



Minute of Western Area Outcomes Group
held on 24 October 2018 at 10 am
Strabane Enterprise Agency

Present:

Ms Ann McDuff Assistant, Director [Community and Public Health] (Chair)
Ms Muriel Bailey, Director for Family Support Services, Parenting NI
Ms Laura Boyle, Graduate Intern [Women and Children Services]
Ms Una Casey, Business Support Manager, CYPSP
Ms Bronagh Donnelly, Family Support Locality Planning coordinator
Ms Colleen Heaney, Assistant Director, Youth Justice Agency
Ms Shauna Houston, PHA Lead for Children & Young people
Ms Maurice Leeson, Professional advisor HSCB
Ms Priscilla Magee, Family Support Locality Planning Co-coordinator
Ms Jacqui Meenan, Business Manager [Community and Public Health]
Ms Monica MacIntyre, Department for Communities
Ms Brenda MacQueen, Director, Dry Arch Childrens Centre
Ms Cathy McCloskey, Operations Manager, Early Years Organisation
Mr Barry O'Hagan, Derry & Strabane District Council
Ms Joanne Sweeney, Families Support Manager, MENCAP

In attendance:

Mr James Kerr, Chief Executive of Derry's Verbal Arts Centre-Presentation on Reading Rooms, Building Resilience and Positive Mental Health.

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Apologies

Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Womens Aid
Ms Patricia Devine, Deputy Chief Education Welfare Officer, Education Authority
Mr Kieran Downey, Director of Women and Children's Services
Ms Helen Dunn, Implementation Manager HSCB (EITP)
Mr Robert Gibson Director of Community, Health & Leisure, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council
Ms Kat Healy, Migrant Centre NI
Mr Jonathon Hunter, Chief Inspector, PSNI
Ms Linda Watson, Caw/Nelson Drive Community Association

2	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 29 August 2018 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 August 2018 were agreed as an accurate and true record of discussions.</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising Ms McDuff welcomed Ms Houston to the meeting. Ms Houston informed members that she will be taking over from Cathy Mullan as the PHA lead for Children and Young people in the Western area.</p> <p>Membership Update Ms Casey informed members that there have been many applications for the West and following conversations with Mr Kieran Downey, she informed members that letters should be received soon. Ms McDuff acknowledged how well the group works as a full cohort is always in attendance. Ms Donnelly also suggested that individuals currently on the waiting list could become involved in working with Locality Planning Groups.</p>
4	<p>Update from Locality Planning Groups Ms Magee referred to Locality Planning Group report document and updated members. Discussions took place regarding the closure of the daycare in Fermanagh and the noticeable trend of mothers experiencing postnatal depression who have little immediate family support systems and may have partners who work away from home.</p> <p>Mrs. Magee confirmed that she has linked with businesses in the Community to ascertain their interest in the Period Poverty Initiative. She has also linked with the Community Foundation NI who has £3.5 million in grants, the PHA, Dept of Health and Helen Harley, Community Development, Derry City and Strabane District Council. Mrs. Magee advised that she will be linking in with Youth Clubs & Post Primary Schools to encourage them to sign up to the initiative.</p> <p>Ms. Donnelly informed members that all post primary schools, community and voluntary organisations will be contacted in regards to providing free sanitary products, agreeing that a proposal will be completed on how best to distribute this.</p> <p>Mrs. Magee reported that both Locality groups have had their standards review completed and positive feedback was delivered.</p> <p>Ms. Casey added that she carried out a Members Audit which enabled members to share their thoughts on the process of Locality planning. She informed the group that a good response rate was received overall.</p> <p>Members discussed the issues around “Sharenting” regarding the impact this can have on children and Digital safeguarding in relation to online betting and gambling.</p>

	<p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Casey will share the Members Audit Response at next meeting. • Sonia and Debbie are to be invited to the next Western area Outcomes group re: Sharenting to look at the different avenues that this could be shared with parents. • Members are asked to start thinking about the commissioning plan for the Best start in life. <p>Ms McDuff encouraged all members to view the Resilience Film -"The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope". Ms McDuff explained the importance of making the Western Trust "Trauma-informed" and advised members to encourage parents to view the film to initiate a general discussion.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Donnelly agreed to invite Mr Sean McCrory, MACE, to the next WAOG meeting in December 2018. • Ms Priscilla Magee is to contact the Social work lead-Ms Campbell, regarding the Antipoverty Framework.
5	<p>Early Intervention Updates</p> <p>Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy</p> <p>Members were informed about the increased volume of demand within Autism services adding that this has become a regional issue, and a regional approach should be taken to look at the problem.</p> <p>Ms McDuff further added that all practices should be examined across the Trusts to consider the best approaches regarding the pathway to services. Ms McDuff also suggested separating Autism and ADHD services utilising skilled staff to carry out interventions and exploring training universities.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The attached Services Framework document to be circulated to members. <p>Ms. Sweeney also added the importance of building capacity for families that are waiting on a diagnosis for their child, which could involve peer support networks. Support such as offering short-break facilities should be reinforced to families.</p>
6	<p>*Commissioning Plan Priorities</p> <p>Members discussed the three obsessions;</p>

