

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

Terms of Reference

(August 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
Pamela Woods	Education Authority
June Wilkinson	Department of Education
Jill Duffie	Police Service for Northern Ireland
Ryan Henderson	Police Service for Northern Ireland
Colleen Heaney	Youth Justice Agency
Geraldine O'Hare	Probation Board for Northern Ireland
Liam Hannaway (Interim prior to SOLACE agreement)	Local Government (SOLACE)
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 managing situations where ACEs have been identified.
3. Promote collaboration by actively making linkages between initiatives designed to promote a clearer understanding of the ACEs (what happened to you approach) and the potential impact of 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;

- Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP)
- Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI)
- Early Intervention Transformation Programme Work Stream 4 via SBNI
- Children's Services Implementation Board (CSIB)
- Department of Health NI
- AEDSW – HSC Trust Directors Forum