieved. **(see attached presentation)**

Geraldine McCourt presented with regards to the Community Family Support Programme

funding provided by OFM/DFM, piloted with 44 family with positive outcomes. Programme runs on a 26 week cycle where families receive help from professionally qualified family support workers to address the health, social, economic, educational, employment and training issues that impact on their daily lives. Programme has been rolled out over the 5 Trust areas and linkage between the NHSCT Employability groups within the NHSCT was noted. Within the NHSCT the project covers 10 district council areas. Programmes tabled to continue to March 2015, however timeframe may be extended. Referrals coming in through the family support hubs and range from referrals from youth justice, self –referral by parents, Barnardos, Social Services. Noted holistic approach and employability factor linked to this project. **(see attached documentation)**

Hidden Harm

Billy McMillian, Co-chair of the Hidden Harm group had raised the matter of short term funding being provided to the new star babies programme which could incorporate a focus on hidden harm aspect which would be embedded into the pilot and would have a longer term impact. Hidden Harm group endorsed the proposal and agreed to progress.

Update from locality planning group and Children and Young Peoples participation presented by Selena Ramsey. Emerging issues highlighted by various locality groups

- 1/1 support for families with a diagnosis of ASD
- Impact of poverty / hidden poverty
- Lack of respite care for families with a young person who has a disability

Issue re support in supervising /supporting youth workers was raised by the Bushmills Locality group. No regional body identified to progress. Anne Hardy agreed to raise this regionally as a community development issue. It was noted that there are organization i.e. Youth net and YCNI who are funding to provide this support. Anne Hardy to link in with Ben Ewan from Youth Net with regards to identifying support. With regards to lack of respite care for families this has been raised as a generic issue in most group. This issue had also been highlighted through the Parents Reference group as well as directly to voluntary organisations. Clarification to be ascertained as to what parents want re respite – majority have indicated a need for community based activities where the young person can go, parents would class this as respite. Anne Hardy noted she was due to attend the WHSCT stakeholder event tomorrow and would be meeting with the Parents Reference group and would raise this issues highlighted. Anne referenced presentation given by Roy Beggs (copy available on website).

Parents reference group

Apologies noted from Maria Herron, however update provided. Two issues identified for consideration by the Outcomes group.

- The evolving role of the Parents Reference group - who does the Outcomes group want to proceed, next task for the Parents Reference group. It was agreed following discussion that it would be put to the Parents Reference group what they would like to be consulted on, areas for formal consultation.
- Membership and attendance at the Parents Reference group continues to be an area for further progression. Following consultation with parents it was decided that a closed facebook page which will be piloted in the NHSCT would be established. Work is ongoing on producing a flyer to encourage more parents to join the group and / or contribute to the closed Facebook page.

Family support Hubs

4 Hubs up and running

- Larne/Carrick
- Magherafelt/Cookstown
- Ballymena /Coleraine
- Ballymoney/Moyle

Process ongoing to encompass Antrim into the Ballymena Hub. Work ongoing with regards to the fifth hub (Newtownabbey) timescale 2/3 months.

Referrals coming into the Hubs from Gateway, Educational welfare, Health visiting and other Hub Members. The newly established single point of entry team within the NHSCT now known as the `Referral team` are also referring in to the hubs. Locality representatives sit on Hubs and Hub steering group chaired by Helen Dunn ensures consistency across the NHSCT. With regards to the coordinators role, £125k has been made available to Trust re Hub development Maintenance. It was agreed that the procurement would be led by the Trust rather than HSCB and the £125k would be used to with the NHSCT area to establish a coordinator role over all 5 hubs. Helen Dunn (AFC) to continue in her role as `coordinator` until process is completed. With regards to procurement process, specification to be drawn up.. Matter to be progressed through Family support hub steering group, however given the possible conflict of interest for Helen Dunn it was agreed that she would step down as chair of the group for this particular piece of work and John Fenton would progress.

With regards to inclusion of Adult mental health representation on the Family support hub steering group - it was noted that Sharon Crawford would sit on the interface

group between Children's services and Adult services and could provide a link across the two forums.

Procurement sub group

Procurement process with regards to the monies re Family support hubs to be Trust led. It was agreed that as Trust leading on this should have the final decision as to how the money is pooled and spent. Anne noted that she had met with Cost and commissioning Department (Mrs C Atkinson) NHSCOT with regards to a number of developments. Tendering process to be progressed once specification re family support hub coordinator has been finalized.

Funding

Sub group to address various strands of funding made available to ensure no duplication. Confirmation received with regards to non-duplication. Monies being made available in year for NHSCOT £238k. Breakdown as follows

£125k – to be used in Trust re Hub coordinator

£81.5k – identified against ADHD, additional family support intervention

£13k - contract support

£18k – to employ 1 full time band 4 re locality planning

With regards to Children with a disability funding, mechanisms in place to assist with allocation of funding, John Fenton to link in with Kate Kelly with regards to this matter. Marie noted additional funding (separate streams with respect to Children's Disability) from the HSCB. 3 IPT bids relating to:

- Carers support (extension of Direct payments)
- Children with challenging behavior specifically to develop outreach service
- Children with Complex health needs

Stakeholders events – feedback from Northern outcomes group sub group

Meeting held on the 4th October 2013, group were asked to consider recommendations to the Northern outcomes group with regarding to stakeholder event. Events to

- Raise awareness of CYPSP
- Gather information with respect to emerging needs
- Strengthen linkages across partnerships

- To encourage greater involvement from the locality of individuals and group not already involved.

The need for strong links/connection with local councils was highlighted as an area to be progressed and it was proposed that 4 seminar's (1/2 day) are arranged by clusters of Locality planning groups in line with the new council areas.

- Antrim/Newtownabbey
- Ballymena/Larne/Carrickfergus
- Coleraine/Moyle/Ballymoney/Limavady
- Cookstown/Magherafelt/Dungannon

Aims and Objectives to be made progressed and made available prior to the 1st day seminar. Sub group to act as steer for this piece of work.

Planning cycle – action plan

Additional amendments made to the action plan document – general comment sheet provided. Finalized planning cycle provided for 2015/18. Strategic priorities identified in January 2014 – priorities agreed and signed off at Northern Outcomes group April/June 2014. Work underway to present information on Gant chart identifying the tasks and the specified timescales.

AOB

- Early intervention funding – funding opportunity December 2013. Long term contracted for the recurrent funding for 3/5 years, while the DSC funding was available for 2 years.
- Health and Wellbeing small grant scheme 2013/14 (information circulated)
- NHSCT SMT to move to Bretten Hall, Antrim Area Hospital site potentially mid December 2013.
- Patricia McKeaveney, youth Justice agency to attend Young forum meeting on the 4th November – to feed back at next Outcomes group

Date of next meeting

18.12.13 @ 2pm in Committee room 2 County Hall.

Marie Rowan



Marie Roulston
Director Children's services