



**Minute of Western Area Outcomes Group**  
**held on 24 February 2016**  
**Strabane Enterprise Agency**

**Present:**

- Mr Kieran Downey, Director of Women & Children's Services
- Mrs Ann McDuff, Assistant Director [Community & Public Health]
- Mrs Brenda MacQueen, Dry Arch Children's Centres
- Mr Ivor Morton, PSNI
- Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid
- Ms Cathy McCloskey, Early Years Organisation
- Ms Michelle McCabe, Lifestart
- Ms Muriel Bailey, Director of Parents Helpline & Counselling Service, Parenting NI
- Ms Bernie Tierney, Children's Services Manager, Action for Children
- Mr Pat Armstrong, Head of Service
- Mr Paul Sweeney, Extern
- Ms Marie McGale, MENCAP
- Mrs Anne Hardy, Children's Services Planning Officer, HSCB

**In attendance:**

- Ms Lucia Collins, NIPSA
- Mrs Priscilla Magee, Action for Children
- Mrs Margaret Ferris, Assistant Business Manager, Western Trust
- Mrs Anne Donaghey, Business Manager, Western Trust
- Ms Elaine Forrest, Personal Assistant, Western Trust

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Cathy Mullan, PHA</li> <li>Ms Colleen Heaney, Youth Justice Agency</li> <li>Mr Mustapha Benhassine, Barnardos</li> <li>Mrs Monica MacIntyre, Department of Social Development</li> <li>Ms Nicola Topping, Education Officer, WELB</li> <li>Mr Eamon O'Kane, Local Commissioning Group</li> <li>Ms Linda Watson, Caw/Nelson Drive Community Association</li> <li>Mr Gerry Conway, Commissioning Lead, HSCB</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Chairman's Remarks</b></p> <p>Mr Downey welcomed members to the meeting.</p>

	<p>Mr Downey advised members that Mrs Hardy, Children’s Services Planning Officer, had applied for early retirement from the HSCB. He thanked Mrs Hardy for her contribution to children and young people’s strategic planning and wished her good health and happiness. Mrs Hardy advised that she was leaving her post in May 2016 and said that work being undertaken in the West was an exemplar to other Outcomes Groups.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 28 October 2015</b>  The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 October 2015 were approved as an accurate record of the discussion.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Pioneering Communities</b>  Mrs McDuff reported on positive meetings with Mr George Hosking and staff from WAVE on 16 February 2016 regarding the establishment of a pioneering site within the Western Trust. She felt that the Trust was in a strong position to under this and advised that it would need sign up from statutory, voluntary and community organisations, alongside WAVE. Mrs McDuff said the Trust were looking at Derry and Strabane, but the exact areas would be determined by data collection. He advised that two Trust staff, Ms Debbie Hunter and Ms Sheen Funston from the Health Improvement Department, were taking forward work to progress this. Mr Downey reported that Mr Hosking had been impressed with ongoing work in the Trust. Members agreed that this was a great opportunity. Mr Downey advised that Mr Hosking was in ongoing discussions with the English Government and the Scottish Parliament regarding Pioneering Communities and advised that his research material was available on the internet.</p> <p><b>Co-operation and Working Together [CAWT] Bid</b>  Mr Downey advised members that the CAWT application by the Western and Southern Trusts, Health Service Executive and Tulsa, for Interreg 5 funding for five virtual Hubs along the border was progressing to the business case stage. He said this could attract 8M Euros over five years which would mean significant investment for early intervention. Mr Downey agreed to keep members apprised of developments.</p> <p><b>Outcomes Group and Local Safeguarding Panels</b>  Mr Downey advised members that when he received Ms Anne McMurray’s report from the Western Integrated Partnership workshop held on 9 February 2016, he would arrange for it to be listed for the agenda in terms of actions. He said there was a need to make connections with the Local Safeguarding Panel. Mr Sweeney advised that Ms Conway and himself sat on this panel and said it was important that messages in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation and Case Management Reviews were shared and he emphasised the importance of seeking the views of children and young people to inform services and practices.</p>

