



## **Minute of Western Outcomes Group held on 11 October 2011 in the Dry Arch Centre, Dungiven**

**Present:** Mr John Doherty, Director of Women & Children's Service [Chair]  
Ms Anne Hardy, Children' Services Planning Officer, HSCB  
Mr Gerry Conway, Commissioning Lead, HSCB  
Ms Brenda MacQueen, Dry Arch Centre  
Ms Carina Boyle, Action for Children  
Ms Clionagh Boyle, Early Years  
Mr Donnie Sweeney, NIACRO  
Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid  
Mr Sean Mackie, Northern Ireland Housing Executive  
Mr Paul Laughlin, Department of Social Development  
Ms Valerie Maxwell, Children's Services Planning Information Manager  
Ms Cathy Mullan, Public Health Agency  
Ms Deirdre Mahon, Assistant Director [Family & Child Care]  
Mrs Kate McDaid, Assistant Director [Health Care]

**Apology:** Ms Marie McGale, MENCAP

**In attendance:** Ms Priscilla Magee, Action for Children  
Ms Bronagh Donnelly, Action for Children  
Mrs Anne Donaghey, Business Manager, Western Trust  
Ms Elaine Forrest, Personal Assistant, Western Trust

Mr Doherty welcomed everyone to the meeting and following introductions said that he hoped that today's meeting of the Western Outcomes Group would progress on the work initiated at the workshop held on 15 September 2011. He said he hoped to agree a plan for the next six months to develop a three year working action plan for intervention that would make a difference to children's lives in the Western Trust area.

### **Presentation by Ms Deirdre Mahon, Assistant Director**

Mr Doherty then invited Ms Mahon to make a presentation which considered the following areas:-

- Purpose of today.
- Living in Safety and Stability.
- Healthy.

- Enjoying, Learning and Achieving.
- Economic and Environmental Wellbeing.
- Process.
- Ready for School.

Mr Doherty noted that it was important to have one coherent structure to merge different initiatives. Mr Conway agreed and said it matter of bringing the right peole together, with the right resources to ensure better outcomes for children. Mr Conway confirmed that all Outcomes Groups had received £100,000 in-year.

Mr Laughlin outlined the background to CWDA, its importance, and the need to make it part of the Western Outcomes Group and to reflect it in the action plan.

Members then broke up into small groups to discuss work already being undertaken in respect of early intervention within their own organisations and communities.

### **Actions and Next Steps:-**

#### **Membership**

- Ms Hardy to follow up on representation from PSNI and Local Councils.
- Mr Doherty to follow up on the availability of Education Board representative.
- Nominations from voluntary and community representatives are to filled using a co-option process, managed through Children in Northern Ireland and NICVA. The closing date for nominations has been extended to 28 October 2011.

#### **Locality Planning Groups**

- Ms Magee/Ms Donnelly to circulate details of members of Locality Planning Group.
- It was suggested that a presentation on the work of the Locality Planning Group be made to the Western Outcomes Group.
- Locality Planning Group to bring back local priorities to the next meeting of the Western Outcomes Group on 17 November 2011.

#### **Finance and Commissioning Process**

- It was agreed that a small sub group, co-ordinated by Ms Magee & Ms Donnelly, would review funding applications. The following members agreed to join the sub group – Ms Mahon, Mrs Hardy, Ms Mullan, Mr Mackie, Ms Boyle, Mr Conway.
- Members agreed to communicate service pressures to locality representatives.
- Mr Conway agreed to send Mr Andrew Hawthorne a copy of the previous commissioning process used by the Western Area Children and Young People's Committee. Mrs Hardy advised that a standardised commissioning framework was being devised regionally to ensure transparency.
- Establishment of a long term commissioning sub group.

**Next Steps**

- Develop terms of reference. Mrs Hardy agreed to circulate a draft terms of reference devised by Mr Paul Morgan, Chair of Southern Outcomes Group.
- Develop a three year action plan.
- Mr Doherty to circulate a schedule of dates for future meetings of the Western Outcomes Group.
- Mrs Hardy to circulate the new logo for the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership and planning groups.
- Discussion to take place on the content of the new website.
- Develop a Communications Strategy.
- Mr Eamon McTernan to be invited to give presentation on his work to a future meeting of the group – Mrs Hardy to organise.

**Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 17 November 2011 at 2.00 pm in Strabane Enterprise Agency.