

**Minutes of South Eastern Area Outcomes Group, held on
4 April 2016, in Kilcooley Women's Centre, Bangor.**

Present:

Armstrong Annie	Colin Neighbourhood Partnership.
Brady Theresa	SNAF, Deputy Chair.
Dickson Clare Marie	Surestart, Downpatrick.
Lyness Patricia	Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid.
Malmö Gail	Health and Well-Being PHA.
McMullan Pauline	YMCA, Lisburn.
Murray Michael	Assistant Director of Safeguarding Children, SET.
Neill Joanne	Bryson House
Perera Ralston	Service Improvement Manager.
Robertson Marian	Assistant Director Child Health.
Scullion Mabel	Resurgam.
Sipler Ed	SEDACT.
Vladeanu Lynda	Health Development Manager, SET.
White Jason	Assistant Director, Health and Well-Being.
Whittle Brendan	(Chair) Director of Children's Services and Executive Director of Social Work, SET.
Harrison Tracey	Child Care Services Manager, Kilcooley.
McMurray Patricia	Domestic Violence Partnership.
Simons Sheila	Sector Manager, South Eastern Trust.

Apologies:

McCrossan Tina	NI Hospice.
Millar Paul	Barnardo's.
Pauley Kyra	Footprints.

	Agenda Item	Description	Action
1.	Apologies	Apologies were noted.	
2.	Welcome and Introductions.	Brendan Whittle welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed for accuracy and accepted as a true record.	MM
	Matters Arising	Michael Murray advised that there was still no date for a workshop on Children's Strategy, but this will be organised with Anne Hardy before she leaves her post. Michael shared copies of the report card	

		<p>with the meeting.</p> <p>There was a query as to who will chair the Enjoying Learning and Achieving – Education Sub Group as Sybil Skelton has now retired. Marian Robertson will contact John Shivers to clarify, as he is covering some of Sybil’s work.</p> <p>Sheila Simons and Patricia Lyness to give a presentation on the work of the Domestic Violence Partnership at today’s meeting.</p> <p>Patricia Lyness to present Living with Safety and Stability – draft Action Plan at today’s meeting.</p> <p>Ralston is to present a draft paper on the future funding criteria to the Chair before this is disseminated to members</p> <p>Allocation on DSC Funding has been agreed, ratified and processed.</p>	MR
4.	South Eastern Trust Domestic Violence Partnership Presentation	<p>Sheila Simons and Patricia Lyness presented on the work of the Domestic Violence Partnership.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation will be shared with the group along with the minutes.</p> <p>There is a workshop in relation to Violence Towards Parents to take place in Great Hall, Downshire Hospital on 13 and 14 April 2016. Sheila advised that the afternoon of 13 April 2016 is an open session which all staff are welcome to attend.</p>	
5.	Hidden Harm	<p>Ed Sipler presented on Hidden Harm. Locally there are two initiatives. Firstly there is a group meeting this month to look at substance misuse by parents and there is also a Think Parent pilot taking place in Down area.</p> <p>Ed shared copies of a leaflet which has</p>	

		<p>been produced 'Opening Our Eyes to Hidden Harm' and also copies of A4 sheets listing the services which are available for supporting families affected by mental health or alcohol/drug problems in the Down or Lisburn, North Down and Ards area.</p> <p>All five Trusts have intensive support, but not all children need that level of support, so Ed advised that 'Steps to Cope' has been developed to meet this need. Big Lottery monies have been used to fund this. Two outcomes are being focussed on ie. use of social support and improved social competence.</p> <p>Ed noted that there is a need for better communication between services.</p> <p>A training session was held last week for staff in the Inpatient Unit in relation to dealing with trauma.</p> <p>Michael Murray advised that in conjunction with the SBNI South Eastern Panel he and Don Bradley are working with the GP representative on the Panel, Alan McFarland to implement Think Child, Think Parent, Think Family in GP Practices.</p> <p>There is also work being done in Maternity Services in relation to development of a strategy looking at Fitness to Parent.</p>	
6.	Action Plan – Living with Safety and Stability	<p>Patricia Lyness presented on the Domestic Violence Action Plan. She advised that the main core of the action plan is to deliver awareness raising and training and to look at the impact of DV on ability to parent.</p> <p>Michael Murray advised that the SBNI are taking the lead in organising a workshop to look at developing a joint</p>	

