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**Southern Area Outcomes Group**

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 22 November 2016 at 10am,  
Board Room, Tower Hill, Armagh

**Present:**

Paul Morgan, (Chair)  
Margaret Gibney, (Administrator)  
Geraldine Maguire (AD SCHD)  
Donna Murphy (Head of Family Support & Safeguarding)  
Michael Heaney (Youth Justice)  
Kevin Duggan (Locality Chair)  
Orlaith Moley (PHA)  
Alison Slater (SPACE on behalf of Jacinta Linden)  
Valerie Maxwell (CYPSP)  
Julie Bolton (Locality Officer)  
Rachel Long (Senior Practitioner, NIACRO)  
Kieran Shields (Education Authority)  
Heather McKee (NMDC)  
Pat McGeough (on behalf of Michele Janes)  
Stephen Smith (CICP)  
Jacqueline Connolly (Locality Chair)  
Martina McCooey (on behalf of Gerard Rocks)  
Diane Clarke (ABC Council)  
Peter McKinney (Early Years)  
Ciara Burke (mid ulster)

**Apologies:**

Emma Whiteside (BCM)  
Aisling Rennick (NMDC)  
Gerard Rocks (Acting AD Promoting Wellbeing)  
Jacinta Linden (SPACE)  
Michael McCrory (Mid Ulster Council)  
Kirsten May (NIHE)  
Alison Beattie (PCSP)  
Mia Murray (Armagh Chair)  
Michele Janes (ADCS, Barnardos)  
Iain Black (YOYPIC)  
Mairead Abraham (Southern Childcare Partnership)

## Summary of Actions

Action 1	<b>Michael to raise interface between Outcomes and Safeguarding Panel at next Panel meeting 08.12.16</b>	Michael
Action 2	<b>Meeting to be arranged between Locality Chair, Education &amp; Council to discuss any need/gap in rural areas and how this can be addressed</b>	Kieran, Diane, Julie & Jacqueline
Action 3	<b>Members to give consideration re promoting positive images of young people and send any thoughts/ideas to Margaret Any correspondence relating to Outcomes to be sent directly to Margaret</b>	All
Action 4	<b>Sub-group to be convened to discuss option of how additional money can be spent by end of financial year</b>	Paul
Action 5	<b>February date for Outcomes Meeting to include planning workshop venue to be agreed, members to confirm attendance with Margaret  Members to forward any ideas/evidence re priorities to Margaret ASAP for discussion at workshop</b>	All Members
Action 6	<b>Information re consultation to be forwarded to Margaret for circulation to members from the Councils</b>	All members

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting 13.12.16:

Minutes agreed as accurate reflection of discussion.

### 3. Matters Arising

Action 1 remains outstanding; Michael advised he will raise issue of the interface between Outcomes and Safeguarding Panel at next Panel meeting on 08.12.16 and provide feedback to group. All other actions have been achieved or are ongoing.

Action 1

**Michael to raise interface between Outcomes and Safeguarding Panel at next Panel meeting 08.12.16**

**4. Funding Priorities 2017/18**

Paul referenced pg16 of Action Plan which outlines how funding has been spent to date noting that consideration needs to be given to previously secured funding and how these services can be extended. Paul suggested that members give consideration to investing in larger projects and have some discussion on what priorities might look like and how these will fit in with larger overarching priorities keeping in line with Government.

Jacqueline commented that currently there is very little support in the Armagh areas re BME and suggested that more support could be provided particularly in rural areas.

Pat advised that funding has been secured from STEP and this programme will cover the Armagh area. Jacqueline stated that she was aware of this investment but it does not cover rural areas.

Stephen pointed out that there were no calls for funding from Armagh area highlighting that CIP are currently doing a lot of work in the Craigavon area with BME families.

Funding has been secured from Lottery via comic Relief and it is hoped that services will be expanded into the Armagh Area. Donna advised that Michael did attempt to look at this deficit however was unable to address the gap in services.

Paul reiterated that members should consider any clear gaps that need addressed or additionality that may be required and give consideration to incorporating these into plan for next year.

Rachel advised that this gap is not being seen in Hub activity i.e. not additional referrals for that area in terms of early intervention. Jacqueline advised that there are up to 30 families in the Keady area requiring support. Geraldine added that there are a significant number of families who have children with a disability and/or long-term life limiting conditions for which parents need support both for the actual condition and practical support within the community.

Diane reported that the council continue to run English classes in the TMAC Centre (Keady) adding that there is potential to extend these classes if the need is there.

Kieran suggested that it may be timely for appropriate groups to meet and discuss the potential need/gaps in the area. Members agreed that meeting should be arranged between council, education, & locality chair to discuss need/gap in rural areas and how this could potentially be addressed.

Paul emphasised that the fact that the rural population is not very connected within the local area has been referenced on a number of occasions and suggested that scoping

exercise is carried out in relation to what is currently being offered and what/if any gaps can be identified and how these can be addressed by pulling together resources.

Stephen commented that a large number of families are travelling from rural areas to Dungannon & Portadown for work. Jacqueline noted that on the positive side a Polish Speech & Language Therapist has been employed and this is working very well.

