

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (CYPSP)
MINUTES OF EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIOURAL DIFFICULTIES SUB-GROUP
WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2020
VIA ZOOM**

Present:

Peadar White, CAMHS Head of Service, SHSCT (Chair)
Monica McCann, Barnardos
Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Services
Valerie Maxwell, Children's Services Planning Information Manager
Denise Carroll, Southern Trust ASD Co-ordinator
Philip Anderson, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, SEHSCT
Mark Rogers, Extern
Shirley Dennison, CAMHS Clinic Manager

Apologies:

Eugene Mone, Barnardos Sixth Sense
Stephen Rogers, CAMHS Lead Nurse
Siobhan Rogan, ID CAMHS
Colm Walsh, QUB
Maurice Leeson, Children's Services Planning, HSCB
Maxine Gibson, Children's Services Planning Professional Advisor

Minute Taker:

Leanne Barry

Future Meetings

Peadar announced that he was retiring in December, however, would continue to work part-time until year end and will discuss with Maurice to agree either an interim Chair or to continue until his replacement is appointed.

Valerie noted that Maxine and Maurice are to discuss the regional sub-groups and continuing progress to date. Future dates will be arranged bi-monthly

Priorities for Action

- CAMHS/Youth Justice – Progress meetings are ongoing and a presentation was made to the main CYPSP to raise awareness in other Trust areas of potential roll out of same, which was very well received and welcomed and a further meeting is to be scheduled. Peadar asked that CAMHS be fully involved in all discussions re same.

A funding bid was submitted for 5 x Band 7 and 1 x Band 8A posts to support service development and roll out regionally, which has been favourably received and an initial meeting has been convened to look at the current model and how this

can be operationalised regionally. Following this a wider committee will be established. It was noted that a working group has been convened within the Regional Review of Secure and connectivity between both groups was acknowledged and Peadar will identify someone from the group to liaise with. YJA currently part funds the Southern Trust's Band 7 post and Michael added that they remain committed to match fund on a regional basis.

Phil noted that he is drafting a proposal for Secure CAMHS, which will include the need for extensive community support.

- Children's Intellectual Disability Services – Deferred.

Emotional Wellbeing Framework

Whilst the focus was originally re Autism, a range of developmental issues, particularly ADHD, was recognised and the focus is now on all children and young people.

Running parallel the EA are also developing a framework. The final draft has been released and is at consultation stage. An Implementation Lead is to be recruited and the Regional Implementation Group will take responsibility for roll out of same.

Peadar noted that this group had no role, given the regional work completed to date.

Managed Care Network

Funding for a Clinical and Operational Lead has been approved and Belfast Trust will manage the service regionally.

Impact of Covid 19

The impact of Covid 19 on the emotional wellbeing and mental health needs of the population was acknowledged and the societal impact will be felt in the months/years to come and it is hoped that additional funding to support the increase in demand will be made available. The forum gave an overview of how their services reconfigured in order to continue service delivery, with the introduction of virtual platforms, use of PPE and new ways of working. All noted that school closures had a huge impact, followed by increased anxiety around returning to school.

Membership

A representative from EA is to be identified for the forum and additional members to be nominated via Leanne.

AOB

None noted.

Dates of Next Meeting – Via Zoom

Wednesday 31 March 2021 @ 10.00 am

Wednesday 2 June 2021 @ 10.00 am

Wednesday 4 August 2021 @ 10.00 am

Wednesday 6 October 2021 @ 10.00 am

Wednesday 8 December 2021 @ 10.00 am