	<p>working strategy with the DV Partnership and other bodies. They are hoping to engage Anne McMurray as facilitator.</p> <p>It was agreed that all members would attend a half day (am) of training on 26 May 2016 in Training Room 1, Downshire Hospital, with an hour to be taken at the end for discussion and feedback regarding the training and lessons learnt. Members to attend a further full day of training on 23 June 2016.</p> <p>In addition, Patricia Lyness also advised that 6 free training and awareness sessions (accommodating 50 staff at each session) were to be offered to staff and volunteers across Down, Lisburn and Ards sectors. These are to be followed up by a survey three months after the training to ascertain the benefits of the training.</p> <p>Annie Armstrong raised a concern as to what difference this training will make for victims of domestic violence. Patricia Lyness advised that it will ensure that there is a good level of awareness with staff – especially new staff, in relation to the '3 R's' ie. Recognition (of signs of DV), Response and Referral. It will also help managers to know what to do if/when they receive a referral.</p> <p>Marian Robertson also noted that from a Health Visiting perspective training and awareness has enabled staff to have difficult conversations with parents and has resulted in increased referrals, partly due to receiving training together with other professions resulting in improved working relationships.</p> <p>Brendan Whittle advised that the follow up survey would need to be quite detailed in order to identify if there has</p>	<p>All members</p>
--	---	--------------------

		<p>been any improvement in knowledge and awareness. A group including Patricia Lyness, Sheila Simons and Ed Sipler are to meet to develop follow up survey.</p> <p>Brendan Whittle commented that not everyone would have had a chance to consider the action plan yet. He asked group members to reflect on this and feedback any comments or queries to Michael Murray.</p>	<p>PL, SS, ES</p> <p>All members</p>
7.	Finance Sub Group – Funding Proposals	Ralston Perera advised that the application has been completed; however there have been difficulties with identifying criteria. Ralston to forward to Brendan Whittle who will add to the agenda for the next meeting.	RP
8.	Update from CYPSPS and Regional Chairs	Brendan Whittle is to meet with Anne Hardy at the Chair’s Meeting tomorrow. Anne Hardy is leaving and will not be replaced, so there will be discussion as to how this gap will be filled.	
9.	Early Intervention Transformation Programme	Paul Millar was an apology for this meeting therefore unable to provide an update, however Michael Murray advised that things are now up and running and a waiting list has been developed. Referrals are also being received from outside the Family Support Hub.	
10.	Family Support Hubs Update	<p>Michael Murray advised that the last Steering Group meeting was held last week. He noted that there had been an increase in the number of packages offered to families, however there had been some difficulty with capturing information in relation to packages for children with disabilities.</p> <p>Annie Armstrong queried if £50k (ie. 5% of the budget) would continue to be ring-fenced for children with disabilities. Michael Murray advised that consideration was being given to</p>	

		<p>increasing this.</p> <p>It was agreed that the item would be deferred for further discussion at the next meeting, where Michael Murray would bring the DVD on the Sloan family for the group to see. The DVD will show how early intervention can improve health and wellbeing and prevent family breakdowns.</p>	
11.	Locality Updates	<p><u>Kilcooley</u> Lynda Vladeanu advised that the Action Plan is to be signed off at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Colin</u> Annie Armstrong provided an update. 18 indicators for improvement were identified, however this has now been reduced to 9. Paper to be shared along with minutes of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Resurgam</u></p> <p><u>Ards & ND</u></p> <p>Mabel advised the SIF Partnership with Parents programme and the EIS service in the Ards & ND sector have caused confusion for referrers as both services target are targeting the same age group. For future consideration of further roll out of the EIS service occurs could a different age group be considered to save confusion.</p> <p><u>Down</u> One preliminary meeting has been held and the program is being taken forward.</p>	
12.	Date of Next Meeting	Monday 6 June 2016, 10.00 am, Cloona House, 31 Colin Road, Poleglass, Belfast, BT17 0LG.	