

Quality Care - for you, with you

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 06 February 2018 at 10.00 am,
Brownstown Community Centre, Portadown

Present:

Paul Morgan, (SHSCT, Chair)
Margaret Gibney, (Administrator for Group)
Valerie Maxwell (CYPSP)
Maurice Lesson, (HSCB – CYPSP Link)
Kerry O'Hagan (CYPSP Locality Development Admin)
Martina McCooey (SHSCT)
Michael Heaney (YJA)
Rachel Long (NIACRO)
Lesley Waugh (For Geraldine Maguire)
Stephen Smith (CIP)
Donna Murphy (SHSCT)
David Patterson (NMDC)
Pat McGeough (Barnardos)
Ciara Burke (Mid Ulster & ABC Councils, Armagh Locality Chair)
Orlaith Moley (PHA) for Colette Rodgers
Kevin Duggan (CCP)
Gerard Rocks (Acting AD PWB)
Allison Slater (SPACE)
Iain Black (VOYPIC)
Peter McKinney (Early Years)
Patricia Gibson for Alison Beattie

Apologies:

Geraldine Maguire (AD SCHED)
Kieran Shields (EA)
Darren Curtis (Locality Development Officer)
Alison Beattie (ABC)
Colette Ross, (Chair of Banbridge LPG, EA Youth Service)
Jacinta Linden (SPACE)
Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT, Dungannon Locality Chair)
Pauline Leeson (CINI)
Martina Totten (Mid-Ulster Council)
Orlaith Moley (PHA)
Colette Rogers (PHA)

Valerie Hayes (Prison Service)

Summary of Actions

Action 1	CHIP to become a standing agenda item Members to share information provided to day with their respective organisations/agencies. Should any member agency want further information they can contact Rachel directly.	
Action 2	David Patterson to share information with Outcomes Group	

1 Introductions and Apologies

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

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (24 November 2017)

Minutes agreed as an accurate reflection of discussion.

3 Matters Arising/Actions previous meeting

- Action 1: included on agenda for discussion today
- Action 2: Kerry agreed to follow up in Darren's absence
- Action 3: achieved – Martina advised that an appreciation of programme available in the area has been shared

4 Overview of CHIP (Children with Imprisoned Parents)

Rachel provided an overview of CHIP advising that the initiative is being funded via EITP with NIACRO being the lead agency alongside Prison Service. Currently no statutory service is available however the initiative sits within the Children's Strategy for NI. UN Committee have referenced that this specific group of children require attention.

Rachel then referenced statistics provided which indicate children whose parents are imprisoned are twice as likely to require intervention and three times more likely to go on to offend themselves.

Rachel then provided a brief synopsis of the service advising that there are 7 pathways under the resettlement policy aimed at children, families and communities; prisoners are 39% less likely to reoffend if they keep family ties. The service is there to help access those suites of services currently available.

Rachel stated that there are 4 members of staff linked to prisons: 1 linked to Milligan, 1 to Hydebank and 2 to Maghaberry. Staff will be based within the prison one day each week and the rest of the time out in the community.

Rachel commented that the service began in September 2017; report cards have been prepared but require an update before being shared. Proposal is that Outcomes Group will act as a reference group for the project/programme with Rachel providing an update at each meeting; CHIP Update will become a standing item on agenda for Outcomes Meetings.

Rachel asked members if they would go back to their respective organisations/agencies and share information from today and suggested visiting the teams to provide brief presentation and additional information.

Valerie commented that families can avail of the service to help improve contact between parents and children via SKYPE; option of audio books is also available to parents. The service aims to make visits friendlier for children and will look at all processes for children whose families are involved with the prison service.

Peter McKinney asked if the service can be accessed by those families impacted by the use of remand. Rachel commented that working group had been established to look at the impact of imprisonment on children.

Michael Heaney commented that the service can build on the intensive support provided to families via Family Links Programme – which offers support in relation to visiting, benefits and how families can be supported. Michael added that a referral should be made when pre-sentencing report is being prepared and where a custodial outcome is possible as the service can then help prepare children and families for any impending

custodial sentence. Rachel concurred stated that service will be involved at these key stages.

Action 1

CHIP to become a standing agenda item

Members to share information provided to day with their respective organisations/agencies. Should any member agency want further information they can contact Rachel directly.

