

Quality Care - for you, with you

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 21 June 2016 at 10am,
Board Room, Tower Hill, Armagh

Present:

Paul Morgan, Chair
Margaret Gibney, Administrator
Geraldine Maguire AD SCHED
Gerard Rocks (Acting AD Promoting Wellbeing)
Valerie Maxwell CYPSP
Julie Bolton (Locality Officer)
Michael Heaney (Youth Justice)
Pat McGeough (on behalf of Michele Janes)
Emma Whiteside (BCM)
Shirley Gillespie (Early Years)
Iain Black (YOYPIC)
Aisling Rennick (NMDC)

Apologies:

Jacinta Linden (SPACE)
Rachel Long (Senior Practitioner, NIACRO)
Kirsten May (NIHE)
Dr Michael Hoy (Head of Safeguarding)
Kieran Shields (Education Authority)
Mia Murray (Armagh Chair)
Orlaith Moley (PHA)
Heather McKee (NMDC)
Michele Janes (ADCS, Barnardos)
Mairead Abraham (Southern Childcare Partnership)

Summary of Actions

Action 1	Michael to feed back to Safeguarding Panel re NEXUS funding ceasing	Safeguarding Panel to be held on 08.09.16
Action 2	Julie to share details of TOXIC Childhood Conference with Outcomes Members	Achieved
Action 3	Paul to share presentation with outcomes members	Achieved
Action 4	Valerie & Julie to amend current work plan and recirculate to members, any comments/additions to be sent back to Valerie before next meeting	Achieved

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from June meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

In relation to Community Planning, Aisling commented that Gerard continues to work closely with the three Councils. Paul advised that he is a member of the Strategic forum for Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council Area adding that Aldrina is a member for Mid-Ulster Council Area whilst Angela is member for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. Paul reiterated the importance of maintaining links with Southern Outcomes Group and Locality Planning.

Gerard then provided a brief update advising that a number of Thematic Groups have been set up with the Trust being well represented through these groups. Councils are in the process of drafting their high level priorities; a number of workshops are to be held over the next number of months. It is envisaged that the three Council Areas will have their draft plans completed and out for consultation in the Autumn with a view to being completed by the end of 2016 or early 2017. Strategic Plan should be operational by 1 April 2017.

It was agreed by members that Community Planning would become a standing item on Outcomes agenda.

Gerard then provided an update on Making Life Better event which was held yesterday (20.06.16) advising that 120+ people from a range of organisations were in attendance. The event was a showcase which gave organisations the opportunity to demonstrate examples of collaborative working. Gerard stated that once feedback has been gathered

a brief report will be drafted and presentations will be made available to group members. Michael Hoy delivered presentation on the purpose of CYPSP Southern Outcomes Group and how this can/does link in with Community Planning.

In relation to EITP Paul advised that Maurice has produced a draft report which is a clear concise summary, it is hoped that the draft report will be signed off at meeting on 29.06.16 and then shared with Group.

Online Safety – Paul confirmed that he did raise this at SBNI Board meeting. Julie advised that this issue has also been raised at each locality planning meeting. Pat advised that NEXUS contract is coming to an end in June, however given the number of referrals received it is anticipated that this work will increase. Iain commented that he is due to attend subgroup with SBNI in relation to e-safety this afternoon. Michael confirmed that this issue will be a standing item on the agenda and action plan for Southern Panel and agreed to feedback to panel that NEXUS funding is coming to an end.

Shirley commented that all agencies are aware that early intervention is essential in helping families and part of the problem is that families do not know where to turn to or who to ask for help/guidance.

Paul noted that Outcomes will continue to support this issue however pointed out that the Safeguarding Panel is the appropriate avenue to support/progress training.

Geraldine added that CAMHS service have seen a significant rise in referrals due to anxiety of children.

Julie advised that TOXIC Childhood conference will take place on 20 October 2016 which will offer support and guidance on children's use of technology and provide practical steps. The conference is open to professionals, parents, volunteers and any organisations engaging with families. Julie agreed to share details with group via email.

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5. Regional Feedback

Paul advised that he provided a short presentation to CYPSP re outcomes group and what has been achieved, challenges going forward and the links with Councils and PHA. Paul agreed to share presentation with group.

Action 3

Paul to share presentation with outcomes members

6 Communications – Valerie Maxwell

Valerie referenced locality report noting that the report attempted to show what issues had been identified and how outcomes have benefited families. Valerie added that she raised this issue in an attempt to raise awareness of the work carried out by Outcomes group. Some discussion ensued in relation to output verses outcomes and the difference between these. Gerard commented that evidence is needed to show what/if any difference is being made to families.

7. Feedback from: -

a. Action Planning Task Group

Paul asked if members were happy with agreed Actions or if they wanted to add anything. Valerie commented that emerging issues should be linked to the Outcomes agreed by the Group. Valerie suggested the use of line graph to show how the agreed Outcomes move alongside high level actions. Members agreed that Valerie and Julie will work on Action Plan and re-circulate to members, any comments/additions to be sent to Valerie before next meeting.

Action 4

Valerie & Julie to amend current work plan and recirculate to members, any comments/additions to be sent back to Valerie before next meeting

b. BME Task Group

Paul advised that draft report is now with sub-group members for finalising, it will then be shared with outcomes members before being circulated to regional group. It is envisaged that Task & Finish group will be completed next month.

8. Update from Locality Planning Groups

Julie provided an update on Locality Planning Groups referencing report provided for today's meeting.

9. Update from Family Support Hub

Paul referenced update provided by Michael Hoy, highlighting an increase in referrals from Education, GPs and self-referrals.

Pat commented that the Hubs continue to see an increase in referrals each month noting that figures have doubled; expectation is that this will not change. Pat raised the issue of funding for the Hubs emphasising again that there is a huge demand for the service.

Paul concurred adding that this issue needs to be discussed on a regional basis; all feedback in relation to the service has been extremely positive and all agencies agree that families benefit from early intervention.

10. Agency Updates

Gerard advised that concerns have been raised in relation to facilitators for strengthening families; PHA have agreed that payments will be made to anyone willing to facilitate this outside of their normal working hours.

Youth Justice Agency – in relation to scoping study re review of Youth Justice System Michael advised that new Justice Minister has been appointed from Independent Unionist Party; remain optimistic that new Minister will follow same line as predecessor, review is currently on hold awaiting direction from new Minister.

Paul then provided a brief update on Syrian Refugee families moving into the area; noting that some issues have arisen in relation to housing therefore resettlement will expand to wider area.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 10am in SPACE Offices, 24 Monaghan Street, Newry