- Every Child has the best start in life.
- Promote the safety of our Children and Young people.
- Work together to include the Voice of Children and Young people.

Ms Donnelly provided an update on the Voice of Young people with Mr Tom Cassidy leading the Trusts youth anticipation groups. Ms Donnelly also informed members about the new Youth 19 website which will deliver all programs and activities.

Members agreed that past expenditure was carried out appropriately. The prospect of future spend was discussed amongst members with agreement that expenditure needs to occur now and within the next two years with particular emphasis on poverty issues.

Action:

- Ms Donnelly agreed to present the Holiday Hunger reports as soon as possible.
- Ms McDuff requested members to consider possible actions when organisations are “Trauma-aware”.

It was suggested that as the two obsessions are integrated, it would be appropriate to combine the 50k funding into one which would cover both areas.

Members discussed the peak times for Holiday Hunger such as Easter and Halloween, with Ms McDuff requesting a plan for expenditure for the Easter holidays, with emphasis on achieving value from spend.

Ms Monica McIntyre informed members that a workshop is set up with DE. It was suggested that inviting a young person to attend this workshop would represent the obsession “Including the Voice of Young people.”

Regarding the safety element, there is to be a discussion with Debbie to develop a program which a part-time facilitator could deliver.

Ms McIntyre reported to members that sports coordinators have now been taken out of schools and it was suggested that the Healthy Kidz program could pilot future work with schools.

Action:

- Ms McDuff and Ms Donnelly to have further discussions about Trauma-informed organisations.
- Ms Donnelly and Ms Priscilla Magee to link together regarding the proposals which needs to be completed by November 2018.
- A subgroup meeting to be organised for the 12th November 2018 at Foyle

	<p>Arena.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Priscilla Magee will speak to Marian within CAHMS regarding Digital Safeguarding. <p>Ms McDuff emphasised the importance of this process occurring over the next two years in order to make an impact.</p> <p>Presentation-Reading Rooms, Verbal App Mr James Kerr was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Kerr gave a presentation on the Reading Rooms project. The project is a high quality outreach programme of reading-based activity, designed to improve health and social wellbeing amongst children and adults and provides a supportive environment for those who are in need or most vulnerable. The literature is read aloud by a volunteer facilitator who is trained and accredited, with discussion breaks incorporated to encourage reflection among the group. Currently individuals and communities are finding it difficult and time-consuming when developing language-based storytelling programmes.</p> <p>Mr Kerr informed members of the Verbal App which is currently in development. The aim of the app is to assist trained volunteers on the selection of short stories which will cut down on time, paper and overall workload.</p> <p>Mr Kerr asked members for their feedback regarding the proposed app. Members acknowledged the benefits of this app in terms of accessibility and efficiency. Members also discussed the potential drawbacks of the Verbal App with Mr Kerr welcoming constructive feedback.</p>
7	<p>SBNI Neglect Strategy 2018 – 2022 For mention. Ms McDuff requested members to review this and to mention this in the Matters Arising for the next December 18 meeting.</p>
8	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>WASP Minutes Ms McDuff advised members that Mr Downey requests members to be aware of the Western Area Safeguarding Panel group. Mr Downey advised that members to attend future meetings if any issues need to be discussed.</p>
9	<p>CYPSP Think Family Sub Group/Hidden Harm Ms Casey advised members that she will follow this up. Ms McDuff informed members of the Young Carers group which involves Barnardos and Action for Children integrating young people into activities with the intention of building resilience.</p>

	Ms. McDuff requested members to make others aware of this available service.
10	Community Planning No comments.
11	Any Other Business Ms Heaney informed members that the Youth Justice Agency is advertising three jobs, two Justice Practitioners and one Justice coordinator within the Western Area. Ms Houston mentioned the “Home Messages” on bridges to members. She informed members of the negative impact this can have. She concluded that work is currently being carried out with media networks regarding this issue.
12	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting 19 December 2018 at 10am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency.