



Western Area Outcomes Group

Children and Young People's Plan 2017 - 2021

What We Will Do?

Our Vision

The Western Area Outcomes Group will promote better outcomes for children by supporting parents and carers in their role as they nurture their children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development.

Three Obsessions

1. Every Child has the best start in life
2. Promote the safety of Our Children and Young People
3. Work together to include the voice of Children and Young People

Eight Outcomes

What we want for all our Children and Young People:

- Physical and Mental Health
- Enjoyment of Play and Leisure
- Learning and Achievement
- Living in Safety and with Stability
- Economic and
- Environmental Wellbeing
- Making a Positive Contribution to Society
- Living in a Society which Respects their Rights
- Equality and Good Relations

Priorities

1. Ensure all our children and young people are safe and thriving
2. Support families to aspire, achieve and fulfil their potential
3. Emphasis and resources are rebalanced towards prevention and earlier intervention whilst still ensuring crisis responses are appropriate
4. All children and young people's rights are promoted, respected and protected within the diversity of their experience, abilities, identities and cultures
5. Support parents and carers to feel more supported, confident, informed and able
6. Quality services are outcomes driven, resourced, sustained and trusted

How Will We Underpin Everything?

Listen & influence

Early Intervention




Outcome Based Accountability - Is Anyone Better Off?





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Action Plan 2017 – 2021



Note: Status **Green** have been achieved **Amber** in progress **Red** not achieved or commenced

Group/Priority	How will we do it?	Action Plan agreed to date	Outcomes	Status	Progress to date	Monitoring	Links
Parenting	Together we will provide all parents with the essential skills to ensure that every child has the best start in life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All parents receive IMH 5 key messages booklet at appropriate time. Parent craft classes will focus on 5 key messages HV/FSW reinforce 5 key messages at home visits Early years sector will reinforce 5 key messages 	<p>Short Term: Revisit current IMG 5 key messages booklet, look at graphics and content. Using co-design with parents</p> <p>Medium: All expectant parents receive revised booklet. Parent craft classes are focused on 5 key messages Staff are trained on 5 key messages Staff trained in Solihull Specific targeted male approach for expectant, new, generational males.</p> <p>Long Term: All family support workers, midwives and health visitors are trained in 5 key messages to use in</p>	  		Report Cards	<p>NI Children's Strategy– Physical & Mental Health; Living in Safety & Stability; Positive Contribution to Society; Promotion of equality and of good relations; Respect for Rights. PFG – Outcome 14; 9; 3. Making Life Better – Theme 1 Community Planning Regional Infant Mental Health Strategy Delivering Together</p>

			the home. Health professionals and FSW Include demonstrations and practical advice.				
Domestic and Sexual Violence	Together we will assist children and young people to live in safe and supportive families and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine what is the current provision of safety plans within the trust • Disseminate guidelines to all SW teams on expectations and guidelines on writing SP. 	<p>Senior Social work head of service will disseminate guidelines on what is expected from staff when completing a safety plan. This will include explicit guidelines and explanations as to what is expected from them and why. Training will be offered to all staff on completing SP when D&S violence is a factor. Training will detail what a plan is and how it should be implemented. Staff will be offered support and training on building confidence when approaching an issue such as Domestic or Sexual violence.</p>				<p>NI Children's Strategy– Physical & Mental Health; Living in Safety & Stability; Promotion of equality and of good relations; Respect for Rights. PFG – Outcome 14; 8; 9; 3.</p> <p>Making Life Better – Theme 1</p> <p>Community Planning:</p>

			A standardised recording tool is will be implemented to all SW staff.				
Positive Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing	Together we will promote and improve the social, emotional, physical and mental health and wellbeing of children, young people, families and the people that support them.	<p>This has mainly been taking forward through the lens of ACEs and Trauma</p> <p>Raise awareness of ACEs and Trauma</p> <p>Deliver training</p> <p>Roll out of Resilience documentary with expert discussion panel</p>					<p>NI Children's Strategy– Physical & Mental Health; Living in Safety & Stability; Promotion of equality and of good relations; Respect for Rights.</p> <p>PFG – Outcome 14;11;9;8;7;3.</p> <p>Making Life Better – Theme 1;3</p> <p>Community Planning:</p>

