

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13 November 18 at 10am

Boardroom, Tower Hill, Armagh

Agency/Sector		Present	Apology
Statutory			
HSCT (Chair)	Paul Morgan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (Family Support; Hub Lead; Safeguarding)	Donna Murphy		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (Disability)	Lesley Waugh		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (Public Health)	Gerard Rocks (Promoting Wellbeing)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Education Authority	Kieran Shields Donna Weir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NI Housing Executive	VACANT		
Community Planning/Council	Allison Beattie (PCSP) David Patterson (NMDDC) Martina Totten (MU) (Helen Gormley covering maternity leave)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PSNI	Barbara McNally		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Health Agency	Collette Rogers – Laura Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parenting Coordinator	Martina McCooley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Youth Justice Agency	Michael Heaney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Childcare Partnership	Kevin Duggan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
LCG Link	VACANT		
Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership	VACANT		
Other Partnerships	Patricia Gibson, PCSP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Voluntary Sector			
Early Years Organisation	Peter McKinney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
MENCAP	Mikhaila Woods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Barnardo's	Monica McCann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
NIACRO	Ronan Garvey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Community Sector			
Clanrye Group	Dara O'Hagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SPACE	Jacinta Linden (Also LPG chair) Allison Slater	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BME Sector			
Craigavon Intercultural Programme	Stephen Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Locality Planning Group Chairs			
Craigavon LPG	Diane Clarke (ABC)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Armagh LPG	Teresa Miles (BCM)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
South Armagh LPG	Taucher McDonald (NMDDC)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Newry LPG	Jacinta Linden (SPACE)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Banbridge LPG	Colette Ross (EA Youth Service)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dungannon LPG	Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
In Attendance			
Locality Planning Officer	Darren Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Planning & Information Support	Valerie Maxwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
CYPSP	Maurice Leeson (Chaired Meeting)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Family Support Hub Co-ordinator	Helen Dunn		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. Introduction and Apologies

Maurice Leeson welcomed all to the meeting and explained that he was stepping in as chair for today as Paul had been called away at short notice. Apologies were noted. There was a round of introductions as a number of new members were in attendance at the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting (11.09.18)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and there were no matters arising.

2.CHIP Update to SAOG as Reference Group

Valerie Hayes updated the group on activity within the last quarter and agreed to circulate the latest Report card for information once finalised and approved for EITP Project Board. The new Department of Justice Family Strategy is about to be introduced for consultation and noted this was the first time any prison strategy was child centred. This strategy will be set within the context of the new Families Matter, family support strategy.

All 3 prison sites have softened areas for children and have extended visits and are looking at specifically rolling out introduction days for Children and Young People. Valerie circulated a new booklet which has been developed for Children who will have a parent coming into prison and the booklet was produced by Children and Young People working through the CHIP project.

The evaluation process has commenced to aid sustainability. So far targets have been exceeded with 434 Children identified for support at the end of September 2018. A number of new initiatives have been introduced to encourage engagement with children and prison officers and the team are linking with Playmatters training in December to help aid productive visits.

ACTION: Circulate the latest Report card for information once finalised and approved for Project Board and forward new booklet on to Valerie Maxwell for promotion through the CYPSP website and Social Media.

3.Task Group Updates

Best Start in Life Task and Finish Group: Kevin Duggan (Chair) reported that following the success of the first inclusion workshop 2 more workshops are planned. Darren Curtis reported a co-production event with parents and carers is under development for next March and it would be good to add value from the Task group alongside the LPG – **ACTION: it was agreed that this would be discussed in further detail at next Task Group meeting.**

A second priority for the group is for the voices of children and young people to be heard in relation to shaping services. **ACTION: it was agreed that the Task group would link with Donna Weir in relation to nominating a member from EA to look at opportunities of accessing youth forums already in place.**

ACTION: There was further discussion on linking with the ACE work and Cross Border project (MACE) in relation to the roll out of the Resilience documentary across the Southern Area and linking with the SBNI project in relation to Trauma Informed Training.

Family Support Task and Finish Group: Martina McCooey's (Chair) reported that the parenting programmes Calendar is almost complete and that she was engaging with her colleagues across the other areas to ensure up to date information is inputted to the Calendar.

It was noted that the Tender was currently out for Practical Family Support and that it would include an element of outcomes star monitoring.

Learning and Achieving Task and Finish Group: Donna Weir reported on behalf of Kieran Shields – an application has gone in to the Big Lottery for the City Armagh High School to provide support for an inclusion worker being introduced at KS3 to work on understanding cultural differences with the Roma Community and to deliver a Personal Success Course equivalent to GCSE B grade.

Links have been made with the LPG and Interagency group and has been added as an emerging need on to the Armagh LPG Plan. The interagency group are pulling together an action plan to be rolled out for the ABC Council area

specifically for the Roma community. Between Christmas and March the interagency group in South Armagh will roll out to Newry with shared actions and are also linking in with Family Support NI.

Positive Mental Health Task and Finish Group: Michael Heaney (Chair) reported that his group was looking at raising awareness of mental health and in particular the gap in services for young people coming in contact with Police and how the group hope to plug the gap. They are looking at a pilot and are currently drawing up a business case and hope to have a model that can be tested hopefully using existing youth provision that may already be in place. The group also want to follow up on CAMHS training with the Police.