	<p>Mr Downey agreed to list Safeguarding as a standing agenda item for future meetings. He said meaningful engagement with children and young people was important and apprised members of an event on 19 February 2016, hosted by the Mayor at the Guildhall, for young people in care to discuss their issues. Mr Downey reported that all the young people had been very engaging.</p> <p>Ms Tierney proposed that funding from the Outcomes Group be utilized to employ a Participation Worker to co-ordinate the work already taking place within the Trust regarding the engagement of young people. Mr Downey said that members would need to give consideration to what projects they wished to consider for funding from the recurring allocation for 2016/17.</p> <p>Ms Bailey reported that Parenting NI were involved with primary schools in Strabane due to funding received from the Big Lottery and she advised that specific questions in relation to participation could be included in their consultation with schools. Members cited various examples of ongoing participation work with young people. Mr Sweeney said it would be important to guarantee to young people that something would be planned with the information collated. Mr Downey said it was important to take the key messages from the various participation groups. Mrs MacQueen said it would be important to be visible and proposed that the Hubs be used. Mr Armstrong reported that a theme emanating from the Hubs was that many young people were looking for guidance on sexual health issues.</p> <p>Mr Morton reported that the PSNI were being inundated with requests from schools for assistance in relation to E-Safety/Cyber Bullying. He advised that due to financial constraints within his organisation, the growing issue of cyber bullying needed a collective response, as often parents were not aware of all the issues. Mr Downey undertook to organise for staff from the Health Improvement Department to attend a future meeting to give a presentation on E-Safety/Cyber Bullying to inform members and to discuss how partnership working could be enhanced in this area. Mr Downey acknowledged that there were restructuring changes within the Education Authority, so he agreed to contact Ms Nicola Topping to discuss the feasibility of Education Welfare Officers joining the Outcomes Group as additional representatives to strengthen linkages.</p>
5	<p><b>Update from Locality Planning Groups</b> Mrs Magee provided written updates on the work of the Fermanagh and Omagh Locality Planning Group and distributed information leaflets on drugs and alcohol.</p>
6	<p><b>Early Intervention Updates</b></p> <p><b>Connecting Families: Generation Now Tour – Dr Suzanne Zeedyk</b> Members noted the evaluation report following Dr Suzanne Zeedyk’s four day visit to the Trust in October 2015. Mrs Magee advised members that they could access a film of one of Dr Zeedyk’s master classes on the CYPSP website.</p>

	<p><b>“Now You’re Talking” Evaluation Report</b></p> <p>Members noted the evaluation report prepared by Ms Annabelle Ferguson, Lead Speech and Language Therapist, on the early intervention speech and language project for Bump-3’s called “Now You’re Talking Fermanagh”, which had been funded by the Outcomes Group. Mrs Ferguson had previously attended the Outcomes Group meeting on 29 April 2015 to report on the project. Mrs Ferris advised that this project had got to the final stage for an AHP award.</p>
7	<p><b>Development of a New Children and Young People’s Strategy</b></p> <p>Mr Downey apprised members that the current Children and Young People’s Strategy was due to expire this year. He shared with members a copy of slides outlining ongoing work and said he hoped there would be an opportunity for people to input to it. Mrs Hardy advised that staff from OFM/DFM had attended some of the Outcomes Groups to inform on this work and said people could add to the views of the Southern and Belfast groups.</p>
8	<p><b>Concern Hub Pilot</b></p> <p>Mr Downey apprised members of a PSNI initiative, based on a partnership approach, to establish a Concern Pilot Hub to allow for early interventions with vulnerable children on the edge of care, young people on the edge of criminal justice and vulnerable adults who were known to the PSNI, Social Services and other key statutory agencies. He said this would be helpful in community emergency planning. He reported that the PSNI had allocated a Police Officer to take forward this work and they were currently holding events with statutory partners to take forward the establishment of a Concern Hub and were seeking signed Information Sharing Agreements with partner agencies involved to establish a database of vulnerable people, with their consent. Mr Morton advised that the Concern Hub was based on models in operation in England and he offered to arrange for Constable McGahan to give a presentation at a future meeting to inform members of developments. He said the Derry and Strabane District Command were leading on this project, but it was envisaged that the Concern Hub Project would be rolled out across the Province.</p> <p>Mrs McDuff withdrew from the meeting.</p>
	<p>Members viewed a DVD of an interview with Dr Suzanne Zeedky and Carlo Gebler during their time in the Western Trust in October 2015.</p>
9	<p><b>Planning for 2016/17</b></p> <p>Members noted the report card information from April – September 2015. Mr Downey said it was now important to give consideration to funding projects for 2016/17 and agreed to organise for Ms Valerie Maxwell, Children’s Services Planning Information Manager, to attend a future meeting to inform members on health information by electoral wards which would assist with decision making.</p> <p>Ms Tierney said it would be important not to lose momentum of the work of the projects previously funded by the Outcomes Group. Mr Downey said there was the</p>

