



**Minute of Western Outcomes Group**  
**held on 11 December 2012**  
**Strabane Enterprise Agency**

**Present:** Mr Kieran Downey, Director of Women and Children's Services [Chair]  
 Mrs Kate McDaid, Assistant Director [Health Care]  
 Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid  
 Ms Maura Mason, Western Area Child Care Partnership  
 Ms Maeve Linton, SureStart Manager  
 Ms Marie McGale, MENCAP  
 Ms Cathy Mullan, Public Health Agency  
 Ms Nicola Topping, Education Officer, WELB  
 Mrs Una Geelan, Business Support Manager, HSCB  
 Mr Gerry Conway, Commissioning Lead, HSCB

**In attendance:** Ms Priscilla Magee, Action for Children  
 Mrs Angela Wade, Acting Business Manager  
 Ms E Forrest, Personal Assistant, Western Trust

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b>          Ms Avril McAllister, NIHE          Mr Donnie Sweeney, NIACRO          Ms Carina Boyle, Action for Children          Ms Bronagh Donnelly, Action for Children          Ms Colleen Heaney, Assistant Director, Youth Justice Agency          Mr Paul Laughlin, Department of Social Development          Mr Eamon O'Kane, Local Commissioning Group          Ms Deirdre Mahon, Assistant Director [Family and Child Care]          Mrs Anne Hardy, Children's Services Planning Officer, HSCB          Ms Helen Harley, Children &amp; Young People's Officer, Derry City Council</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Chairman's Remarks</b>          Mr Downey thanked everyone for attending and said he had decided to proceed with today's meeting even though there were a number of apologies.</p> <p>Mr Downey welcomed Ms Nicola Topping, Education Officer, WELB, to the meeting and said it was important to have an education representative engaged in this</p>

	process. Ms Topping advised that she was temporarily replacing Mrs Philomena McDermott.
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Notes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>All present confirmed that they had received a copy of the notes of the previous meeting held on 31 October 2012 and that they were an accurate reflection of the discussion that had taken place.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Infant Mental Health</b></p> <p>Mr Downey advised that the six posters designed on the key themes on Infant Mental Health were available from Ms Debbie Hunter, Health Improvement Department, Western Trust. A copy of the full sized posters was shared with members. Mr Downey said a range of pop-ups were also available from Ms Hunter for use at early years/early intervention conferences.</p> <p>Mrs Geehan advised that an interactive mapping tool using graphs, trends and a ranking system was available on the CYPSP website. She suggested that Mrs Valerie Maxwell, Information Manager CYPSP, could give a demonstration at a future meeting so that all agencies could avail of this information. Mr Downey said this would be extremely helpful as several new members had recently joined the group and the presentation would help assist with the commissioning process to aim resources at areas most in need.</p> <p><b>Commissioning Process 2012/13 and 2013/14</b></p> <p>Mr Downey apprised members that there had been a significant response to the call for applications for the £100,000 Western Outcomes Group funding for 2012/13. He advised that a selection panel had applied selection criteria and applications had been ranked into the following categories:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Successful - funding awarded.</li> <li>➤ Funding to be awarded if additional monies became available.</li> <li>➤ Unsuccessful – did not meet selection criteria or outcomes group priorities.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Downey advised that organisations would now be notified of the outcome of their application and members would be informed of the allocations awarded.</p> <p>Mr Conway said there was the potential for other funding streams to align with the Western Outcomes Group which would allow future allocations to be made for a three year funding period. Ms Mullan said it would be important to engage early with other funding providers. Mr Downey agreed and emphasised the importance future funding being routed via the Western Outcomes Group.</p> <p>Mrs Magee reported that she had met with Mr Paul Laughlin, DSD, and discussed the possibility of devising a joint application form based on agreed outcomes.</p>

	<p>Mr Downey said this would reduce duplication and would ensure that funding was targeted at the most appropriate areas. Members agreed that this should be discussed further and placed on the agenda for the development day.</p> <p>Mrs Magee also reported that herself and Mrs Donnelly had attended the Strategic Investment Fund [SIF] information days and advised that Locality Groups were now represented on the the panels. Mr Conway said it was important that funding arrangements e.g., SIF £80M over three years, DHSSPS, HSCB, PHA £2M funding for parenting education programmes, were all aligned.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Children’s Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy</b></p> <p>Mr Downey noted that the Children’s Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy had previously been emailed to members and said that it would be used on the development day to inform thinking.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Draft Programme for Development Day with Eamon McTernan</b></p> <p>Mr Downey confirmed that he had an initial meeting with Mr Eamon McTernan and a draft copy of the programme for the development day had been shared with members. He said that the aims of the development day were to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To review progress and consolidate the work of the Western Outcomes Group.</li> <li>➤ To agree a commissioning plan.</li> </ul> <p>In respect of the proposed group work on “Early intervention for young people at risk of offending, and adolescents”, Mr Conway said it would be important to seek an update on progress regarding PSNI representation on the group. Mrs Geelan agreed to speak with Mrs Hardy. Mr Conway agreed to invite Ms Mary Elizabeth Hagenson to the development day. Mr Downey invited Ms Topping to ask another representative from the WELB to attend.</p> <p>Ms McGale and Ms Conway agreed that preparation work could be undertaken prior to the development day e.g., members could indicate their preference for the working groups they would like to participate in. It was also agreed that to inform discussion, the next meeting would be held on 15 February 2013 at 10.00 am and Mrs Valerie Maxwell, Information Manager CYPSP, would be invited along to give a presentation on the interactive mapping tool. Members agreed that the development day would be changed to 27 February 2013 at 9.30 am at Strabane Enterprise Agency.</p> <p>Mrs Magee said it would be helpful if the link to the presentation Mr McTernan delivered at a recent integrated outcomes based planning event could be emailed to members. Ms Forrest to arrange and to advise members of the change of dates.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Update from Locality Planning Groups</b></p> <p>Mrs Magee advised that she had met with GP’s at an information day, but advised that there was a need for Hub Co-ordinators to undertake an information session with</p>

	<p>Practice Managers. She advised that she had attended events with the Patient Client Task Group, Youthnet and local schools in the Fermanagh area.</p> <p>Ms Linton reported that there was a high level of need in other areas in Fermanagh, and not just Neighbourhood Renewal areas. Mr Downey said the key was the right people building links with communities.</p>
8	<p><b>Update from Western Parents Reference Group</b> Mr Downey said that the update report from the Western Parents Reference Group had been emailed to members for their information. He said the group would discuss how best to engage with parents at the development day.</p>
9	<p><b>Strategic Investment Fund Update</b> As discussed earlier in the meeting.</p>
10	<p><b>CYPSP Think Family Sub Group</b> Mr Downey advised that a regional sub group were looking for representatives from the community and voluntary sector. He encouraged anyone who was interested to make application.</p> <p>Mr Conway said the Think Family process related to children who had a family member with drug or alcohol related problems, or mental health issues. He advised that the Local Implementation Group did have a sum of funding which was currently out to tender in respect of projects for the Omagh and Fermanagh areas.</p> <p>Mr Downey confirmed that this issue would remain a standing item on the agenda.</p>
11	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Joint Commissioning Meeting – 11 January 2013</b> Mr Downey reported that a joint commissioning meeting had been arranged for 11 January 2013 involving representatives from the Health and Social Care Board, Public Health Agency, Department of Social Development, Derry City Council and Trust staff. He said he would report back on this meeting at the next Outcomes Group.</p> <p><b>Child Care Partnership</b> Mr Conway advised that Ms Maura Mason was the Manager of the Western Area Child Care Partnership. He advised that the partnership had responsibility for the availability, accessibility and quality of child care, childminding and day care services for under 12's, including training. He said they had been successful in securing £150,000 this year for children with a disability and advised that some of this funding would be used to run summer programmes and train early years staff. Mr Conway reported that he had recently met with Mencap and groups of parents and had discussed the possibility of piloting new ways of working.</p>

	<p>Mr Conway reported that the Department of Education’s strategy “Learning for Learning” was presently out for consultation. He also advised that the OFMDFM’s consultation paper “Towards a Child Care Strategy” was available on the website and he encouraged members to take the opportunity to respond.</p> <p><b>Virtual Under 5’s Team and CAMHS</b></p> <p>Mr Downey said that he would arrange for the following presentations to be made to the group in 2013 to inform discussion and decision making:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Virtual Under 5’s Team which is due to be established in the Trust in 2013.</li> <li>▪ Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Downey asked members to advise Ms Forrest of any items they wished to place on future agendas.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>15 February 2013 at 10.00 am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency.</p> <p>Development day – 27 February 2013, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm, in the Boardroom, Strabane Enterprise Agency.</p>