

Quality Care - for you, with you

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 8 June 2018 at 10.00 am,
Board Room, Tower Hill, Armagh

Present:

Paul Morgan, (SHSCT, Chair)
Margaret Gibney, (Administrator for Group)
Valerie Maxwell (CYPSP)
Maurice Lesson, (HSCB – CYPSP Link)
Michael Heaney (YJA)
Rachel Long (NIACRO)
Valerie Hayes (Prison Service)
Darren Curtis (Locality Development Officer)
Alison Beattie (ABC)
Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT, Dungannon Locality Chair)
Colette Rogers (PHA)
Jacinta Linden (SPACE)
Pauline Magill for Lesley Waugh
Kieran Shields (EA)
Pat McGeough (Barnardos)
Patricia Gibson (ABC PCSP)
Helen Dunn (CYPSP)
Colette Ross, (Chair of Banbridge LPG, EA Youth Service)
Helen Gormley (Mid Ulster Council)

Apologies:

Donna Murphy (SHSCT)
David Patterson (NMDC)
Gerard Rocks (Acting AD PWB)
Orlaith Moley (PHA)
Peter McKinney (Early Years)
Kerry O'Hagan (CYPSP Locality Development Admin)
Martina McCooey (SHSCT)
Iain Black (VOYPIC)
Pauline Leeson (CINI)
Taucher McDonald
Lesley Waugh (For Geraldine Maguire)
Stephen Smith (CIP)
Kevin Duggan (CCP)
Billy Stewart (PSNI)

Presentation by Amanda McLean

Amanda McLean & Maurice Meehan were in attendance in relation to findings from EISS research.

Amanda provided an update and overview of the service referencing presentation provided (agreed to circulate presentation to members).

Amanda advised that the PHA agreed to test the model under EITP therefore established the service and monitored it. Findings indicate the service was very successful with a further extension of funding being agreed until March 2020.

Amanda then referenced presentation provided highlighting implications of findings.

Members noted the link between service and Community Planning highlighting the importance of not duplicating or replicating existing services.

Paul commented that Councils have factored the work of Outcomes Group into their Community Plans emphasising the importance of connecting back into the Community Plan. Paul pointed out that Early Intervention and EISS links in well with the work of the Family Support Hubs.

Jacinta Linden commented that Newry area would welcome any additional funding adding that the Big Lottery funding is due to be withdrawn in 2020. Jacinta suggested that a conversation/regional discussion is required in relation to funding.

Pat McGeough pointed out that there are no substantive services attached to Family Support Hub in Armagh & Dungannon area.

Paul then thanked Amanda & Maurice for taking the time to come along today and provide update/overview on findings.

1 Introductions and Apologies

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

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (10 April 2018)

Alison noted an amendment to previous minutes pg5 Agenda Item 6; advising that the rebranding is much wider than Peace IV Community Development.

3 Matters Arising/Actions previous meeting

Actions 1,2 & 4 – achieved

Action 3 – not achieved, Donna to follow up

4 Update CHIP – Rachel Long

Rachel Long provided an update on CHIP referencing papers provided for today's meeting. As agreed at previous Outcomes meeting Rachel furnished members with Terms of Reference outlining what is expected of members as a reference group.

Rachel then provided key updates and findings noting that from the project start date there had been 331 referrals. For the period Jan-march 116 referral were received for Children of Prisoners. Rachel added that further exploration is required in relation to rate of referrals from Social Work and agreed to link in with Donna Murphy regarding this.

Rachel advised that the next stage is sustainability with discussions currently ongoing. Valerie Maxwell commented that review of family strategy is being undertaken; workshop has been arranged for next week. It is envisaged that a "family champion" will be promoted in each establishment. Operational groups will include a mix of those who come into contact with children; focus on putting children first.

Rachel added that funding has been secured from the Ballygrainey Fund in order to update the visiting areas in each establishment with child friendly artwork. Rachel then explained the difference between a normal and child centred visit.

The next aspect of service will include prison staff; trying to introduce the importance of promoting families and maintaining family contact. Attempting to introduce a different mind-set to families affected by parents in prison.