5 Progress of Task & Finish Groups

Valerie stated that full action plan has been circulated to members for updating of relevant sections so that this can be agreed/signed off. Members are also required to agree summary version for uploading to CYPSP website.

Chairs then gave a brief update on their respective groups:

Kevin Duggan advised that their group have met a number of times and are due to meet tomorrow to finalise their actions.

Martina McCooley advised that the focus of their group is on practical parenting issues/needs, they have a good appreciation of what is currently available, actions are ready to be agreed and finalised for inclusion in action plan. Rachel added that she would like to acknowledge the contribution of Martina to the group adding that whilst the focus is on the 5-12 age range ideally they would like to offer the same support/programmes to teenagers.

Michael Heaney stated that their group has not made as much progress as the other groups given they are struggling to get the right people together to progress/agree actions. It is hoped that a date will be arranged as soon as possible and an update will be available at next Outcomes meeting.

Valerie provided a brief update on Kieran Shield's group (in his absence); at present they are trying to arrange a meeting and have identified a number of actions to take forward.

Paul reiterated the importance of keeping the action plan a 'live document' and updating as necessary. It was agreed that action plan and summary will be 'signed off' as from today.

David Patterson then provided a brief background in relation to Community Plan from Newry Mourne & Down District Council. Plan is based on two priority areas; Early Years and Family Support. David advised that a key issue for Council is to ensure no duplication of existing services. Council are recognising the work already being done in existing partnerships and using resources already available. David commented that there is a huge wealth of expertise within Southern Outcomes group that Community Planning can learn from.

Gerard Rocks commented that he has been involved with initial meetings; the plan is in its early stages, the focus of the plan is to identify the best placed groups delivering on outcomes for children. Gerard reiterated the importance of cross referencing to ensure actions are reflected in Community Plan. It is envisaged that links between Community Plans and Outcomes Groups will promote a greater understanding of needs/services and help promote synergy between the different plans and how they will link up.

Paul suggested that members take the document away and provide any feedback in relation to particular actions as quickly as possible.

Paul reminded members that the lead Directors involved in Strategic Community Planning Groups are:

Paul Morgan for ABC

Aldrina Magwood for Mid Ulster

Melanie McClements for NMD

David Patterson then made referenced to 'Participatory Budgeting' providing a brief explanation to members; event has been arranged for 15th March, David agreed to share information with Outcomes Group.

Action 2:
David Patterson to share information with Outcomes Group

6 Peace IV Update/ Community Planning

Patricia Gibson advised that as yet Peace IV has not been approved; further update will be provided by Alison Beattie.

Gerard Rocks advised that information sessions are being held in NMD on 22nd Feb and agreed to share information with members.

Donna Murphy then provided feedback in relation to tendering process advising that 5 out of 6 had been awarded with 75k commissioned meaning there was some underspend as one contract was terminated. Donna emphasised that moving forward she would want to ensure that the full 100k is utilised.

Pat McGeough asked if the underspend could be given to existing contract. Donna advised that this is being considered via contracts.

Paul commented that in relation to underspend he would be keen for Locality Planning Groups to receive this balance and utilise it.

Donna stated that impact measurement tools will form part of any future contract; Donna will remain the lead for tendering/contracts and will provide further updates to Outcomes Group.

7 Update from Locality Planning Groups

Report circulated to members electronically.

8 Update Family Support Hub

Donna advised that Family Support Hubs continue to see an increase in referrals/activity, there continues to be an issue in terms of capacity as this increase in referrals in turn means an increase in services provided to families.

Rachel advised that Steering Group met and signed off handbook, Maurice suggested that this is incorporated into regional handbook.

In terms of education representation across the Hubs it was suggested that moving forward co-ordinators link in with Kieran in the first instance.

9 Agency Updates

Michael Heaney advised that YJA has recently commenced a scheme whereby they can provide drug and alcohol awareness sessions for children subject to PSNI Community Resolution Notices for minor drug and alcohol related offences. This scheme is likely to be evaluated in the autumn and Michael will share headline findings with the SOG.

Allison Slater (SPACE) advised that a new disability service for 16-18year olds will be launched in April 2018

Stephen Smith advised that there has been a significant increase in the number of foreign national families in the broader Armagh area (Keady, Newtownhamilton areas) which is impacting on schools, an increase in anti-social behaviour has also been noted. Information group has been arranged and meet once per month to look at these issues in these specific areas; Stephen agreed to keep members updated.

10 Date of Next Meeting

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