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Southern Area Outcomes Group

Notes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 6 August 2013 at 9.30
am in the Boardroom, Trust Headquarters,
Craigavon Area Hospital.

Present:

Paul Morgan, Chair, SHSCT
Colm McCafferty, SHSCT
Gerard Houlahan, Armagh & City District Council
Sandra Couser, Parenting NI
Drew Neill, Voypic
Mairead Abraham, HSCNI
Nicola Lane, Craigavon Borough Council
Deirdre Wiggins, NIHE
Nicola Topping, SELB
Eddy Curtis, Newry & Mourne Borough Council
Jacinta Linden, South Down Family Health
Maurice Leeson, HSCNI
Claire Linney, Dungannon Council
Julie Bolton, HSCNI
Anne Hardy, HSCNI
Gerry Bleakney, PHA
Stephen Smith, CIP
Marie Kavanagh, Gingerbread NI
Pamela Matthews, Banbridge Council

Apologies:

Geraldine Maguire, SHSCT
Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
Una Magee, Barnardos
Jackie Valentine, Parenting NI
David Douglas, SHSCT
Merissa McGeary, HSCNI
Valerie Maxwell, HSCNI
Una Geelan, HSCNI
Shirley Gillespie, Toybox
Supt Jason Murphy, PSNI

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Paul welcomed members to the meeting.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, 12 June 2013 were approved as an accurate record.

4.0 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Performance Indicators

Paul explained that an update report is now complete, however, Una Geelan is unavailable to attend today's meeting to provide a verbal report. The updated report will be circulated to members via email for discussion at a future Outcomes meeting.

ACTION: Una to share final report with members

5.0 Planning Cycle

Anne informed the meeting that the next CYPS plan will be for the period 2015 to 2018. Anne stated that a timeline and associated detail will be drawn up to ensure that an action plan is in place by September/October 2014. Anne continued to report that stakeholder events will be used to showcase actions which have already been achieved. Discussion followed and it was agreed that members revisit the action plan and populate details of actions which have already been completed. The meeting noted that Una Geelan is undertaking work in relation to this. Anne Hardy agreed to re-circulate the relevant template to members for completion by the end of September 2013 to enable information to be collated so that an update action plan is available for the October meeting.

ACTION: Anne to circulate template to members for completion by the end of September 2013.

6.0 Outcomes Money and Procurement Process

Colm gave an overview of monies available to the Outcomes Group and continued to highlight the difficulties associated with the procurement process and it was noted that the group cannot move forward until this is resolved. Paul stated that he has, this morning, discussed the issue with the Trust's Director of Performance and Planning and asked if she can influence/expedite the process. Staff in the Southern Trust Contracts have also liaised with their colleagues in the Belfast Trust and the meeting agreed that there needs to be a consistency across the Region. Colm stressed that the process needs to be as transparent as possible and not open to any challenge. Discussion followed and members agreed that it is essential that this money is made available to community groups as quickly as possible and that contracts are in place by October /November 2013 at the latest.

The meeting noted that at the Chairs of the Outcomes Groups last Friday, Maurice Meehan, PHA, gave a very useful presentation regarding parenting programmes. It was noted that Maurice has indicated that he is willing to attend Outcome Group meetings to give an overview of programmes where there is planned investment. This would ensure, that from an early stage, there is improved co-ordination and that there is no overlap. Mairead stated that it is essential that investment is concentrated in areas where there are currently no services.

Gerry referred to CIF funding and it was noted that there has been no update regarding the bid which was submitted earlier in the year.

Colm informed the meeting that he has recently received 3 requests for endorsement in relation to DEL. Colm asked for clarification on how to respond to such requests. It was noted that DEL gave a presentation to the Outcomes Chairs meeting regarding planned projects and it was agreed that Maurice Leeson is the link person. Discussion followed and it was agreed that there needs to be improved collaboration and co-ordination around funding rather than individual Organisations doing their own thing.

In conclusion it was agreed that Maurice Leeson should invite both a representative from DEL and Maurice Meehan to the next

meeting to give them an overview of the Southern Area Outcome's plan and the key issues which the group are focussing on. It will also give them an opportunity to outline to the group areas where investment is planned.

**ACTION: Maurice Leeson to invite a representative from DEL and Maurice Meehan to next meeting of group.
Julie agreed to send a list of Parenting Education Programmes to Paul for circulation to the group.**

7 Locality Updates

Julie Patton spoke to update report for August 2013. Julie gave an overview of emerging needs in the Southern area and in particular referenced Bullying and Cyber bullying/grooming as main themes. Julie stated that it is proposed to run a number of workshops and roadshows for parents and young people. These workshops will be facilitated by Wayne Denner and will focus on "keeping your child safe online and encouraging positive use".

Julie continued to highlight events/updates in the Southern area organised by Locality Planning Groups including the Armagh Volunteer youth fair and tooth fairy events. Mairead stated that the tooth fairy initiative is very positive and that learning from this should be rolled out across other areas. Gerry stated that it is important that this learning such as this is captured and Julie confirmed that an evaluation is being carried out in relation to volunteering. Gerry explained that the Trust has a contract with "Love for Life" and it might be worthwhile linking with either Gerard Rocks or Lynn Smart.

The meeting noted that Paul Morgan attended a recent meeting of the five Locality Chairs to look at the interface between the LPG and the Southern Area Outcomes.

8 Stakeholder Event

Anne informed the meeting that each of the five Outcomes Groups have been tasked with holding stakeholder events in their area over the coming year. The purpose of these events is to raise awareness of the CYPSP process with the wider public and

political constituencies. Information regarding emerging needs in relation to improving outcomes for children would also be gathered and this would inform the development of plans for 2014 onwards. Anne continued to advise that all Groups are currently considering the format and location of these events and it is envisaged that each group will tailor their event to suit the local area taking advantage of events already planned. Anne stated that the Southern Area Outcomes Group needs to consider how it wishes to take this forward some time prior to March 2014.

Discussion followed regarding events which are planned for the area over the next year including an event organised by Dungannon Council where representatives of up to 120 groups are invited. This event could be used to link in with MLA's and local Councillors.

ACTION: Members to give this further thought in advance of next meeting.

9.0 **Update from Parent Reference Group**

Sandra gave a summary of the Parents Reference Group meeting which was held on 17 June 2013. Sandra reported that two speakers attended this meeting and the emphasis is on information sharing. It was noted that a total of 17 parents have joined the group. Anne informed the meeting that it has been proposed that each of the Parent Reference Groups work on one particular theme over a period of time. This would encourage greater involvement from parents as work would be more focused. Claire highlighted that it is essential that there is involvement from parents who have experience of the issues being focused on.

10.0 **Any Other Business**

Gerry raised the following issues:

- GCSE programme and achievement of improved results – PHA have joined with the SELB and work is ongoing.
- PHA has agreed to fund an early years worker in each of the Trust areas. Maurice Meehan is taking forward issues such as location and role of postholder. Mairead stated that she is not

aware of this new post and it was agreed that Maurice Leeson should follow up with Maurice Meehan.

**ACTION: Maurice Leeson to follow up with Maurice Meehan
re: location and role of postholder**

11.0 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was agreed for Tuesday, 15 October 2013 in the Boardroom, Trust HQ, Craigavon Area Hospital.