Enjoying and Playing Task and Finish Group: Valerie Maxwell gave feedback from the group on behalf of Deirdre Hasson who was unable to attend. The group are making good progress with the production of a directory of venues and spaces with the Survey monkey having been circulated Trust wide and open through into mid-December. **ACTION Valerie agreed to circulate the link again via the Outcomes Group.**

A number of members of the task group have been nominated for the Playmatters training which is currently ongoing.

The first newsletter has now been produced and is available on the website. Members felt that the newsletter was an excellent idea. – **ACTION Valerie to circulate link to Outcomes Group members for circulation within their own organisations.**

4. Locality Planning Group Update

Darren Curtis spoke to his report and gave a quick update on ongoing work across Locality Planning Groups.

Portadown Gets Active has been going from strength to strength with another successful Halloween week run with a report card under development.

Darren reported they had great feedback on an Effective Conversations event which included active listening and challenging and supporting change and he will circulate the report card for the next meeting.

Action Planning is ongoing across all LPGs and is running in line with the Outcomes Group Action Plan. A number of Prescription Drugs/Over Counter Drugs Events have been arranged for early December with high numbers currently registered to attend.

Darren is linking in with the MACE project with Locality Planning Groups along the border corridor.

A huge area of concern being looked at across all the LPGs is the effect of screen time on young people and online gambling, with Ireland and Northern Ireland having the highest reported incidents in Europe. Following detailed discussion by all members about screen time and its effect on young people, Darren will meet with all LPG chairs and look at the possibility of an Outcomes Group wide event. During discussion there were recommendations made in relation to Glo Kids Book, the Alliance for Childhood website and also research currently being undertaken by Youth Service.

Action. Monica McCann agreed to circulate to the group a copy of a recent Barnardo's paper

5. Family Support Hubs

Referrals continue to increase across all family support hubs. Maurice updated that additional Transformation funding had been allocated to Trusts and therefore should be released very soon.

6. Agency Updates

Early Years – Peter McKinney reported a Regional Conference is being run by Early Years the Organisation at end of November with a key focus on enhancing outcomes.

Community Intercultural Programme – Stephen Smith reported CIP are currently running Community Navigation for engaging and signposting BME families across the area and continue to support Portadown Gets Active through Oasis Youth.

NIACRO – Ronan Garvey gave an overview of the CAPs project and reported NIACRO had been awarded another 5 years to run CAPS and were continuing with CHIP, parenting programmes and EISS.

SPACE – Allison Slater reported that the Social Enterprise has been very successful and continues to grow – also Children with a disability programme is progressing well and providing great opportunities and they have been able to facilitate more support due to their new building.

Clanrye Group – Dara O’Hagan reported that they had been involved in the development of a short video which has been uploaded to the NM&D Council website in relation to upcoming participatory budgeting event and any support, promotion for the young people would be very welcome.

Mencap – Mikhaila Woods reported that Mencap are currently running Peace IV projects with young people with learning disabilities.

Youth Service – Donna Weir reported the EA Youth Service manages and operates a range of funding programmes to support the delivery of Youth Work Practice, the Youth Work Curriculum and to improve outcomes for children and young people. Donna reported that Clann Eirann Youth Club had recently been successful along with others through the Fresh Start Intervention Scheme 2018/19.

It was noted at this point that the Executive office were running a number of Fresh Start events across NI and it would be good to nominate someone from the Southern Outcomes Group to attend the event on 29th November in Lurgan. A number of members expressed an Interest **ACTION: Margaret to circulate details to all members.**

PCSP – Patricia Gibson reported that the PCSP has now made links in to all the Locality Planning Groups.

PHA – Laura Taylor reported that PHA had recently commissioned AMH to deliver a number of programmes – also they were linking directly into the Locality Planning Groups and also to the positive mental health task group. They have also commissioned Start 360 young people in crisis – Flare project through EA. Work is ongoing with Deirdre McParland and Liz McGrath on Take 5 training with young people. Obesity childhood prevention programmes are ongoing with a family based approach and safefood linking obesity to screen time.

CCP – Kevin Duggan reported that the Southern area were running an event at the end of January on Men and Childcare to take forward and promote male role models for early years and have made links with SRC in respect of career options for men in the early years sector. Sure Starts are currently business planning for the next 3 years based on the agreed outcomes framework introduced through the last planning cycle with great progress on new interface with NIMATS and improving outcomes.

Barnardo's – Monica McCann reported work was ongoing through Willowgrove short breaks and the NOVA project trauma support service and the Disabled Children and Young People's Participation Project (DCYPPP) who recently travelled to Croatia to present at the Euro Child Conference.

Martina McCooley reported on the delivery to 2 programmes within the SHSCT – Autism speech and language and for families of Children with disabilities – and implementation of the Trust Infant Mental Health Strategy.

Michael Heaney noted that it had been very helpful to get feedback from all the other agencies on what they were currently involved in and to be able to make the connections through the outcomes group.

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Maurice updated that a number of positions have now been filled through the EITP ACEs and Trauma Informed Project which would link into the work of Outcomes groups and it would be worth inviting SBNI to come along to provide a presentation on the trauma informed work and training.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 6 February 2019, 10.00 am, Board Room, Tower Hill, Armagh