Western Area Outcomes Group
Children and Young People’s Plan 2017 - 2020
What We Will Do?
Our Vision
The Western Area Outcomes Group will promote better outcomes for children by supporting parents and carers in their role as they nurture their children’s physical, social, emotional and intellectual development.

Three Obsessions
1. Every Child has the best start in life
2. Promote the safety of Our Children and Young People
3. Work together to include the voice of Children and Young People

Eight Outcomes
What we want for all our Children and Young People:
- Physical and Mental Health
- Enjoyment of Play and Leisure
- Learning and Achievement
- Living in Safety and with Stability
- Economic and Environmental Wellbeing
- Making a Positive Contribution to Society
- Living in a Society which Respects their Rights
- Equality and Good Relations

Priorities
1. Ensure all our children and young people are safe and thriving
2. Support families to aspire, achieve and fulfil their potential
3. Emphasis and resources are rebalanced towards prevention and earlier intervention whilst still ensuring crisis responses are appropriate
4. All children and young people’s rights are promoted, respected and protected within the diversity of their experience, abilities, identities and cultures
5. Support parents and carers to feel more supported, confident, informed and able
6. Quality services are outcomes driven, resourced, sustained and trusted

How Will We Underpin Everything?
- Listen & influence
- Early Intervention
- Outcome Based Accountability - Is Anyone Better Off?

How We Will Do It?
Behaviours
Together we will provide access to a timely, appropriate and integrated range of supports for children, young people or families demonstrating challenging or high risk behaviour

Parenting
Together we will provide all parents with the essential skills to ensure that every child has the best start in life

Domestic & Sexual Violence
Together we will assist children and young people to live in safe and supportive families and communities

Voice of children & young people
Together we will engage with children, young people for effective co-production

Positive Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing
Together we will Promote & improve the social, emotional, physical & mental health and wellbeing of children, young people, families and the people that support them

Addiction
Together we will promote resilience, and prevention through early intervention

Transitions
Together we will provide early and effective support at the critical transition periods of a child’s life

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How We Know If We Have Made A Difference
Baseline Information for the Western Area Outcomes Group

**The Percentage of Mothers Smoking During Pregnancy**
- **Increasing**
  - 2010: 14%
  - 2015: 16%

**Breastfeeding at Discharge**
- Has remained static between 2011 and 2015
- Lowest in Northern Ireland on average 45.5%

**Low Birth Weight (Below 5.5lbs)**
- Has decreased per 1000 live births
  - 2011: 62.4
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**Low School Attendance Rate**
- Primary School: Decreased
  - 2011: 5.1%
  - 2015: 4.1%
- Post Primary: Decreased
  - 2011: 11.7%
  - 2015: 9.4%

**Domestic Abuse Offence Rates**
- Increased per 1000 population
  - 2010: 6.4
  - 2015: 7.8

**Antisocial behaviour rates**
- Decreased (rate per 1000 of population)
  - 2010: 42.4
  - 2015: 29.8

**Increase in School Leavers Gaining 5+ GCSE’s (A*-C incl. Maths and English)**
- 2010: 60.6%
- 2015: 65.8%

**Low school attendance rate but is above the NI average**
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**0-17 yrs admitted to hospital with alcohol related diagnoses**
- Has decreased per 1000
  - 2010: 7.2
  - 2015: 6.1

**0-17 yrs admitted to hospital due to self-harming**
- Has increased rate per 1000
  - 2010: 5.9
  - 2015: 8.2

**Looked after children increased**
- Rate per 1000
  - 2011: 5.3
  - 2016: 7.6

**1 in 3 children were living in absolute low income poverty in 2015 in the Western Area, this is the highest percentage in NI**
- 2015: 33%