

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minutes of meeting which was held on Friday, 12 August 2011 at 9.30 am in the Conference Room, Portadown Health Centre.

PRESENT

Paul Morgan, Director of Children & Young people Services, SHSCT

Anne Hardy, Health and Social Care Board

Jackie Valentine, Parents Advice Centre

Eddie Wallace, VOYPIC

Geraldine Maguire, Assistant Director Specialist Child Health, SHSCT

Cathy Wallace, DSD Neighbourhood Renewal

Lorraine Campbell, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Stephen Smith, CIP

Angela McComb, PHA (representing Gerry Bleakney)

David Douglas, Assistant Director Family Support & Safeguarding, SHSCT

William McCallum, PSNI Public Protection Unit (representing Sam Cordner)

APOLOGIES

Marie Cavanagh, Gingerbread Northern Ireland

Sam Cordner, PSNI

Maurice Leeson, Barnardos

Julie Patton, CINI

Ann Godfrey, Health & Social Care Board

Ruth Bell, SELB

Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Agency

Gerry Bleakney, PHA

## 1.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 1 July 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed subject to the following amendment:

Under apologies, Gerry Bleakney, HSCB should read Gerry Bleakney, PHA.

## 2.0 Matters arising from previous minutes

### 2.1 Family Support database

Paul referred to the above database and reminded members of the need to quality assure the information to ensure that it reflects accurately the services provided by their area and Agency. Lorraine reported that it seems that this is still work in progress and she advised that some information in relation to the Housing Executive is not included on the database. It was noted that a similar position exists in relation to VOYPIC. Anne Hardy explained that each Statutory and Voluntary Organisation was asked to identify a key person who would ensure that all necessary information is included on the database. Discussion followed and Anne Hardy agreed to circulate a list of these link people so that members can liaise and follow up as necessary in relation to their Organisation. Anne also agreed to download and circulate to members a copy of the information which is available. She explained that this covers different categories and is in excel chart format.

**ACTION: Anne Hardy to circulate list of link people and copy of information which is available on the database.**

### 2.2 One Page Information Sheets

Paul reported that he has received information sheets from Lorraine Campbell and Maurice Leeson and he agreed to circulate these information sheets to members. Paul asked that outstanding information sheets are forwarded via e-mail to [Ann.Irwin@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:Ann.Irwin@southerntrust.hscni.net) by 1 September 2011.

**ACTION: Outstanding one page information sheets to be forwarded to Ann Irwin by 1 September 2011.**

### 2.3 Terms of Reference

Paul referred to the draft terms of reference for the group which has been previously circulated to members. The following feedback was provided by members:

- Needs to be a link to the Strategic Partnership Group. It was agreed that this should be included in bullet point number two.
- Reference should be made to the financial process and mobilising of local resources. It was agreed that this should be captured in bullet point one.

**ACTION: Terms of Reference to be amended to include the above comments.**

## 3.0 Membership

Paul informed the meeting that community representation on the Outcomes Groups is being led by Pauline Leeson, CINI. Following discussion it was agreed that members should advise Pauline Leeson of any perceived gaps in membership. Anne Hardy agreed to circulate Pauline's contact details to members.

**ACTION: Anne to circulate Pauline Leeson's contact details to members.**

#### 4.0 Feedback from Strategic Partnership Group

Paul commenced by advising that the Strategic Partnership Group has met on two occasions ie., January and June 2011. Paul highlighted the main discussion points of the June meeting as follows:

- **Draft Participation Strategy for children and young people** – the Strategic Partnership Group may wish to support a children and young people's forum in relation to planning.
- **Family Support Hubs** – work should commence on exploring the potential of Family Support Hubs ensuring the early diversion of young people from the justice system.
- **Key Strategic Themes** – A paper to be worked up and agreed through the Partnership in relation to early intervention. The Partnership to seek from the NI Executive status for Northern Ireland as an early intervention region. Partnership to set up a sub-group to take forward the actions on early intervention.
- **Integration of Planning and resource optimisation** – the Partnership expects the Outcomes Group to work towards joint commissioning, through joint use of existing resources and making better use of resources to improve the outcomes for children and young people. It was agreed that similar wording should be included in the Terms of Reference of the Southern Outcomes Group.
- **Partnership has communicated to the Government four clear messages** ie., Children's rights, the benefits of early intervention, benefits and cost effectiveness of integration and the CYPSP as the key integrated planning and commissioning process in relation to children and young people. Following discussion it was agreed that these four clear messages should be included in the terms of reference of the Southern Area Outcomes Group.

Eddie enquired if it would be appropriate for these minutes to be circulated to members of the Southern Area Outcomes Group. Anne Hardy agreed to check with Ann Godfrey and she explained that it is proposed to develop a web-page where documents and other key information can be downloaded.

**ACTION: Terms of Reference for the Southern Area Outcomes Group to be amended as above.**

#### 5.0 Indicators contained in the CSP NI Outcomes Monitoring Report 2010

Paul referred to the above report which had been previously circulated to members. Paul highlighted the following which he stated may assist in informing the group's decision making and considering its potential outcomes:

- Southern area had highest percentage of under 18's.
- In terms of projected population for the 0-17 year olds the Southern Trust area has the highest percentage ie., 17.9%.
- In terms of the estimated size of the A8 migrant population in 2007 there has been an increase in the numbers in areas such as Newry & Mourne was noted.

