

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (CYPSP)  
MINUTES OF EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIOURAL DIFFICULTIES SUB-GROUP  
WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2021  
VIA ZOOM**

**Present:**

Peadar White, CAMHS Head of Service, SHSCT (Chair)  
Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Services  
Valerie Maxwell, Children's Services Planning Information Manager  
Denise Carroll, Southern Trust ASD Co-ordinator  
Mark Rogers, Extern  
Maxine Gibson, Children's Services Planning Professional Advisor  
Paul Millar, Commissioning Lead - Emotional Health & CAMHS

**Apologies:**

Monica McCann, Barnardos  
Philip Anderson, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, SEHSCT  
Shirley Dennison, CAMHS Clinic Manager

**Minute Taker:**

Leanne Barry

**Future Meetings/TOR/Membership**

Peadar noted that he will now be working until September 2021 and has not had opportunity to discuss the group's future Chair. Maxine agreed to take this forward.

Discussion ensued around the terms of reference, purpose and how this group would link in with the CYPSP regional priorities to inform Children's Services Planning, which includes mental health and emotional wellbeing. Membership also needs considered to include further multi/inter agency partners, etc. Maxine agreed to have further discussions around the purpose of the group and feedback to Peadar. She will also draft terms of reference for tabling at the next meeting, which will inform the group as to future membership.

**Update**

- CAMHS/Youth Justice – Pilot noted to be hugely successful and regional roll out had been hoped for this year, however, funding commitments have paused same. Nevertheless, potential roll out in the Western Trust is being explored, with funding for one year being identified for a Manager and another Practitioner. Peadar added that this will further evidence the success of the model and cross service/agency working for Commissioners to consider.
- Children's Intellectual Disability Services – Peadar noted that funding to develop dedicated Intellectual Disability services was allocated to each Trust, however,

used in very different ways. The Southern Trust developed ID CAMHS and Heather Hanna will be invited to the next meeting to give an update of where services are regionally, which can be feedback to the CAMHS Managers to ascertain parity.

### **Emotional Wellbeing Framework**

Denise advised there has been no regional meeting since before Covid. An Implementation Lead is to be recruited to drive the framework forward regionally. Southern Trust have held meetings, chaired by Julie McConville, AD SCHD and Autism Services have already implemented actions providing intervention based on need not diagnosis at point of entry, with excellent outcomes. A complex clinic is being piloted, so that young people are on only one waiting list and work is ongoing to establish a SPE.

Paul noted he will follow up on the Implementation Lead post and noted that the Health and Education Frameworks sit alongside each other and there needs to be a connection, therefore an Education representative would be beneficial for this group.

### **Managed Care Network**

A temporary Regional Co-ordinator has been appointed and will meet with each HOS to begin to map service provision regionally. In addition Beechcroft are at capacity, which is significantly impacting on community services and requiring young people to be placed on Adult/Paediatric wards.

Paul noted that Catrina Rooney is reviewing Transitions of CAMHS to AMHS to co-ordinate a regional approach. In addition establishing a Regional Mental Health Service is being considered, which will look at working more collaboratively and sharing services.

### **NICCY**

Paul advised that an Inter-Departmental Action Plan has been developed, which included the review of the protocol of young people on adult wards to ensure a consistent regional approach. Paul agreed to share the link to the Action Plan with the group. [Click Here](#)

### **AOB**

Valerie shared information from focus groups as to what issues young people have identified. Emotional Health and Wellbeing Network are looking at collating accessible information and young people will co-design a CYPSP webpage containing same and a resource for dissemination within schools is also being developed. In addition a group of ED Consultants have self-funded a website to share with young people in crisis, which will be linked to a new tool kit to be piloted in Belfast and Southern Trust EDs, however, this has not been quality assured.

### **Dates of Next Meeting – Via Zoom**

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