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Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 04 April 2017 at 10.00 am,
Boardroom, HSCB, Tower Hill Site, Armagh

Present:

Paul Morgan, (Chair)
Ruth Alexander, (Administrator)
Kevin Duggan (Locality Chair)
Aisling Rennick (NMDC)
Pat McGeough (on behalf of Michele Janes)
Jacinta Linden (SPACE)
Peter McKinney (Early Years)
Jacqueline Connolly (Locality Chair)
Kieran Quinn, (PSNI)
Kieran Shields (Education Authority)
Michael Heaney (Youth Justice)
Orlaith Moley (PHA)
Wendy Mallon (MSc Student, Ulster University)
Lesley Waugh (For Geraldine Maguire)
Darren Curtis (Locality Officer)
Valerie Maxwell (CYPSP)
Gerard Rocks (Acting AD Promoting Wellbeing)
Ciara Burke (Mid Ulster)

Apologies:

Rachel Long (Senior Practitioner, NIACRO)
Geraldine Maguire (AD SCHED)
Emma Whiteside (BCM)
Helen Dunn (CYPSP)
Pauline Leeson (CiNi)

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions followed.

Action 1	Meeting to be arranged between Locality Chair, Education & Council to address need/gap in rural areas.	Jacqueline
Action 2	Valerie will make the amendments to the Action Plan as agreed during today's discussion and circulate to the Group.	Valerie
Action 3	The group were asked to forward any additional evidence based data, which would be helpful, to Valerie. Valerie to draw together an information baseline infographic to support the one page plan with the detail contained in the Action Plan.	Group Members
Action 4	Task & Finish Template to be circulated to the group for completion.	Valerie
Action 5	Paul will liaise with Peadar White in relation to the Priority/Outcome "Positive Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing".	Paul

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting 07.02.17:

Minutes agreed as accurate reflection of discussion.

3. Matters Arising

Action 1 - Meeting to be arranged between Locality Chair, Education & Council to address need/gap in rural areas. This meeting hasn't happened yet. It was noted that some of the funding has come down from BME.

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4. Agree and Sign Off Summary Action Plan from Workshop

A key part of today's meeting is review and agree the Summary Action Plan that was developed out of the planning Workshop in February. Paul thanked those involved in the sub-group for taking this piece of work forward.

Valerie advised that the Summary Plan is high level, and the detail will be in the final Action Plan. The Summary Plan is set out on one page in an easily understood format so that everyone can see clearly overall what we are trying to achieve. Valerie explained that we have made links to the new NI Children's Strategy, setting out the high level outcomes and where the work will link to these.

Discussion followed on the wording/refining of the Plan. Following agreement, the Plan was signed off.

Action 2

Valerie will make the amendments as agreed during today's discussion and circulate to the Group

The Group proceeded to look at Priorities/Outcomes (Page 2) and the "Evidence" against each of the priorities. Valerie agreed to circulate a copy of the progress to date document to the group for information to assist with identifying membership for Task and Finish Groups to take work forward.

All were happy with the logic model template being used. It was noted that this is at Strategic Level, and the Locality Planning Groups will pick up on priorities at a local level.

It was also noted that CWD, BME and LAC were the 3 areas identified via the workshop for specific areas of work to be taken forward.

As the outcomes group have identified that all of their work would be underpinned with evidence it was agreed that members would share any such information with Valerie, for example:-

- Is there any specific areas of need or gaps being identified ie through Family Support Hubs;
- Valerie to draw together baseline data to demonstrate we've contributed to making a difference;
- Any other data members have access to, which would be helpful to include.

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5. Progress to date on how we will take forward priorities

Based on the logic modelling work undertaken by the sub-group Valerie shared an example of one area of work that had been worked through to a proposed outcome.

Valerie shared that it has been noted an increase coming through in CAMHS referrals where young people have come to the attention of the police. Sometimes it is difficult to get these young people to engage and they may not receive the support they require.

Also noted was an increase in children's emotional and mental wellbeing being affected by Social Media.

Kieran informed the Group that increasingly, the PSNI are dealing with young people on the street who have mental health issues. PSNI are not sure how to deal with them and the best point for referral for support. As first responders, PSNI Officers are having to deal with young people affected by alcohol and drugs. They need to look at ensuring young people are not criminalised for mental health issues. Often young people are brought into custody for their own safety, and then released as there is no place for them to go. More and more these young people are getting drawn into the criminal justice system. Michael Heaney said they were exploring the possibility of a Pilot that would add value to the ongoing regional work with an opportunity for the Southern Outcomes Group to take this forward and then to share the learning.

Jacinta advised that the earlier the intervention/support starts, the more chance of better outcomes. Kieran advised that in England there is more emphasis on the mental health of the young person, and not just the criminal side of their behaviour. The group agreed the need to look at early intervention for young people coming to the attention of PSNI on the street.

Good communication is important. Within Education, whilst there is a lot of good work, if there was greater understanding among teachers, and young people to receive the support they need, it could help to prevent suspension, expulsion, EOTAS.

Taking it Forward

Turning the Curve methodology approach is based on the statistics we see. We are seeing an increase in young people coming through the criminal justice system. We want to put in interventions to change this. How do we work through this on a Step by step process; What specifically do we want to change?

Our high level outcome is "All Children will be Safe, confident and enjoy improved emotional Wellbeing"

What curve do we want to turn/ what is the Key Measure?

To turn this into 2 bite size areas, we want to (1) increase those accessing services they need, and (2) decrease those going into criminal justice system.

