



Minute of Western Area Outcomes Group
held on 25 October 2017 at 10 am
Strabane Enterprise Agency

Present:

- Mr Kieran Downey, Director of Women & Children's Services [Chair]
- Mrs Ann McDuff, Assistant Director [Community & Public Health]
- Mrs Monica MacIntyre, Department for Communities
- Ms Linda Watson, Caw/Nelson Drive Community Association
- Mr Mustapha Ben Hassine, Barnardos
- Ms Cathy Mullan, PHA
- Chief Inspector Ivor Morton, PSNI
- Mr Robert Gibson, Director of Community, Health & Leisure, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council
- Ms Cathy McCloskey, Early Years Organisation
- Dr Pauline McGlenaghan, Executive Director, Lifestart
- Ms Kat Healy, Migrant Centre NI
- Mr Kevin Duffy, Head of Service [Family Support]
- Ms Claire Lynch, Derry & Strabane District Council [attending for Mr Barry O'Hagan]
- Ms Lisa McGarvey, Action for Children [attending for Ms Bernie Tierney]
- Ms Patricia Devine, Education Authority [attending for Mr Adrain Nugent]
- Mr Danny Bryce, Extern [attending for Mr Paul Sweeney]
- Mr Paul Ryan, Area Manager, Youth Justice Agency [attending for Ms Colleen Heaney]

In attendance:

- Mr Maurice Leeson, Children's Services Planning Professional Advisor, HSCB
- Mrs Valerie Maxwell, Children's Services Planning Information Manager, HSCB
- Mrs Bronagh Donnelly, Family Support Locality Planning Co-ordinator
- Ms Jacqui Meenan, Business Manager, Western Trust
- Ms Elaine Forrest, Personal Assistant, Western Trust

1	<p>Chairman's Remarks</p> <p>Mr Downey welcomed Mr Maurice Leeson, Children's Services Planning Professional Advisor, and Mrs Valerie Maxwell, Children's Services Planning Information Manager, from the Health and Social Care Board to the meeting. Mrs Maxwell was attending to provide refresher training on Logic Modelling and Outcomes Based Accountability.</p> <p>Mr Downey advised that Mr Ivor Mitchell would attend at 1.30 pm to inform members on the Outcomes Star evaluation tool. He reported that other Trusts were also interested in the Outcomes Star tool and said its links to Outcomes Based Accountability was significant.</p> <p>Mr Downey said the Outcomes Group had developed and launched its Children and Young People's Plan 2017 – 2020 and the next stage was to commission services and decide on relevant future projects to fund.</p>
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Mrs Bernie Tierney, Children's Services Manager, Action for Children Ms Muriel Bailey, Director for Family Support Services, Parenting NI Mrs Priscilla Magee, Family Support Locality Planning Co-ordinator Ms Joanne Sweeney, Mencap Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid Ms Una Casey, Business Support Manager, CYPSP Ms Colleen Heaney, Youth Justice Agency Mr Paul Sweeney, Extern Mr Barry O'Hagan, Derry & Strabane District Council Mr Adrain Nugent, Regional Head of Service, Education Welfare Service Dr Josephine Deehan, Western Local Commissioning Group</p>
3	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 30 August 2017</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 August 2017 were agreed as an accurate record of the discussion.</p>
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Membership Changes</p> <p>Mr Downey advised that Dr Josephine Deehan, would replace Mr Eamon O'Kane as the representative from the Local Commissioning Group. He said Dr Deehan was a GP in the Omagh area and a local Councillor and dates of future meetings had been shared with her.</p> <p>Mr Downey also advised that Mr Adrain Nugent was replacing Ms Nicola Topping from the Education Authority. He said Mr Nugent was an apology today, but he welcomed Ms Patricia Devine who was attending on his behalf.</p>

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Mr Downey noted that several members of the group had secured places at the Adverse Childhood Experiences conference being held on 13 November 2017 at the Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick, and said members attending would share learning with the group. Mr Meehan reported that over 600 people had wished to attend this conference, and acknowledged that some people were disappointed not to obtain places, but reported that the conference would be filmed and the keynote speeches would be made available.

