

**Northern Outcome Group**

Minutes of meeting held on 21 June 2012, 2 pm, County Hall

**Present:** Mr C Worthington (Chair), NHSC  
Mrs A Hardy, HSCB  
Mrs C Porter, DSD  
Mrs C Slevin, Mencap  
Mr J Fenton, NHSC  
Mrs H Dunn, Action for Children  
Mrs U Geelan, HSCB  
Mr B McMillan, Barnardos  
Ms G Keane, Youth Justice Agency  
Ms B McConville, NHSC  
Mrs A Devlin, Extern  
Ms T Stephens, Action for Children  
Mrs M O'Neill, NHSC

**In attendance:** Brian Hume, PSNI, (on behalf of John Magill)

**1) Apologies**

**Action**

Apologies were noted from:

Ms H Johnston, PHA  
Mr D Gilliland, YMCA  
Mr P Michael, Ballymoney Borough Council  
Ms N McCall, Ballymena Borough Council  
Ms S Anderson, NHSC  
Ms S Ramsey, NHSC

**2) Minutes of previous meeting – 19 April 2012 & Extraordinary meeting held 25 May 2012**

The minutes of the meetings held on 19 April and 25 May were agreed.

**3) Matters arising**

*19 April*

i) Deputy Chair

Mr Worthington reminded members of the need to agree a deputy Chair for the meeting on 16 August. A new Chair would be required for meetings post August as Mr Worthington would be leaving the Northern Trust in August.

*25 May*

i) Parenting Forum

**Action**

Members noted that the Forum had been renamed Parenting Reference Group, and would be taking forward one of the actions regarding disability included in the Action Plan.

ii) Ballymoney Locality Group

Information providing an update on the work of all the Locality Groups, prepared by Ms Ramsey and Ms Anderson, was distributed. Mrs Hardy advised that the launch of the Ballymoney Locality Group, on 28 June, had garnered a lot of political interest. Councillor Mervyn Storey would be speaking at the event and Mr Gilbert would represent the Northern Outcomes Group. Ms McAteer would be giving a presentation on how other locality groups operate. Members were encouraged to attend.

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Ms Ramsey and Ms Anderson facilitated open events in Bushmills on 21 June.

Since their launch the Magherafelt Locality Group has established two sub groups linked to the community planning process in the Council.

There are now 20 locality sub groups across the region, the Chairs of which meet on a quarterly basis.

4) **Commissioning process 2012/13**

Mrs Hardy shared a discussion paper on commissioning of early intervention services 2012 and beyond. Members of the Partnership had been asked to nominate representatives to the integrated commissioning sub group. It was anticipated that guidance on long term commissioning would be provided. Following discussion it was agreed that applications for funding would be for service provision during 2012/13 and 2013/14. Mrs Hardy identified the five key areas for which services should be commissioned as follows

- mental health
- parental mental health and addiction
- ADHD
- community based services for young people at risk of offending
- disability and access to services

It was agreed Mrs Hardy, Mrs Geelan, Mr Fenton, Mrs Devlin, Ms Stephen, Mr McMillan and Mrs Dunn would meet to develop a suitable specification for consideration at the next Outcome Group meeting.

Specification  
Sub Group

5) **Action plan**

Mr Sutherland, Chair of the South Eastern Outcome Group, attended the Strategic Partnership meeting to present all five Outcome Groups

action plans. The plans were agreed and approved to be progressed. It was highlighted that there were a few gaps in the action plan. The issue of membership was raised and the need for involvement with the regional group. Sub groups would be established to ensure appropriate communication and links are made between the five Outcome Groups and locality sub groups. There would be a meeting of the five Outcome Group Chairs to consider the items in the action plan common to all the groups.

**Action**

6) **Any Other Business**

- i) Cover arrangement for absence of the Chair on 16 August 2012

Mr Fenton agreed to Chair the meeting on 16 August.

7) **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for 16 August, 2 pm, **Boardroom, Northern Trust HQ, The Cottage, Ballymena.**