



**REGIONAL
ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES
(ACEs) REFERENCE GROUP**

Terms of Reference

(April 2018)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1) Membership

Name	Agency
Kieran Downey (Chair)	Western Health and Social Care Trust (on behalf of all HSC Trusts)
Helen McKenzie	Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland
Paul McConville	Department of Health
Rodney Morton	Department of Health
Maurice Leeson	Health and Social Care Board / CYPSP
Maurice Meehan	Public Health Agency
Stephanie Thompson	Health and Social Care Board / CYPSP

*Membership of the group can be enhanced through co-option with the agreement of existing members.

2) Role and Responsibilities

1. Share information about developments in the ACE agenda across agencies
2. Share research knowledge and good practice in relation to the implementation of ACES
3. Promote collaboration by actively making linkages between initiatives designed to promote ACES
4. Act as a coordination point for ACEs development to ensure that there is no duplication
5. Seek opportunities to promote the ACE agenda

3) Frequency of Meetings

The group will meet on a bi-monthly basis

4) To ensure connections to key decision making for the activity of the group will be reported to;

- CYPSP
- SBNI
- CSIB
- Department of Health NI
- AEDSW – HSC Trust Directors Forum