Mr Downey also advised that a 3 Nations Celtic conference was also taking place on 14 November 2017 at the Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick.

Mr Downey reported that screenings of the Resilience film “The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope” had taken place in September 2017 in Derry and Omagh. Mr Leeson reported that the Child Care Partnership had purchase the rights to the film as part of their training resources and he undertook to speak to the Child Care Partnership about the Trust accessing the film. Mrs McDuff said it would be beneficial if members could view this film.

Mrs McDuff reported that she had attended the screening of the documentary “Paper Tigers” at Magee Campus, which was organised by the British Psychological Society as their contribution to World Mental Health Day 2017. She said “Paper Tigers” explored the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on struggling teenagers and said there was a lot of interest from other Trusts regarding the documentary. Mrs McDuff said she wished to organise a pilot in schools in liaison with the Education Authority to keep this in focus.

Holiday Hunger – Update on Summer Pilots

Mrs Donnelly reported on the successful Holiday Hunger pilots held over the summer period whereby each organisation had been allocated £250, which worked out at £1.12 per child, per day. She reported on the high uptake of numbers across all the pilots and advised that staff had reported the following benefits in young people who had attended – increased concentration and energy, change in mood, improved skills, an interest in nutrition, eating less junk food. Mrs Donnelly advised members that 86% of the young people attending reported that lunch was their first meal of the day. Members were concerned at the high level of poverty and that breakfast was not part of a child’s daily routine.

Mr Bryce reported that Extern’s pilot had got young people talking about food and nutrition and the chef at Roscor had agreed to draw up menus and fact sheets for the young people. Mr Downey asked if these could be forwarded to his office for sharing with members. He asked members to forward any available research papers to his office for dissemination.

Mrs MacIntyre said Neighbourhood Renewal had been providing snacks and lunches as part of their projects for young people for some time, but said it was important to

	<p>look at funding for the longer term, as short terms projects were totally dependent on funding streams.</p> <p>Mrs Donnelly agreed to share the evaluations from the projects. Mrs Maxwell asked Mrs Donnelly to prepare report cards on the projects which she would upload to the CYPSP website. Mr Downey noted that the CYPSP's database contained a wealth of information child poverty statistics broken down by electoral ward and said child poverty was as high as 43% within the Western Trust area. He said members may wish to consider funding similar projects in the future. She advised that CINI had held a Holiday Hunger seminar at Parliament Buildings on 19 October 2017 and said the introduction of Universal Credit would further impact on families.</p> <p>Mr Downey thanked Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Magee, Mrs Watson, Mrs MacQueen and Mr Bryce for taking forward this work. He said it was important to build resilient communities and the work being undertaken under Pioneer Communities would help to progress this.</p> <p>Ms Claire Lynch advised that feedback was expected next month on the expression of interest from Derry & Strabane Council and the Western Area Outcomes Group to join Unicef UK Partnership and said arrangements would be made to launch this in January 2018. Following discussion on the three Champions [one statutory, one voluntary and one community], Ms Cathy McCloskey agreed to be a Champion. Other members agreed to consider and advise Mrs Donnelly. Mrs Donnelly advised that she was one of the lead contacts for the Outcomes Group. Mr Downey said this would take youth participation to a different level. Mr Bryce suggested that the Clipper Yacht Race and maritime festival in the city would provide an excellent opportunity to promote this partnership in 2018, as Unicef UK were the official race charity</p>
5	<p>Update from Locality Planning Groups</p> <p>Mrs Donnelly gave updates on the following from her report:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mental Health. ➤ Parenting. ➤ Reduced timetables. <p>She reported that she had met with several Principals in Derry to discuss how relevant organisations could work together regarding young people on reduced timetables. She said statistics on young people on reduced timescales were held by schools and said the group had agreed to meet again. Mr Duffy said this was a positive development in joint working. Ms Devine reported that many children and young people were on reduced timetables due to emotional difficulties which teaching staff did not have the capacity to deal with and said the digital world meant many parents did not play with their children. Mrs McDuff said it was important to look at school readiness and said staff from RISE [Regional Integrated Support for Education] were going into schools as some children had speech and language difficulties and additional needs. Ms McCloskey said she had also arranged for RISE</p>