Paul commented that South Eastern Trust delivered a presentation to PPANI highlighting the drive within prisons to improve the overall health and well-being of prisoners and its impact on their families. Rachel concurred adding that promoting the service is paramount to its success stating that she would be happy to attend Team Meetings or come out to organisations/agencies around the table to promote/explain the service.

Kieran Shields stated that a summary of issues coming through may be useful; such as: bullying, missing school etc. Advising principals and board of governors of those children who parents are in prison. Rachel noted that training pack is available and suggested that schools keep a log of any issues and feed them back via Rachel.

Colette Rodgers noted that the Board are progressing “making every contact count” regionally which will look at maximising the use of contact, suggesting a presentation to group, Colette agreed to take this forward.

Paul asked if information is collated following period of intervention (4-8wks) such as; are the families referred out to other agencies. Rachel commented that information is collected at time of referral in relation to whether the family were known and likewise at closure information is collated in terms of what worked well for the family.

Rachel pointed out that very few families need escalation to Social Services Child Protection either during intervention or after.

Rachel added that the service wants to identify those families not currently visiting and prisoners who are not receiving contact.

5 Progress of Task & Finish Groups

Valerie provided the following updates on Groups:

Valerie/Darren – three events have been arranged/held, promoting a partnership approach and highlighting good practise.

Darren advised that Building Inclusive Communities event held on 17th May was very successful, numerous market stalls were in attendance. Darren played a video from the event which members agreed was very successful. Score cards and evaluation report are available.

Valerie provided a brief update on Martina’s group advising that they are trying to tie into specific outcomes; meeting has been arranged for next week. Parenting programme on website currently in draft, envisage that this will be up and launched ASAP.

Positive Mental Health & Wellbeing:

Rachel provided the following update: group met on 25th May; event planned for October to be held in Seagoe Parish Centre; good opportunity to showcase work of children's services and Family Support Hubs.

Patricia Gibson commented there is a need for PSNI officers to be more aware of Mental Health needs and intellectual disabilities; highlighting that Senior Command in ABC are very supportive. JAM cards are to be extended to ABC area; Patricia advised that these cards indicate that the individual needs some additional time to understand or have situation explained. CAMHS are helping to deliver training in relation to this.

Kieran Shields stated that as previously noted a large number of Roma families have moved into locality. Short-term temporary support has been offered in relation to anti-social behaviour, racism etc. adding that Lottery are keen to fund support.

Discussion occurred in relation to Community Plan, geographical areas and collaborative work. Colette pointed out that Community Plans are specific to each area and asked if there was any way to link up certain aspects of the Plans with Outcomes objectives and deliver to wider audiences noting that there are programmes which are similar currently running. In relation to Promoting Play Programmes it was noted that this links in with EITP and Outcomes objective 'enjoying playing' a list of afterschool activities is now available on website. Kieran added that he is happy to meet and look at Education Authority reps on groups.

6 Peace IV Update/ Community Planning

Alison advised that programmes continue to be rolled out and encouraged members to make contact if there are any emerging needs.

These programmes include:

Milkshake and Maths programme; database of teachers/tutors is being developed
English language classes.

In relation to mid-ulster community plan; currently at implementation stage, short-term delivery plan out with partner agencies for acceptance. Focus on taking priorities forward and avoiding duplication. PCSP connections, suggestion that Michael McCrory re-join group.

7 Early Intervention Family Support Services

Covered in earlier section of meeting.

8 Update Locality Planning Groups

Darren referenced report circulated for today's meeting highlighting events that have occurred and plans for upcoming events.

Darren advised that St John's Portadown will hold summer scheme this year and agreed to provide feedback at next meeting.

Darren then referenced scorecards for events held such as disability inclusion Workshop on 24th May. Scorecards for events including Milkshake & Maths, Healthy relationships programme to be shared with members.

Event to be held today in Newtownhamilton, International Children's Day.

Darren noted that training delivered by James Todd was well received and well attended by Roma community.

9 Update Family Support Hub

Maurice Lesson provided a regional update noting a 10% increase in activity. Highlighting the breakdown in age group; Maurice commented that this is a truly inclusive service. Referrals are increasing from Kinship carers/guardians. Once finalised the report will be circulated to members.

Pat McGeough commented that an increase of 50% has been noted in Armagh/Dungannon area in the last three months.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11 September 2018 at 10am Tower Hill, Armagh