The group discussed in detail the draft "Turn the Curve" Report. With regard to partners we need, if any Agencies have been missed, let Valerie know. It was suggested that the Pilot could be run in the Banbridge area.

Michael Heaney referenced a scoping study of the Justice system commissioned by former Justice Minister, David Ford, to look at better outcomes and simplify/clarify the system. There are 3 strands:-

- Custody;
- Young people on remand;
- Accommodation issues / Secure care

An important strand is how to get young people out of the system? This is being dealt with at Regional level – how do we deal with it at a local level.

Young people on the street who have taken drugs/ have Mental Health issues – PSNI are called. What do we do next? How do we move the young people to longer term support? How do we meet their immediate needs?

There are benefits of having a clear protocol.

Task & Finish Groups

Based overall on all the priorities identified, it was proposed that Task & Finish Groups be set up to lead on the work. Paul has the Template, which will be shared with members.

Members were asked to look at the specific areas of work and identify which areas their Agency could lead on or contribute to in taking forward some of the work. It was noted that members all need to work in partnership and enhance services that are already in place or identify how to fill any gaps in service provision.

Once Task Groups have been identified, they will work through the key priorities. Each group will identify who will lead and who will contribute, set timescales, look at what resources are available, potential for money etc. Each Task Group will be expected to provide progress reports to the Outcomes Group on progress, challenges and learning.

Paul agreed for the Template to be circulated to the Outcomes Group, to enable members to have a more detailed look at the specific areas of work. Paul reiterated the importance of partnership working as a group of Agencies to see if we can “turn the curve” and bring about positive outcomes.

It was also agreed that the individuals identified to sit on the Task Groups, need to be pitched at the right level. Paul asked members to think about, and identify appropriate key persons to sit on the group. The groups should be small and focused, with approximately 5 or 6 people.

Paul will liaise with Peadar White in relation to the Priority/Outcome the Outcomes Group considered at today’s meeting:

“Positive Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing – All children are safe, confident and enjoying good emotional wellbeing.” Following membership was suggested:-

Members – CAMHS
Rachel Long (NIACRO/HUBS)
PSNI/PCSP (Kieran was asked to look at someone to sit on this from the Banbridge area)
Youth Justice Agency
Youth Officer
?YPP

Peadar (CAMHS) or YJA to take the lead

Valerie asked members not to circulate documentation outside of this Group as it is still very much in draft format. Members were asked to send through any data to Valerie.

ACTION 4

Take & Finish Template to be circulated to the group for completion.

ACTION 5

Paul will liaise with Peadar White in relation to the Priority/Outcome “Positive Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing”

6. Update Locality Planning Groups

Darren Curtis shared an update report with the Group, including 5 Report Cards. Darren is now 2 months into post and has met with all the Groups. He has colour coded what has been completed and what is ongoing.

The 5 Report Cards go into more detail. The Locality Planning Groups have all met and are currently identifying and agreeing their priorities locally for this year.

Common themes coming through include Internet Safety; and Mental Health issues. A lot of work is ongoing and activities being planned which are being linked to outcomes.

Darren said it has been an eye opener to see the Agencies involved, there is great support from Chairs of the groups to get a handle on things and take work forward.

7. Update Family Support Hub

Jacinta advised that referrals to the Family Support Hubs continue to grow. A big win is the strength of collaboration between agencies to support families. Rachel has asked

that we continue to support the Hubs. On a cautionary note, the Hubs are contracted to support 15 referrals a month.

A new video has been produced on a 'Mock Hub', which will hopefully be available for Agencies and families within the next couple of months.

One Theme of unmet need coming up was housekeeping support during chemotherapy for a terminally ill parent. Work is ongoing with Hospice, GPs, HVs etc to make practical support available.

The waiting list for Women's Aid support is just over 8 weeks. There is good support from the Housing Executive.

Paul advised the group that he has been lobbying Regionally to get the Hubs funded on a recurrent basis, rather than year to year. He will keep pushing for this. It has been demonstrated that the Hubs work. Through the involvement/actions of the Hub, families have been prevented from coming back into the system.

Valerie advised that through the monitoring of family support hubs, the Information Team are working with Tommy Doherty, (HSCB) and are seeing a reduction of families coming into Gateway for Family Support.

8. Peace IV Update/Community Planning

Gerard Rocks reported from ABC perspective, the last meeting was cancelled and we are still waiting on a formal letter of offer. ABC proposal focuses on Mental Health and Wellbeing. The Community Plans have been signed off and are out for Consultation. ABC Community Plan is live on the Website. Mid Ulster's is running a bit behind. In relation to the thematic working groups, the focus at the moment in Mid Ulster is on Primarily Aging Well with Older People. ABC have still to establish their Thematic Working Group.

NMD have circulated a template, which they are asking partners to populate. Gerard agreed to share with Valerie so she could cross reference at a higher level.

Aishling advised that nobody had been appointed to Heather's post. A Head of Community Planning is being appointed at a lower level. Aishling will link in with Johnny McBride in the Council re what's happening.

Valerie suggested it would be useful to meet with Council representatives again. Paul advised that we wait until the Councils agree their themes.

9. Agency Updates

Kieran advised that the Education Authority CYP Strategy finished last week. This is a draft strategy. It is intended to complete a deeper consultation. A further paper will be released over the summer.

PHA – Orlaith Moley referenced Childhood Obesity. A Workshop was held last week.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 13 June 2017 at 10am in Brownstown Community Centre, Portadown