	<p>potential to draw on funding from other partners to boost the allocation received by the Outcomes Group.</p> <p>Ms McGale proposed that consideration be given to the growing serious issue of legal highs. Mr Downey reported that he had organised a Service Improvement Process Mapping workshop for 14 April 2016, which was aimed at improving services for children and young people effected by drugs and alcohol. Mr Downey advised that this project was being led by Mrs Donaghey, Business Manager, and would look at available services and how they connected. He said this work would be shared with the Outcomes Group as the CAMHS service in the Trust had seen drug usage by young teenagers increase by 50%.</p> <p>Members also proposed that the following areas be considered for future funding:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supporting the Hubs – invest in strategy and build on partnerships.</li> <li>▪ Education and prevention.</li> <li>▪ Language and communication.</li> <li>▪ Community support for breast feeding groups.</li> <li>▪ Five key messages for youth.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Downey asked members to forward any additional proposals to his office.</p>
10	<p><b>Summary of Children’s Services Co-operation Act [NI] 2015</b></p> <p>Mr Downey shared with members a summary of the Children’s Services Co-operation Act [Northern Ireland] 2015 and said the Bill detailed a duty to co-operate and said the Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership offered the best system for a collaborative system in relation to children’s services.</p>
11	<p><b>CYPSP Think Family Sub Group/Hidden Harm</b></p> <p>Mr Downey deferred this item to the next meeting.</p>
12	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Western Integrated Partnership Workshop – 9 February 2016</b></p> <p>Mr Downey agreed to share with members Ms Anne McMurray’s report from the Western Integrated Partnership Workshop on 9 February 2016. He also agreed to list “Safeguarding” as a standing item at future meetings and said he would seek a summary report from Mr John Toner, Chair of the Local Safeguarding Panel, for sharing with members to ensure an effective safeguarding focus.</p> <p><b>Syrian Refugees</b></p> <p>Mr Downey advised that he had nominated Ms Kate Keeling, Head of Service [Public Health], and Mr Kevin Duffy, Service Manager [Family &amp; Child Care], to assist with the planning for the arrival and resettlement of the second cohort of Syrian refugees in April 2016. He said the refugees would initially be located at the reception centre in Belfast, as before, prior to being relocated to the North West. He said 50 refugees, all with significant needs due to the trauma they had endured, were expected and it</p>

was anticipated that there may be unaccompanied children. Mr Downey said clarification was being sought on the legal status for any unaccompanied children. Mr Armstrong advised that the Fostering Service was under huge strain in the Trust, but agreed to link with Mr Duffy in order to plan for any demand for fostering services. Mr Sweeney advised that he had been involved in the refugee project when the earlier group of Syrian refugees had arrived in the Province and he offered to contact Mr Duffy to advise on learning from the earlier experience and to report on what services would be required.

**Conference: Female Genital Mutilation – 4 March 2016**

Mr Downey advised that his Directorate had organised a conference on Female Genital Mutilation on 4 March 2016. He said there had been no reported cases of FGM in Northern Ireland, but said this issue was growing in momentum within the Province, and was one of the challenges in a multi cultural society. Mr Downey invited members to attend the conference and asked that they contact his office for further details.

**Conference: Sexual Offending: Challenging Myths and Facing Realities  
9 March 2016**

Mr Downey advised that the conference “Sexual Offending: Challenging Myths and Facing Realities” was being held on 9 March 2016 and would be led by Ms Marcella Leonard, an expert on sexual offenders and perpetrators. He said a master class was being held on 10 March 2016 for social work practitioners. Mr Downey advised that conference details were available from his office.

**Mencap**

Ms McGale advised of the opening of Mencap’s new children and families centre in Newtownbreda on 9 March 2016 and advised that pictures of the new facility were available to view on Mencap’s website.

**Fermanagh Women’s Aid**

Ms Conway advised of funding Fermanagh Women’s Aid had received from the Policing and Community Safety Partnership to host a conference on “Sexualised and Relational Trauma” on 22 March 2016 in Enniskillen and on 23 March 2016 in Omagh, being led by Zoe Lodrick, Sexualised Trauma Specialist. She agreed to forward details to Mr Downey’s office for onward circulation to members.

**Early Years International Conference and AGM**

Ms McCloskey advised that the Early Years International Conference and AGM was taking place on 2 & 3 June 2016 in Enniskillen with guest speaker, Margaret Carr from New Zealand, and a guest speak from UNICEF.

**Parenting NI**

Ms Bailey advised of an application for a bid to deliver a Non Violent Resistance programme to support parents and carers. She was hopeful that the bid would be successful and agreed to keep members apprised of developments.

	<p><b>Case Management Reviews – CMR’s</b>  Mr Downey advised that the Safeguarding Board from Northern Ireland had published two Case Management Reviews and one of the themes from the reports was the dangers around co-sleeping, particularly when alcohol had been consumed. He agreed to bring a synopsis of the reports to a future meeting to share with members.</p> <p><b>Pathway Fund</b>  Ms McCloskey advised that the closing date for applications to the Pathway Fund was 2 March 2016.</p>
13	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b>  27 April 2016 at 10.00 am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency</p>