Voice of Children and Young People	<p>Together we will engage with children, young people for effective co-production</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out audit of WAOG members and their organisations to determine current involvement of young people in service delivery and coproduction • Support and embed Unicef work and recommendations 	<p>Short term: Establish a unicef working group with representatives from WAOG, DCSDC and other interested parties. Make linkages with established youth networks including those within the WHSCT and other agencies.</p> <p>Medium: Implement the priorities identified within the unicef pilot project. Establish a youth council/Forum</p> <p>Long term: C& YP will be actively engaged and participate in co-production and the identification of the needs of children and young people within all WAOG partner organisations.</p>				<p>NI Children's Strategy– Physical & Mental Health; Living in Safety & Stability; Positive Contribution to Society; Promotion of equality and of good relations; Respect for Rights. PFG – Outcome 14; 9; 3. Making Life Better – Theme 1 Community Planning:-</p>
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Addiction	Together we will promote resilience and prevention through early intervention.	<p><i>These are the actions that the LPG will work on together to achieve the outcome</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify drug and alcohol services. • Identify funding streams. • Are any of the current services focusing on mental health? • Link up current MH & addiction services. • Commission pilot services for D&A focused on improving MH. 	<p>Short term: Cohesive educative message. Link intensive support to family support services to ensure parents receiving D&A treatments that children are being supported.</p> <p>Medium: Commissioned pilot. Change in practise. More holistic approach both from families and service providers.</p> <p>Long Term: All drug and alcohol services have a focus on mental health of its service users.</p>				<p>NI Children's Strategy– Physical & Mental Health; Living in Safety & Stability; Positive Contribution to Society; Promotion of equality and of good relations; Respect for Rights. PFG – Outcome 14; 9; 3. Making Life Better – Theme 1 Community Planning:-</p>
Transitions	Together we will provide early and effective support at the critical transition periods of a child's life						<p>NI Children's Strategy– Physical & Mental Health; Learning & Achievement;</p>

							Living in Safety & Stability; Positive Contribution to Society; Promotion of equality and of good relations; Respect for Rights. PFG – Outcome 14; 9; 3. Making Life Better – Theme 1 Community Planning:-
Behaviours	Together we will provide access to a timely, appropriate and integrated range of supports for children, young people or families demonstrating challenging or high risk behaviour	One strand of working towards achieving this outcome the WAOG will work on reducing the number of children and young people who are Suspended/expelled or on reduced time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-1 family support work • Raise awareness of alternatives to S/E/RT to schools. • Teacher training re: child-centred life experiences • Community based 	Short-term Increased knowledge of parents re: importance of school Increased knowledge of boundaries and routines Schools and com. working better together School and other agencies working closer together. E.g.				NI Children's Strategy – Physical & Mental Health; Learning & Achievement; Living in Safety & Stability; Positive Contribution to Society; Promotion of equality and of good relations; Respect for Rights. PFG – Outcome 14; 9; 3. Making Life Better – Theme 1

		<p>engagement re: aspiration – fulfilling potential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endorsing alternative to formal education e.g Vocational and apprenticeships etc. 	<p>Encompass Re-engagement of Education in wider C&YP strategic process</p> <p>Medium Parental, com C&YP increased aspirations Schools recognise non-curriculum importance Increased resilience Reduced ASB Work place ready</p> <p>Long Term: Reduction of C&YP on reduced timetables Reduction of C&YP suspended Reduction of C&YP expelled</p>				<p>Community Planning:-</p>
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Membership

Statutory Sector	
HSCT (Chair)	Deirdre Mahon
HSCT (Family Support)	Kevin Duffy
HSCT (Hub Lead)	Kevin Duffy
HSCT (Public Health)	
Education Authority	Patricia Devine
NI Housing Executive	Eddie Doherty
Community Planning/Council	Barry O'Hagan (DCSDC) Robert Gibson (FODC) Claire Lynch (DCSDC)
PSNI	Rosemary Thompson
Public Health Agency	Shauna Houston
Parenting Co-ordinator	Sheena Funston
Youth Justice Agency	Colleen Heaney
Childcare Partnership	Maura Mason
LCG Link	Josephine Deehan
Other Partnerships	Monica McIntyre (Dept for Communities, NHR)
Voluntary Sector	Paul Kellagher (Action for Children)

	Joanne Sweeney (MENCAP)
	Muriel Bailey (Parenting NI)
	Paul Sweeney (Extern)
Community Sector	Brenda MacQueen (Dry Arch)
	Linda Watson (Caw/Nelson Drive Community Association)
	Carrie Tracey (Rainbow child and family centre)
	Alison Wallace (Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership)
BME	Lilian Seenoi-Barr North West Migrant Forum
	Louise McLaughlin-Borlace Early Years Organisation Toy Box
Locality Planning Group Chairs	Aileen McGuinness (BB Health Forum) Derry LPG Liz Kavanagh (Barnardo's) Strabane LPG Erin Richardson (Derry Health City) Waterside LPG Leo McCloskey Limavady LPG Edel Fox, (Omagh Women's Aid) Omagh LPG Mark Rogers, (EXTERN) Fermanagh LPG
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