

Quality Care - for you, with you

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 4 August 2015 at 9.30am,
in SPACE Offices,
24 Monaghan Street, Newry

Present:

Paul Morgan, Chair, SHSCT
Margaret Gibney, Administrator
Anne Hardy, CYPSP
Jacinta Linden, SPACE
Rachel Long, NIACRO
Gerard Rocks, AD Promoting Well Being SHSCT
Kieran Shields, SELB
Maurice Leeson, HSCB
Annie Clarke, CYPSP
Gerry Bleakney, PHA
Michael McCrory (on behalf of Claire Linney)
Catriona Regan, Banbridge Council
Regina Mackin, Newry & Mourne Council
Mairead Abraham, Southern Childcare Partnership
Nuala Haughey, CYPSP
Iain Black, VOYPIC
Michelle Janes, Barnardos

Apologies:

Colm McCafferty, Chair, SHSCT
Stephen Smith, Craigavon Intercultural Programme
Shirley Gillespie, Early Years
Colin Moffet, Newry & Mourne DC
Geraldine Maguire, SHSCT
Gerard Houlahan, ABC Council
Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
Kirsten May, Housing Executive
Michael Hoy, SHSCT
Ciara Burke, Health Improvement Armagh & Dungannon
Helen Dunn, Regional Family Support Hub Co-ordinator
Joanne McCourt, BCM Project Manager
Diane Clarke, ABC Council
Mia Murray

Merrisa McGeary

Welcome & Introductions:

Paul welcomed members to the meeting introductions were completed and apologies duly noted.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from 09 June 2015 were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising:

BME Task Group – Paul advised Task Group have met and agreed Terms of Reference. Membership of the group includes those agencies actively working with BME families in the area.

Paul noted that a questionnaire will be circulated to organisations providing a service to BME families via Survey Monkey.

Paul reiterated that the Task Group will not be replacing the regional sub group; Task Group is a short-life group that will present its findings to CYPSP.

Some discussion then ensued in relation to services currently provided and the funding for these services. Gerry noted that PHA are currently involved in funding a range of services; it was agreed that Gerry would liaise with Anne regarding this.

Maurice agreed to circulate presentation on BME figures to Outcomes Group.

Action:

Anne to liaise with Gerry re PHA funding for services

Maurice to circulate presentation re BME figures to Outcomes Group

OFM/DFM Draft Childcare Strategy

Mairead provided a brief overview of Strategy making members aware that this is currently out for consultation. Mairead advised that the strategy is broken into sections adding that response document is due to be returned by 13.11.15. Consultation event will be arranged; Mairead agreed to share dates with members.

Mairead noted that anyone working with schools can make an expression of interest in relation to use of the school estate and asked members to give consideration to the various sections within the strategy.

Discussion then centred on partnership arrangements and providing education as opposed to childcare particularly in rural areas i.e. benefit of breakfast clubs and afterschool clubs.

Catriona queried how individual agencies would meaningfully respond to Strategy. Paul suggested that members give particular consideration to any issues they would like Outcomes Group to lobby on either as a collective or individually. Highlighting that there may be strength in a multi-agency response.

Update Action Planning:

Stakeholder Events Report – Anne advised that draft report has been collated to include information from all events. Paul emphasised that a commitment was made to share key issues from workshop; therefore he would like the report to be finalised and circulated to group including those who attended events.

Jacinta suggested that the finalised report should carry contact details of Family Support Hubs, it was agreed that Annie would include these details in report.

Action:

Annie to include contact details of Family Support Hubs when circulating final Stakeholder Events Report.

Actions Task Group – Anne advised dates have been circulated for first meeting. Margaret confirmed that first meeting of Action Plan Sub Group will occur Wednesday 2 September 2015 at 2pm.

Anne noted that the group will meet to finalise actions with a view to circulating a draft to members and signing off at next Outcomes Meeting.

Feedback from CYPSP Chairs

Anne referenced presentation circulated to group highlighting the challenges and opportunities noted.

Paul commented that a lot of organisations are currently going through a lot of change at present which has led to an unsettled environment.

Paul highlighted the good working relationships between member agencies emphasising that the group has produced some very good outcomes from very little resources.

Update from Locality Planning Groups

Anne referenced report provided noting that all but one locality group has agreed their priorities to take forward.

Gerry raised the issue of online safety and appropriate training programmes available. It was noted that PSNI do provide an online programme however a new more up to date programme is due to commence this autumn; details of which will be shared with Outcomes Group.

The issue of external providers and the cost of these providers was discussed.

Rachel pointed out that during the last quarter an unmet need was identified through Family Support Hubs; inappropriate text between 12-14yr olds, a request for 1:1 service, no such service exists. Jacinta concurred adding that a number of schools have raised the issue of cyber bullying and no service available. Members agreed that solution to this problem is vital.

Paul advised that SBNI are developing documentation for parents and young people however to date this has not been signed off. The importance of providing feedback and sharing issues raised was noted. Paul added that organisations are aware of how big an issue online safety is and the ever changing nature of it presents its own difficulties.

Update Family Support Hubs

Rachel provided a brief update on Family Support Hubs emphasising that Hubs are extremely busy with 30 referrals received (target is 15). It was acknowledged that this is challenging.

Rachel advised that work is underway with Helen in relation to Unmet Need Form; unmet need has been identified re parental mental health, 1:1 with young people and 'sexting'.

Jacinta commented that good feedback has been received from outside agencies availing of support via Hubs.

Jacinta asked members to note that the launch of the new Big Lottery Project is to be held on 12 November 2015 11am-1.30pm, venue in Newry to be confirmed.

Agency networking event will be held 23 September 2015; Jacinta agreed to circulate information to members.

Action:
Jacinta to circulate information re networking event and launch

Agency Updates:

Gerard provided a brief update on Making Life Better Strategy summarising the main elements. Gerard noted that the issue of local implementation structure remains unresolved at present. A Regional Workshop was held at the end of May and it was agreed that the Strategy should be aligned with Community Planning; this is with the ministerial committee for discussion.

Gerard advised that he has met with council representative over the last number of week to ensure the Strategy is kept to the forefront of Community Planning. Gerard added that he is confident that the Strategy will be featured as council plans evolve.

Trust have undertaken an internal scoping exercise re Trust action/services and how they are aligned to the themes within the strategy.

Some discussion then ensued in relation to council areas and the significant challenges faced in terms of spanning boundaries. Both Gerard and Gerry reiterated the importance of ensuring connectivity emphasising the Strategy is overarching. Paul pointed out that the collaboration of this forum should be utilised when informing the debate.

Gerry advised that the outcomes and indicators for making life better strategy are being housed within NISRA's data sets. Members noted the importance of a linkage between CYPSP data sets the NISRA data sets.

Any Other Business

Gerard advised Infant Mental Health Seminar will be held on 16 October 2015 and asked members to hold date in diaries.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 6 October 2015 at 9.30am, Brownstown Community Centre, Brownstown Road, Portadown

