

Quality Care - for you, with you

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 21 November 2017 at 10.00 am,
SPACE Offices, 24 Monaghan Street, Newry.

Present:

Paul Morgan, (SHSCT, Chair)
Margaret Gibney, (Administrator for Group)
Valerie Maxwell (CYPSP)
Darren Curtis (Locality Development Officer)
Kerry O'Hagan (CYPSP Locality Development Admin)
Colette Ross, (Chair of Banbridge LPG, EA Youth Service)
Alison Beattie (ABC)
Martina McCooey (SHSCT)
Michael Heaney (YJA)
Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT, Dungannon Locality Chair)
Rachel Long (NIACRO)
Lesley Waugh (For Geraldine Maguire)
Stephen Smith (CIP)
Jacinta Linden (SPACE)
Donna Murphy (SHSCT)
David Patterson (NMDC)
Ciara Burke (Mid Ulster & ABC Councils, Armagh Locality Chair)
Anne Rice (Surestart) for Peter McKinney
Orlaith Moley (PHA) for Colette Rodgers
Kevin Duggan (CCP)

Apologies:

Geraldine Maguire (AD SCHED)
Kieran Shields (EA)
Pauline Leeson (CINI)
Martina Totten (Mid-Ulster Council)
Gerard Rocks (Acting AD PWB)
Pat McGeough (Barnardos)

Summary of Actions

Action 1	Task & Finish groups to continue to liaise and progress action plan	Task & Finish Groups
Action 2	Young Minds Matter video to be shared with FSH & Schools	Darren Curtis
Action 3	Martina agreed to meet with Alison Beattie to give an appreciation of parenting programmes available in the locality and to discuss any opportunities	Martina

1 Introductions and Apologies

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

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (27 September 2017)

Minutes agreed as an accurate reflection of discussion.

3 Matters Arising

- Action 1: Margaret advised that there are still a few outstanding; Paul encouraged members to send through names of deputies to attend Outcomes meeting
- Action 2: Stephen to provide update
- Action 3: Paul advised of no further update at present

4 Action Planning Progress of Task & Finish Groups

Valerie advised that work continues with individual groups and they are starting to complete their action plans. Play & Leisure met last Friday; currently looking at Council representation from ABC, hoping to include rural community.

Michael Heaney reported that their group have found it difficult to agree a date to meet, adding that members are working hard to ensure the right people are involved and they hope to meet either before Christmas or early in the New Year.

Kevin Duggan advised that likewise their task & finish group has been unable to meet due to diary commitments however action plan is ready and just needs formalised when group meet.

Valerie advised that Kieran Shields group has met and finalised their action plan, Kieran has taken this to his Head of Service to be signed off.

Martina McCooley advised that her group have met and action plan is in place.

Valerie commented that all groups continue to liaise and progress action plans.

Contract/Tendering Process for 2018/19

Martina McCooley advised that she met with Donna Murphy at the beginning of December to discuss contract/tendering for the next financial year.

Jacinta Linden queried timeframe for current services and funding in relation to these. Paul advised that the Trust are trying to get continuity and consistent dates of current contracts going forward. Valerie added that all current contracts are due to end in March 2018. Donna stated that she would be happy to meet and discuss adding that there is no slippage money in current funding.

Jacinta pointed out that if services are due to end in March there may be a gap while tendering process is undertaken, meaning there may be no services available after March.

Paul advised members that he attended a meeting with ABC Council on 08.11.17 wherein he did a presentation regarding the work of the Outcomes Group. This presentation was very well received; giving an overview of the structures and processes currently in place. Council were reassured that the Outcomes Group want to work collaboratively with councils alongside their community planning. It was noted that use of resources was discussed i.e. access to facilities, staff etc rather than just financial aspect.

Paul added that he would be happy to attend meetings in other Council areas and share presentation. In terms of Community Planning Councils can see what the Outcomes Group actually does. How small projects for relatively small amounts of money can make a real difference to families lives. Valerie reminded members that the work of the Outcomes Group is linked to the Northern Ireland Children's Strategy.

David Patterson provided a brief update from NMD Council advising that they are currently in the process of arranging a meeting with Trusts to look at Community Planning, health and well-being. It is envisaged that this meeting will be held on 18th December. Paul suggested that David link with Gerard Rocks regarding Community Planning.

5 Update from Locality Planning Groups: Young Minds Matter Video

Darren Curtis provided an update on Locality Planning Groups as per report provided for today's meeting. Darren advised that he will send scorecards out electronically. Darren highlighted that Lads & Dads programme was very successful with 180 in attendance.

Young Minds Matter Video was played

Darren advised that Young Minds Matter Conference was recently held, this was attended by 223 young men, with 25 services relevant to young men in the local area in attendance.

Paul acknowledged the support from local Schools. Darren concurred adding that local schools had been very supportive and feedback was positive.

Jacinta acknowledged the huge roll Darren played in organising this event commending everyone for their involvement. Jacinta noted that that this was another example of Outcomes using a very small amount of money yet producing an event which had a huge impact in the local area.

Some discussion ensued in relation to sharing the video and building on this progress not only with other schools within the Southern Trust but also with parents and Family Support Hubs.

6 Update Family Support Hub

Rachel Long reported that Family Support Hubs continue to be extremely busy; as of today 35 referrals have been received (all appropriate). Lisa Grant currently in Prague hosting workshop with Helen Dunn.

Jacinta & Donna advised that hubs remain busy but had no further update at present.

Rachel advised that the three co-ordinators met to review core membership and this will continue to be monitored and will be presented at next steering group for approval.

Paul commented that Maurice and Helen continue to promote the FSH as an excellent resource in the community.

7 Peace IV update/Community Planning

Alison Beattie provided an update on Peace IV & Community Planning advising that Grants proposals are currently being scored and money is being allocated. Alison emphasised that collaborative working is essential not duplication.

David Patterson provided an update in relation to Community Planning from NMD Council advising that formal launch was held on 12th October; plan has been structured to look at future engagement and focus on taking actions forward. Co-ordinators are working closely together to ensure engagement with those more difficult to reach groups. David emphasised the importance of working together adding that there is a strong commitment at senior level.

8 Agency Updates

Stephen Smith advised that over the last six months a lot of change in relation to BME population has been noted; such as a number of families moving back home. Some issues have been noted within the Romanian community in terms of children not enrolled in school, families not registered with GPs, poverty etc.

Stephen advised that factors influencing this change include more jobs available in mainland Europe, zero hour contracts no longer offered, better paid jobs in Europe and the uncertainty around Brexit.

Paul asked that members continue to monitor any change in the situation and share any information in order to compile a profile within Southern Area.

Stephen reported that within the Portadown area a large group of young people (up to 60) have been congregating to abuse alcohol & drugs. The group tend to change location regularly. Stephen asked if this behaviour is mirrored in other areas within the Southern Trust.

Jacqueline Connolly advised that a similar issue was noted in the Armagh area however the numbers were not quite as high.

Alison Beattie commented that concerns have been noted within Council, PCSP & PSNI, agencies are keen to work together to attempt to address this issue. Community reps are struggling in terms of working with these young people. Suggestions have been made to attempt to engage parents, however to date this has not been successful. Mapping the activity was suggested in order to get community development involved. It was agreed that targeting parents may be the best way forward to address this issue; Martina agreed to meet with Alison Beattie to give an appreciation of parenting programmes available in the locality and to discuss any opportunities.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10 April 2018 at 10am in Board Room, Tower Hill, Armagh