



**Minute of Western Area Outcomes Group**  
**held on 28 June 2017**  
**Strabane Enterprise Agency**

- Present:**
- Mr Kieran Downey, Director of Women & Children's Services [Chair]
  - Mrs Ann McDuff, Assistant Director [Community & Public Health]
  - Ms Muriel Bailey, Director of Family Support Services, Parenting NI
  - Ms Joanne Sweeney, Mencap
  - Ms Cathy McCloskey, Early Years Organisation
  - Ms Linda Watson, Caw/Nelson Drive Community Association
  - Mr Kevin Duffy, Head of Service [Family Support]
  - Mr Paul Sweeney, Extern
  - Ms Lisa McGarvey, Children's Services Manager, Action for Children
  - Dr Pauline McClenaghan, Executive Director, Lifestart Foundation
  - Ms Una Casey, Business Support Manager, CYPSP
  - Ms Kat Healy, NICEM
  - Ms Claire Lynch, Children and Young People's Officer, Derry & Strabane District Council
  - Mr Barry O'Hagan, Head of Community Development & Leisure, Derry City & Strabane District Council
  - Ms Susan Mullan, Derry City & Strabane District Council
  - Ms Monica MacIntyre, Department for Communities
  - Mr Mustapha Ben Hassine, Barnardos
  - Ms Sheena Funston [representing Ms Cathy Mullan, PHA]
  - Constable Michael Gahan [representing Chief Inspector Ivor Morton]
  - Mr Robert Gibson, Director of Community, Health & Leisure, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council
  - Ms Colleen Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
- In attendance:**
- Mrs Priscilla Magee, Family Support Locality Planning Co-ordinator
  - Mrs Bronagh Donnelly, Family Support Locality Planning Co-ordinator
  - Mr John Meehan, Chair of Healthy Cities, Derry City & Strabane District Council
  - Ms Karolina Kozlownic, Senior Programme Officer, UNICEF
  - Ms Elaine Forrest, Personal Assistant, Western Trust

1	<p><b>Apologies</b>  Ms Nicola Topping, Education Authority  Ms Cathy Mullan, PHA  Chief Inspector Ivor Morton, PSNI  Mr Eamon O’Kane, Local Commissioning Group  Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women’s Aid  Mrs Brenda MacQueen, Dry Arch Children’s Centres  Ms Maura Mason, Western Child Care Partnership</p>
2	<p><b>Chairman’s Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Child Rights Partners Programme</b>  Mr Downey welcomed Ms Karolina Kozlowicz, Senior Programme Officer, UNICEF, and Mr John Meehan, Chair of Healthy Cities, Derry and Strabane District Council, to the meeting to inform members of the Child Rights Partners plan for Derry City and Strabane Council area. Mr Downey advised Ms Kozlowicz and Mr Meehan that “Working Together to Include the Voice of Children and Young People” was one of the three obsessions in the Children and Young People’s Plan 2017-2020.</p> <p>Mr Meehan said work had been completed under the Early Intervention Partnership, but now wider engagement was required to ensure a child rights based approach. Ms Kozlowicz reported that UNICEF was the world’s leading organization for children and their rights and said Child Rights Partners was part of UNICEF’s global Child Friendly Cities initiative in more than twenty countries to put children’s rights and wellbeing at their heart. She reported that a UK three year pilot had been undertaken in 2013-2016 in five local authorities including Derry &amp; Strabane and advised that an evaluation was being undertaken by Queen’s University with emerging themes of collaboration, staged model of delivery, the importance of champions and dual commitment and involvement. Ms Kozlowicz advised that the Child Friendly Community would be a 3 – 5 year journey with six badges awarded for areas of change as follows:-</p> <p><u>Fundamental Badges [x3]</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Child Rights Culture, Knowledge and Understanding.</li> <li>➤ Leadership &amp; Participatory Governance.</li> <li>➤ Communication and Transparency.</li> </ul> <p><u>Thematic Badges [x3]</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Flourishing.</li> <li>➤ Safety &amp; Security.</li> <li>➤ Health.</li> <li>➤ Family &amp; Belonging.</li> <li>➤ Place.</li> <li>➤ Participation.</li> <li>➤ Equity &amp; Inclusion.</li> </ul>