	staff to meet with pre-schools.
6	<p>Early Intervention Updates</p> <p>MACE Project Mr Downey advised that recruitment for a MACE [Multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences] Project Manager was being progressed. Funding had been awarded via CAWT EU Interreg VA funding to build resilience in communities via virtual hubs across the border corridor and said he would invite the successful post holder to give a presentation on this work at a future meeting.</p> <p>Pioneer Communities Mrs McDuff reported that work was continuing in the seven Thematic Groups established under Pioneer Communities and good connections were being made. She reported that Mr George Hosking, CEO & Research Director, WAVE Trust, was continuing with a range of meetings in the Western Trust area and was also a keynote speaker at the forthcoming ACE conference on 13 November 2017.</p>
7	<p>Western Area Outcomes Group Priorities Mrs Donnelly distributed copies of the priority areas and high level/long term outcomes.</p> <p><u>Behaviours/Transitions</u> Ms Healy noted that young traveller children didn't come through the education system. Mrs Maxwell reported on a pilot in the Southern Trust area on the attendance of children from travelling families. Mr Downey said this needed dedicated work and would await the outcome of the pilot in the Southern Trust. Ms Mullan reported on work taking place with the Youth Education Service in Fermanagh with mums and children from travelling families and said this may be a starting point.</p> <p>Ms Devine said the Education Authority focused on any school with an attendance record under 90% and said they welcomed any support and guidance in relation to young people suspended/expelled/on reduced timetables.</p> <p><u>Addiction/Positive Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing</u> Mr Duffy said it would be important to have an evaluation of the current available addiction services. Mrs McDuff reported that the NI Commissioner for Children and Young People was currently undertaking a Rights Based Review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.</p> <p><u>Voice of Children and Young People</u> Mr Downey said each organisation needed to embed the practice of involving young people.</p>

	<p><u>Domestic and Sexual Violence</u> Following discussion, it was agreed that this outcome would be changed to “All children and young people whose family are availing of services due to concerns of domestic and sexual violence will have their voice heard”. It was noted that sexual violence was now incorporated within the Western Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership.</p> <p><u>Parenting</u> Following discussion, it was agreed that the five key Infant Mental Health messages needed to be actively promoted to provide support to parents. Mr Duffy said the key was to advise parents why to do things with their children. Ms Devine said the Education Authority were willing to input and participate in the School Age Programme.</p>
8	<p>Training on Logic Modelling and Outcomes Based Accountability Mrs Maxwell distributed a copy of her presentation and a copy of the Logic Modelling Guidance.</p> <p>Mrs Maxwell advised that OBA could be used for both strategic planning and for improving service or programme performance. She said the logic model was an adaptable tool that described the theory of change underpinning an intervention, a programme or policy. Mrs Maxwell said it was very important to evidence need and monitor progress and took members through the process of developing a logic model. She said report cards showed in an easy and simple format the impact of outcomes and used the Early Intervention Support Service regional report card as an example. She advised that report cards were available on the CYPSP website. Mr Downey thanked Mrs Maxwell for her comprehensive presentation and she agreed to email the presentation to Mr Downey’s office for sharing with members.</p>
9	<p>Due to the above presentation, all other agenda items were deferred.</p> <p>After lunch, Mr Ivor Mitchell was attending to demonstrate the Outcomes Star evaluation tool to members.</p>
10	<p>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting 6 December 2017 at 10 am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency.</p>