- Southern area has the highest percentage increase in the number of births between 2001 and 2009 – 21.4%
- Percentage of primary one pupils in the Southern area who were obese in 2007/08 was 4.9.
- Percentage of primary one pupils in the Southern area who were overweight in 2007/08 was 16.5%.
- Southern area has the highest number of deaths by suicide in the 0-17 year olds in 2009
- Statistics in relation to alcohol usage amongst young people were noted by the group.
- Statistics in relation to the percentage of 4-16 year olds suspended from School and children aged 4-16 years who were expelled from school in the Southern area were noted by the group.
- The number of children in the Southern area who were victims of Domestic Violence has risen during the last three years.
- The total number of domestic abuse offences has increased in the Southern area. William stated that these statistics would appear to be slightly different than the statistics compiled by the PSNI. William continued to explain that the main reason for this is the recording system which is used by the PSNI, however, it is hoped that there will be some resolution to this in the near future.
- The number of children who are on the child protection register is increasing in the Southern area.
- Information regarding anti-social behaviour, personal safety and knife crime were noted by the group.
- The number of families with children presenting to the NIHE as homeless has reduced by almost half from 2008/09 to 2009/10 in the Southern area.
- In 2008/09 29% of children were living in relatively low income poverty in the Southern area.

Geraldine stated that it is quite disappointing to note that the report contains very little information on children with disabilities and children with complex health needs. Geraldine continued to advise that the Trust's neonatal unit is operating under considerable pressure and it has been necessary to increase cots at all levels of care. Anne Hardy explained that a number of more specific indicators are being developed for children with disabilities; however, as yet these are not available. Anne continued to advise that with regards to children with complex needs, Martin Bradley and Brendan McCormack have been heading up a piece of work over the last 5 years and there should already be significant information available regarding these children.

Paul made reference to the report entitled "SH&SCT Area Local Government District Outcome Monitoring Report 2010 with trends 2004-2010. Paul advised that this report uses the same headings as the Regional document, however the information is broken down further into Wards. Following discussion, Paul agreed to circulate this report to members which should assist in identifying and agreeing outcomes for the Southern Area Group. It was also agreed that the Locality Groups will need to consider and review these reports and feedback to the Outcomes Group.

## 6.0 Feedback from Locality Groups

Anne Hardy provided an update as follows:-

### Armagh Group

- Anne agreed to circulate to members a summary of the work of this group.
- Julie Patton has established a number of networking groups.

- Main issues for this group include - underage drinking, lack of places for young people to “hang out”, places where young people from both communities can come together, use of Trust transport and accessing family support services.
- Julie Patton has recently held a very successful family support information day. All of the organisations involved in the provision of family support were invited to attend the event. Some of the issues which Julie wishes to feed back to the Outcomes Group include NEET, alcohol problems in young people, summer scheme which is being held in August 2011, helping young people getting back to work and recognition of young people’s achievements.

### Dungannon Group

Main issues for this group include:

- Obesity
- Teenage mothers
- Drug and alcohol problems – under age drinking
- Poverty
- Increase in numbers of children on the child protection register
- Domestic Violence
- NEET

Anne explained that similar issues exist in the Banbridge Group and the South Armagh Group which is linked to CAWT.

Paul thanked Anne for the feedback and he stated that it would be useful if a reporting system could be established whereby each Locality Group provides feedback on key priority areas to the Outcomes Group. Anne Hardy agreed to progress this issue and ensure that information from Locality Groups is provided in advance of meetings of the Outcomes Group.

**ACTION: Anne Hardy to ensure that a reporting system for feedback from the Locality Groups to the Outcomes Group is established**

### 7.0 Potential Outcomes

Paul stated that the group needs to agree potential outcomes which will be included in the overall plan for the Southern area. A brainstorming exercise followed and the following was put forward as potential outcomes for the group:

- Target 11-12 year olds around risks of alcohol consumption.
- Issues around alcohol and the impact this may have on young people’s mental health including self harm.
- A more holistic approach in relation to young people attempting suicide.
- Primary, Secondary and Tertiary intervention.
- Antisocial behaviour and the effects on children – lack of parental control.
- From a housing perspective – family disputes and neighbourhood disputes.
- Identifying behaviour problems at an early age, even pre-school age. Involvement of parents and nurturing to be considered. This is already ongoing in the Education sector for 0-4 year olds.
- Target primary school age children. Problems often arise in this age group and then worsen in their early teens.

- Consider an outcome in relation to N.E.E.T maybe in relation to the older age group and in particular preparing young people for adulthood.
- Providing support to parents. Services available to parents is already available via the family support database.
- Threshold support mechanisms.
- Stigma regarding statutory services. Currently significant negativity around this.

## **ACTION AGREED**

It was agreed that each member should consider two priority potential outcomes from their area and forward to Paul Morgan by 1 September 2011. These should be emailed to Ann Irwin at [Ann.Irwin@southerntrust.hsnci.net](mailto:Ann.Irwin@southerntrust.hsnci.net) An overall list of outcomes will then be compiled and will be prioritised at the next meeting on 23 September 2011. It was also agreed that these outcomes should be around integrated planning and should be for all children, focusing on early intervention and prevention.

### **8.0 Update on current Hubs within the Southern Area**

Paul referred to update paper which has been provided and the meeting noted that there will be 3 hubs in the Southern Area and work has been ongoing regarding approaching voluntary agencies. It was also noted that the hubs are looking to the Outcomes Group to influence their outcome. Paul advised that more information will be available at the end of September 2011.

### **9.0 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Outcomes Group will take place on Friday, 23 September 2011 at 9.30 am in the Meeting Room, Edenderry House, Portadown. Future meetings will also take place as follows:

- 4th November 2011 at 9.30 am in the Board Room, Trust Headquarters.
- and
- 13th December 2011 at 2.30 pm in the Board Room, Main CAH Hospital.