	<p>Ms Kozlowicz reported that there would be 40 days of UNICEF staff time to provide project management support, interactive training, mentoring and technical assistance etc.</p> <p>Mr Downey said the programme would help to embed community planning partnerships and consideration needed to be given as to how it could be embedded in Omagh &amp; Fermanagh and also how to make the best use of the available 40 days of UNICEF staff time. Ms Funston said it would support partnership working, but said recognition needed to be given to the voluntary sector. Mr Sweeney said it was good to see an overarching framework to take forward good practice. Mr Duffy said the programme fitted well with the Children and Young People’s Plan 2017-2020, but said it would be important that the partnership of the Outcomes Group be recognized. Mr Meehan agreed that all organisations needed to buy into the programme. Mrs Donnelly distributed a draft action plan paper following a meeting with Trust staff and Derry City and Strabane District Council.</p> <p>Mr Downey thanked Ms Kozlowicz and Mr Meehan for their presentation to the Outcomes Group. Mr Downey withdrew from the meeting and Mrs McDuff took over the role of Chair.</p>
3	<p><b>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 26 April 2017</b>  Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 April 2017 were agreed as an accurate record of the discussion. Mrs McDuff thanked Ms Casey for taking the minutes of the last meeting.</p>
4	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes Star Evaluation Update</b>  Mr Duffy reported that the Trust had purchased multiple licences of the Outcomes Star monitoring tool and advised that this measuring tool was now being used regionally and also by statutory bodies. He said that Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Magee would be attending training on the Outcomes Star in London and an implementation plan for its rollout would be organised. Mr Duffy advised that organisations could use this monitoring tool for previous and future projects funded by the Outcomes Group. Mrs Magee said organisations could also use their own measuring tools alongside the Outcomes Star if they wished. Ms Casey reported that her colleagues in the Information Department were happy to provide refresher training on Outcomes Based Assessment in conjunction with the Outcomes Star training. Mrs McDuff proposed that a future meeting date could be extended to a full day to accommodate this training after the summer period.</p> <p>Mr Duffy withdrew from the meeting.</p> <p><b>Holiday Hunger Programme</b>  Mrs McDuff reported that Holiday Hunger continued to receive wide publicity and was an issue of concern across the whole of Northern Ireland. Ms Watson distributed a</p>

	<p>copy of the “Waterside Summer Scheme Provision 2017” brochure compiled by Caw/Nelson Drive Action Group. Mrs MacIntyre reported that summer schemes organised by the Department of Communities this year included the provision of food, which had not previously been the case. Ms Casey reported that CINI [Children in Northern Ireland] were actively promoting the Holiday Hunger Programme. She said CINI had previously ran a pilot in Kilkeel and this was being run again this year over a longer period, in partnership with CYPSP, Family Support Hub, Cadets etc. Ms Casey said this year’s project in Kilkeel had been extended to include family members, and was targeted at those most in need, with information being made available on healthy eating/nutrition due to the high rates of obesity in children and young people.</p> <p>Mrs McDuff said there needed to be an awareness issue around Holiday Hunger and said appropriate linkages needed to be made with CINI. She said Mr Downey was keen for two Holiday Hunger pilot projects to be taken forward this summer. Mrs Magee reported that work continued in this area, but reported that there was an uneven provision of food banks across the Trust. Ms Casey stated that this issue was also concerning over other holiday periods and not just limited to the summer months.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Updates from Locality Planning Groups</b></p> <p>Mrs Donnelly reported on the increasing high number of suspensions and expulsions from schools and said there were a growing number of primary and post primary children on reduced timetables. She said statistics were not collated by the Education Authority, but by individual schools. Ms Casey reported that this issue had been raised with Ms Clare Mangan from the Education Authority at a meeting of the Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership, where it was reported that two schools in Derry had the highest suspension/expulsion rates in NI. Ms McCloskey reported that there was an increasing trend of young people being placed in detention at lunchtime. Members agreed that if a young person was suspended/expelled, that this brought additional stress to their family and other siblings and raised issues such as socialisation and non availability of pastoral care. Mr Sweeney said that the Trust should be able to negotiate with schools, in its role as corporate parent, for young people in its care. Ms Heaney reported that there was a huge disparity between what schools offered to young people on reduced timetables in Derry and what was offered in Belfast. Ms Heaney agreed to obtain statistics from within her own organisation to share with members. Mrs McDuff said this issue would be listed for discussion at the next meeting when Ms Topping, Education Authority, would hopefully be in attendance to assist the group with a fuller discussion and understanding of data.</p> <p>Mrs Donnelly also reported on the need for mental health services for children/young people who didn’t meet the level two threshold for CAMHS. Ms McGarvey, Action for Children, reported on the huge demand for services to meet children’s emotional needs. Mrs McDuff said there was a need to build emotional health into summer schemes for children and young people. Mrs MacIntyre reported that Mindfulness</p>