**Action 2**

**Meeting to be arranged between Locality Chair, Education & Council to discuss any need/gap in rural areas and how this can be addressed**

Paul then referenced pg 19 of Action Plan and specific outcome relating to better co-ordination and collaboration across agencies in the Southern Area. Paul noted that Martina continues to develop her role in terms of getting an overview of what is happening within the Southern Area across various agencies.

Paul reminded members that the pooling of resources does not relate solely to funding; this can be in form of offering use of facilities, time etc.

Kevin concurred noting that Surestart have found that something as simple as offering evening appointments in an attempt to engage fathers in programmes has proved successful. Kevin added that broader services are also required for example rather than offering service when there is a problem; support services should be offered to fathers as well as mothers.

Paul agreed with this adding that Family Nurse Partnership service has witnessed a huge success in engaging young men referred to the service, with the level of engagement reported as high.

Paul commented that he recently attended a conference in relation to UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child; the conference focused on promoting positive images of young people and getting that message across; Paul suggested that this is something Outcomes Group could look at. Paul then suggested that members give consideration to this and send any thoughts/ideas through to Margaret

Paul reiterated to members that any correspondence relating to Outcomes should be sent to Margaret.

**Action 3:**

**Members to give consideration re promoting positive images of young people and send any thoughts/ideas to Margaret**

**Any correspondence relating to Outcomes to be sent directly to Margaret**

Stephen advised that the Southern Outcomes has some money to spend before the end of the financial year; some discussion occurred in relation to how this could be spent. Members agreed that a sub-group would be set up to include Paul, Valerie, Julie,

Martina and Stephen who would meet to discuss options re how money should be spent, focusing on the Armagh/Keady area.

**Action 4:**

**Sub-group to be convened to discuss option of how additional money can be spent by end of financial year**

Paul suggested holding a half day planning workshop in the New Year to discuss priorities for 2017/18 Action Plan; members agreed that this would be beneficial. Paul encouraged members to give priority to this workshop and asked that members confirm attendance with Margaret.

**Action 5**

**February date for Outcomes Meeting to include planning workshop venue to be agreed, members to confirm attendance with Margaret  
Members to forward any ideas/evidence re priorities to Margaret ASAP for discussion at workshop**

### **Early Intervention Support Service (EISS) Presentation – Rachel Long & Amanda McLean**

Amanda & Rachel provided a brief overview of EISS referencing presentation provided for today's meeting outlining the key features of the service. Amanda explained the format of the team advising that EISS is a time limited service providing short term intervention (approximately 12 weeks) offering therapeutic and practical support to families. Funding has been secured until April 2017 when a full evaluation of the service will be carried out. Amanda stated that the team work closely with other services in order to avoid duplication. Parenting programmes have seen an increase in uptake. Paul commented that feedback indicates the service clearly works.

### **5. BME Sub-group Update**

Paul advised when sub-group last met discussion occurred re integrated service re BME. Paul then asked Kieran for an update on project. Kieran advised that 30 families were targeted with 15 families initially engaging however this reduced to 6 families. Kieran stated that a lot of learning has come from this programme; what has worked well, what hasn't and why. Kieran reported that it has been agreed the exercise will be rerun, aimed at a smaller group with tighter timescale.

## **6. Related Strategies (e.g. Community Planning; Making Life Better)**

Heather advised that NMDC Community Plan is currently out for consultation; the strategic framework will straddle government plan, continued co-ordination is required to avoid any duplication. Heather reported that overarching events have been arranged in Newry (25<sup>th</sup> Jan) whilst roadshows have been arranged in Newcastle. Thematic working groups have been devised to look at how this will be delivered. Paul added that Directors have been involved in Strategic Groups.

Valerie suggested that she will liaise with Maurice and agree that Julie should be invited to any specific meetings in relation to CYP.

Diane advised that ABC Plan is also out for consultation.  
Mid-Ulster council due out for consultation 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016.

Members were asked to encourage attendance at roadshows.

Paul then referenced update provided from Gerard Rocks

**Action 6**  
**Information re consultation to be forwarded to Margaret for circulation to group  
from the Councils**

## **7. Regional Chairs Feedback**

No further update since last meeting.

## **8. Update Locality Planning Groups**

Julie provided an update in relation to Locality Planning Groups and circulated brief report.

## **9. Update Family Support Hub**

No issues noted, Rachel provided an update in relation to Family Support Hubs advising that the three Hubs continue to work well, referrals continue to increase.

## **10. Peace IV Update**

Paul advised that he and Gerard have met with local council reps in relation to Peace IV application; application has been submitted and result is due today. Diane agreed to keep members informed of outcome. Highlighting that if approved it will link with high level outcomes. Diane added that Allison Beattie will now join Outcomes groups being the direct link between outcomes and PCSP.

## **11. Agency Updates**

Martina provided a brief explanation of her role referencing update provided for today's meeting.

Orlaith advised that Colette Rogers has now taken up post and will replace Gerry Blakney on Outcomes Group.

Stephen advised that funding has been secured for Community Navigator; this role will assist isolated BME families in a befriender type role.

### **Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 07 February 2017 at 10am in Board Room, Tower Hill, Armagh