

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN OUTCOMES GROUP
HELD ON 9th DECEMBER IN THE MEETING ROOM, TRUST HQ,
ANTRIM**

Present: - Marie Roulston	NHSCT
Gerard Stuart	Extern
Hilary Johnston	PHA
Grainne Keane	YJA
Anne Hardy	CYPSP
Selena Ramsey	Locality Dev. Officer
John Fenton	NHSCT
Jenny Adair	NCP
Ruth Ann Delija	Action for children
Teresa Hazzard	Mencap
Jayne Millar	Education Authority
Billy McMillan	Barnardos
Helen Dunn	HSCB
Iain McAfee	Ballymoney LCG
Michael McCrory	MUDC
Pamela McBride	NHSCT (on behalf of S Gault)

Apologies: -

David Gilliland	Carrick YMCA
Susan Gault	NHSCT
Ciara McKillop	NHSCT
Una Lernihan	HSCB
Nicola McCall	Mid & East Antrim Council

Marie welcomed Iain and Michael to the forum – good opportunity to strengthen links with LGC and community sector and build relationships with colleagues from District Councils

Previous Minutes and matters arising

- The previous meeting was held on the 9th September, minutes agreed and signed off.

- **Locality Planning and Participation Update (see attached paper)**
 Selena Ramsey shared overview report to update forum of work on-going within the locality groups.
 Detailed report attached, highlighting work undertaken and forthcoming events. **ACTION: Selena Ramsey**
- **Outcomes Groups report cards (April – Sept 15)**
 Paper shared highlighting the progress made by outcomes groups. Progress reported against terms of reference as set out in the CYP plan. Final piece of work will be to identify population measures and collation of performance measures from the funded projects. Cards will then be finalised and produced on an annual basis. A Report card will also be produced by each Locality planning group, highlighting what has been achieved and progress made.
- **Integrated commissioning proposal**
 HSCB allocates £100k recurrent funding to enable Outcome groups to begin the process of integrated commissioning across agencies to build on the integrated planning process. Within the Northern Outcomes group processes have been established to progress this allocation in year with the outcomes achieved from this funding reported back to the Outcomes group. (Small grant type schemes under £2k which have aided the further development of community based family support services). Specific long term priority for Northern Outcomes group identified and agreed as Children's Disability Services – noted recent meeting between A Hardy and NHSCB re allocation of funding through IPTs re Children's Disability , tendering/procurement process to be progressed in New Year . Proposal tabled for 2016/17 with respect to the £100k recurrent slippage - £75k of funding will be allocated to Disability Services with £25k towards the small grants scheme which will include £13k contribution towards shortfall in locality planning staffing. Proposal accepted. Update re tender/procurement process to be tabled at February meeting - **Action: Anne Hardy**
- **New Children & Young Peoples Strategy**
 Co-design process to commence with respect to new strategy.

OFMDFM keen to collate views from CYPSP Locality Planning Groups and Outcomes Groups throughout the region. (Questionnaire circulated to NOG members). It was agreed that it would be essential that any feedback should be reflective, capturing local as well as high level needs from as many groups as possible to ensure new strategy is targeted against identified specific need and is measureable. SE Trust proposing scheduling at meeting in January to progress feedback, may be opportunity for joint meeting with the NHSCT. Anne to pull together were possible issues raised by other Outcome groups, general issues identified include

- Pulled budgets
- Short term funding
- Silo working
- Different sets of priorities
- Ensuring emerging needs with respect to current climate captured
- Reflective of local as well as high level needs.

ACTION: Anne Hardy

- **SBNI business plan 16-17**

SBNI model was developed to agreed how organisations cooperate and work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in NI. John Toner, Chair of SBNI panel has made contact re the 16/17 Business Plan which has identified the need for The Panels to work with the Outcomes Groups in Order to develop the “local performance requirements for living in safety and with stability. Areas of potential joint working have been identified to include, the work of Family support hubs and related services, sharing of management/performance information (Where appropriate) and identification and sharing of information relating to local safeguarding issues fed through from the Locality groups and share mechanisms and opportunities for engagement with Children and young people. It was agreed that John Fenton would issue an invitation to John Toner to attend a future meeting. SBNI Business plan 16/17 to be shared with forum and NOG action plan to be shared once finalised.

ACTION: John Fenton

- **Family Support Hubs update**

Update provided by Helen Dunn. 29 Hubs across NI – complete

geographic coverage. Stats provided highlighted the geographic spread of the NHSCT area and the coinciding trends across the region. Key referrer regional and within the NHSCT remains Gateway services followed by HV and Single point of entry. Noted significant increase in HV referral particular in Newtownabbey area, linked to lack of resources in the area. Hubs have and continue to raise awareness of community/voluntary supports available to families and has improved liaison between multi agency services to enable families in getting the right support for their needs and remain central to the delivery of Early intervention services. There was general consensus that hubs are a clear example of strong partnership working and need to be sustained to support the continued development of Early Intervention services. Mr Fenton queried re continued funding moving into next year. Mrs Dunn confirmed discussions are on-going and an options paper re sustainability of FS Hubs and long-term resources had been submitted to the Department for consideration, no outcome as yet. Currently no resources in Trust to support the FS Hubs.

- **AOB**

Vice Chair to be agreed for Forum.

- **Date of next meeting**

10th February 2015 at 2pm in the Boardroom, Bretten Hall, Trust HQ, AAH site.

Marie Roulston

Director Children's services