	<p>sessions and Resilience training were being offered in Neighbourhood Renewal areas due to the emerging trend of anxiety levels among young people. Mrs Magee said there was a need for a community response to both internet and domestic and sexual violence. She said Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP were looking to deliver awareness sessions to churches and sports groups and were looking to set up a forum with students from local colleges. Mrs Magee said work was being taken forward with the Moving on Project and Leonard Cheshire with regard to cyber bullying.</p> <p>Mr Hassine withdrew from the meeting.</p> <p><b>Update on Seminar “Connecting Domestic, Sexual and Internet Based Abuse”</b> Mrs Magee reported on a successful seminar on “Connecting Domestic, Sexual and Internet Based Abuse” held on 9 May 2017 in the South West Acute Hospital in Enniskillen. She advised that there was interest to run the event in different areas and said there was a need to ensure that these issues were everyone’s business. She said a locality event was being planned for 12 September 2017 in Limavady and finalised details would be shared with members along with contact details for these seminars.</p>
6	<p><b>Early Intervention Updates</b></p> <p><b>Infant Mental Health Week</b> Mrs McDuff reported that a wide range of events had taken place during 12 – 16 June 2017 to promote Infant Mental Health Week and acknowledged the input from Mrs Magee and Ms Funston to this successful week. Mrs Magee reported that a press release was being issued to the media. Ms Funston agreed to forward the timetable of events to Ms Forrest to share with members.</p> <p><b>Adverse Childhood Experiences</b> Ms Casey reported that she had viewed the screening of the award winning documentary film entitled “Resilience – Biology of Stress and Science of Hope” on Adverse Childhood Experiences and recommended it to members. Details of forthcoming screenings of the film in Derry, Omagh and Fermanagh in September 2017 had been emailed to members on 24 May 2017.</p> <p><b>Pioneer Communities</b> Mrs McDuff reported that meetings were continuing with Mr George Hosking, WAVE Trust, and relevant partners, and said work was continuing on looking at models of practice. Mrs McDuff reported that a group of staff had met with representatives from Middlesex University who had developed an online questionnaire entitled CLEAR [Computerised Life Events Assessment Tool]. She said this was an available tool for Midwives to target women who had adverse incidents in their lives and a pilot scheme had commenced on 9 May 2017. Mrs McDuff said she was looking forward to seeing the results.</p>

	<p>Ms Funston reported that Middlesex University had piloted CLEAR with 100 university students who were not progressing as well as expected and the results revealed that 79% of the students were struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Kinship Care – Shared Ethos</b>  Mrs McDuff reported that the Trust had a close working relationship with Kinship Care and a Shared Ethos day had been held in the Guildhall in May 2017 where the Trust’s partnership with Kinship Care had been acknowledged. Mrs McDuff reported that increasing numbers of children were living with extended families, but the number of Looked After children in the Trust continued to rise which was a continuing concern for the Directorate.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Satchel Evaluation [Schools and the Community Helping Educational Learning]</b>  Members noted the interim evaluation report on Satchel. Ms Funston reported that she was a member of the Project Board and 28 schools had been involved and had over achieved in the delivery of the project. She said discussions would continue with phase two of this project in conjunction with families. Mrs McDuff reported that Satchel had been introduced in Knockavoe School and had been very well received. She said several of the parents had expressed a wish to become involved with other special needs schools to provide assistance with the project. Mrs McDuff commended the participation of the large number of parents involved.</p> <p>Ms Funston also reported that where there was a concern regarding a child’s speech and language, the child could have individual work under the Elklan programme. She reported that teachers had noticed a marked improvement in children who had received assistance.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Community Planning Update</b>  Mrs Donnelly reported that meetings continued with staff from the Community Planning Department of Derry City &amp; Strabane District Council and good developments were being made. Mr O’Hagan suggested that the outcomes and actions could be shared at the next meeting. Mrs Donnelly agreed to take this forward. Mr Gibson reported that similar meetings were being held with Mr Downey and staff from Community Planning in Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Mrs McDuff invited Mr Gibson to also report on this work at the next meeting. Mrs Donnelly noted that Limavady was in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Safeguarding</b>  Ms Casey reported that she had recently attended the SBNI Virtual Reality Online Safety awareness training which provided key e-safety messages for children and young people in all age groups and she commended this training to members. Mrs McDuff reported that Health Visitors had also attended this training and feedback received had been excellent.</p>

	Mrs Magee reported that Safeguarding training was also provided by the Trust's Health Improvement Department. Training dates to be circulated by Mr Downey's office.
11	<b>CYPSP Think Family Sub Group/Hidden Harm</b> No new issues.
12	<b>Any Other Business</b>  <b>Northern Ireland Audit Office Report – Review of Special Educational Needs</b> Ms Sweeney advised that the above report had been published on 27 June 2017 and stated that an increasing percentage of statements of Special Educational Needs were outside the statutory time limit of 26 weeks, with a high number in primary schools.
13	<b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b> Mrs McDuff thanked members for attending today's meeting. Next meeting arranged for 30 August 2017 at 10.00 am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency.