



Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN OUTCOMES GROUP HELD ON  
11 JUNE 2014 AT 2PM IN THE BOARDROOM, TRUST  
HEADQUARTERS, BALLYMENA**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Marie Roulston	NHSCT (Chair)
	Anne Hardy	CYPSP
	Una Lernihan	HSCB
	Hilary Johnston	PHA
	Teresa Hazzard	Mencap
	Helen Dunn	HSCB, CYPSP
	Brenda McAteer	Moyle LPG Chair
	Selena Ramsey	Locality Dev. Officer
	Anna Grindle	Participation Officer
	David Gilliland	YMCA
	Amanda McLean	PHA
	Angela Devlin	Extern
	John Fenton	NHSCT
	Ciara McKillop	NHSCT
	Grainne Keane	Youth Justice Agency
	Billy McMillan	Barnardos
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Ruth Ann Wilkinson	Action for Children
	Ivy Ridge	Ballymena Ethnic Minority
	Julie Scobie	NHSCT
	Maria Heron	Parenting NI
	Susan Gault	NHSCT
	Jayne Millar	NEELB

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Marie provided an update on membership following the recent application and selection process for voluntary and community sector places. She welcomed new members – Teresa Hazzard, Mencap; Ruth Ann Wilkinson Action for Children for Voluntary Sector places and Ivy Ridge, Ballymena Ethnic Minority for the BME Sector. We welcomed back returning members Billy

McMillan, Angela Devlin and David Gilliland. It was noted that there are still 3 vacant community sector places and one BME. Attempts will be made to co-opt membership for these places.

Marie informed the group that Angela Devlin would be retiring at the end of July. On behalf of the group Marie thanked Angela for the extensive contribution she has made to Children's Services Planning since its inception and for her work in the development of the Northern Outcomes Group. Members wished Angela well for the future.

## **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The last meeting of the group had been the Stakeholder Event in April. The last formal meeting of this group had been on 12 February 2014. These minutes were approved.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

Funding – Two specifications are still outstanding. Anne to meet with Trust Contracts to progress these as soon as possible.

The Family Support Hub tendering process has been completed. The successful applicant is Action for Children.

## **ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP**

Anne tabled the four key priority areas identified at the workshop on the 16 April 2014. Further work is now required in line with Mark Friedman theory of Outcomes Based Planning before public consultation. Action planning to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **STAKEHOLDER EVENT**

Marie reported that the Stakeholder Event was a great success. Turnout was excellent from all of the Locality Planning Groups and Outcomes Group. Paul Cummings spoke on behalf of the CYPSP and Marie on behalf of the Outcomes Group. Selena, Anna and Gemma had organised a range of activities designed to build relationships between the groups and also to elicit suggestions about how we can improve integrated planning in the future. Selena informed the group that a feedback report and action plan

were being prepared from the issues raised on the day. Anne and Una had organised a drama presentation acted by members of the LPGs, Hubs and Outcomes Group which described how the structures facilitated the identification of needs from families through Hubs, LPGs and OG to the commissioning of services to meet local need. A very useful presentation from Wayne Denner on how to keep children safe on the internet had implications for practice as well as parents and children. An afternoon seminar was held with the Chief Executive of WIMPS (Where is my public Servant). Anna has been in discussion with WIMPS about connections in the Northern area around participation.

### **UPDATE FROM CYPSP**

The last CYPSP on 3 June 2014 heard presentations from both Outcomes Groups and Locality Planning Groups. Both presentations were tabled.

Marie presented on behalf of all 5 Outcomes Groups. The presentation included an overview of membership, achievements and challenges. Particular emphasis was placed on support for the groups, commissioning, the importance of a joined up approach to the implementation of strategies and community planning.

Anne had presented on the achievements and challenges for Locality Planning. There are now 27 LPGs supported by or linked to CYPSP an increase of 13 over the past 3 years. This presentation also emphasised long term funding for support staff, the impact of the procurement process on meeting needs in local areas and community planning.

### **UPDATE FROM LOCALITY PLANNING**

Selena tabled a report from the Northern Locality Planning Groups. She highlighted the emerging needs including poverty, obesity, ASD/ADHD, Cyber bullying and School Attendance/achievement/aspirations

### **UPDATE FROM FAMILY SUPPORT HUBS**

Helen reported on recent developments with regard to family support hubs. As stated earlier Action for Children have been

successful in the tender for co-ordination support for the Northern Family Support Hubs. The steering group for the area will be reconvened and will provide feedback to this group. With co-ordinators in place it is expected that referral sources will be extended.

Helen informed the group about a recent visit to the Hubs by Sean Holland and Eilis McDaniel from DHSSPS. Issues raised included the complexity of referrals and support to the hubs to ensure robust safeguarding procedures. Sean has suggested that all Directors arrange a similar visit.

Helen described the regional context for local hubs. Standardised monitoring forms have been put in place. These will be produced quarterly and will provide valuable information on unmet need to inform the planning process in LPGs and the Outcomes Groups.

Helen reported that connections were being made with the new Emotional Health and Wellbeing Hubs being set up. While these are essentially co-ordinating referrals for adults there is a great cross over with families. Helen has joined the steering group in the Northern area for Emotional Health and Wellbeing Hubs.

A more detailed presentation on Hubs will be made to the October meeting.

## **EARLY INTERVENTION TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME**

### **Workstream 2 – Early Intervention Service**

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting held on 8 May 2014 to discuss the implementation of the EIS part of workstream 2 in the Northern area were tabled. These will be circulated. Amendment on page 2 – exception to be replaced with expectation.

Amanda described the background for the benefit of new members. She informed the group that funding had been agreed. In the 5 Trust areas 4 have named their geographical area for phase 1. This will be subject to approval by the Programme Board. Northern Outcomes Group has identified 2 areas – Newtownabbey and Coleraine. Stakeholder events have been planned for later in the month. Marie reminded members that this funding was not recurrent. Amanda clarified that there would be a

tendering process aimed at the voluntary and community sector with a timeline of September and to have the service in place and functioning by January 2015. An update report and presentation will be prepared for the August meeting.

Amanda gave an update on Workstream 1 and 3.

Workstream 1 – this workstream refers to universal services. Susan Gault is the nominated link to this workstream from the Northern area.

Workstream 3 – Amanda gave an update on the Home on Time and Adolescent projects. Initial plans for the adolescent project looked at the Larne area. Members agreed that this needs to be extended to include Newtownabbey.

Members raised the issue of sustainability. The funding is for 3 years. John stressed the need to look at the “transformation” part of the project as it is not clear how services will be sustained after this time.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Family Support Database**

Helen informed the group that the Family Support Database is now available in an App format and can be downloaded to your phone or iPad. This has proved very useful when working with families.

### **DSC Play and Leisure Signature Project**

Hilary reported she had been invited to attend a meeting about a 7<sup>th</sup> DSC signature project focusing on play and leisure. Members expressed concern that play partnerships would be set up again as this had caused duplication with the Locality Planning Groups in the past. Hilary agreed to take these concerns to the meeting.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13 August 2014 in the Conference Room, County Hall, 182 Galgorm Road, Ballymena.