

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN OUTCOMES GROUP  
HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014 IN THE BOARDROOM, TRUST HQ,  
BRETTON HALL, ANTRIM**

<b>Present:</b> - Marie Roulston	NHSCT
John Fenton	NHSCT
Ruth-Ann Wilkinson	Action for Children
Susan Gault	NHSCT
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Una Casey	CYPSP
Moira Walsh	LG B`mena
Laura Totten	YJA
Teresa Hazzard	Mencap
Gerard Stuart	Extern
Billy McMillan	Barnardos
Sandra Anderson	CYPSP
Brenda McAteer	Moyle LPG Chair
David Gilliland	Carrick YMCA
Hilary Johnston	PHA
Una Lernihan	HSCB
<b>Apologies:</b> - Anne Hardy	CYPSP (Chair)
Jayne Millar	NEELB
Grainne Keane	Youth Justice Agency
Jenny Adair	NCP
John Michael	B`money Borough Council
Nicola McCall	B`mena Borough Council
Selena Ramsey	Locality Dev. Officer
Caira McKillop	NHSCT
Helen Dunn	HSCB, CYPSP

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome and introductions were made. Mrs Roulston thanked Ruth-Anne Wilkinson (AFC) for providing the minutes of the previous meeting.

Moira Walsh/Sandra Anderson give presentation re Ballymena Disability Engagement Event (see attached document) Service evaluation with a group of parents who had attended the Ballymena Surestart Little Acorns support group. Presentation evoked further discussion with regards to the field of Disability. Mrs Roulston noted that this was a timely presentation given current focus of direction within the NSHCT. Workstream established under TYC programme of care to focus on children with a range of disabilities. Workshop planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> November to begin to develop strategy and vision of future service. Useful to have information from a service user's perspective at the workshop, i.e. wishes, feelings and experiences of children with a disability, siblings and parents to ensure any future strategy will meet the reflected need of families. Also timely in that some discussion across the Regional Outcome Groups asking groups to identify a specific theme to take forward as a service development proposal, promoting interagency working with low or no cost implications. Within the NHSCCT the identified theme would be Children Disability service and today's forum to sign off proposal, if in agreement. It was agreed that Children Disability would be accepted as the NHSCCT proposal. It was agreed that it would be useful to tap into information already available to assist in identifying a baseline, i.e.

- Access to services which already exist, how agencies can support families in accessing these services
- Consultation with young people with a Disability – Mencap can potentially develop a questionnaire to be shared with children with a range of disabilities. Teresa Hazzard shared information re the HYPE project – programme delivered to 30+ young people with a range of disabilities in education preparing for Adulthood. Opportunity for young people to share their views, fears and concerns
- Transition from Children to Adult's Disability – supports available.
- Ensure Family support database is updated to provide current list of services available within specific areas

### **Areas of potential development to be considered**

- Lower level intervention to assist families to manage difficult stages for the young person i.e., transition from primary school to post primary school.
- Specialist available for advice and consultation for HV - rather than identifying another professional to go into the families.
- Consistency in Care by Health care professional
- Ensure simple straight forward process for families.

## **2. Previous Minutes and matters arising**

The previous meeting was held on 13 August 2014, the minutes of this meeting were agreed and signed off.

## **3. Induction of new Members**

Terms of reference and role descriptions shared with the forum. On-going discussion at a regional level with respect to establishing 2 regional workshops as part of the induction process for all new members. No further development at this stage.

## **4. Action planning**

Updated draft template circulated. 4 high level overarching outcomes detailed. Further work to be undertaken. Work to be undertaken by subgroup. Update to be tabled at December meeting.

## **5. Update from CYPSP outcomes chairs meeting**

Paper circulated providing summary of work across regional outcome groups.

## **6. EITP**

Workstream 2 – Given current focus on financial position across province, development has been delayed.

Workstream 1 – Susan Gault, NHSCT rep on Workstream stream 1. A number of subgroups established to take work forward:

- Midwifery & health visiting
- Early education & learning
- Using information technology
- Evidence & research
- Participation & engagement

Update with regards to both workstreams to be tabled at December meeting.

## **6. Family Support Hubs Update**

All hubs operational and running well. Newtownabbey has opened up so all members can refer into the Hub as has the B`mena and M`felt/Cookstown hubs. Remaining hubs to open up in stages. Multi agency approach working well. Recruitment process on-going by AFC – currently 1 vacant post being covered by agency staff, envisaged this will be up to the end of the year. Admin post also vacant - to be covered in the interim by agency staff member to meet shortfall, as service would not function without dedicated admin support. Mencap keen to join hub – a number of services available that can be tapped into. Teresa Hazzard to link in with Ruth-Anne Wilkinson.

It was noted that N`abbey FSIT had not as yet joined the N`abbey Hub. Further work to be undertaken to ensure system will not be flooded with referrals, clear processes to be put in place and it would be envisaged that the team would join the hub early in the New Year.

## **7. DSC/EI Funding**

Given the current financial climate across the province concern noted as to the potential implications on funding not committed, no clear indication as yet.

## **8. Locality Planning and Participation Update (see attached paper)**

Sandra Anderson shared overview report to update forum of work on-going within the locality groups. Additional items for the Emerging needs

template shared as part of this paper – LPG`s have identified a range of initiatives which they feel would meet the emerging needs in their specific areas. Common theme in all areas would be Poverty, Disability and Cyberbullying.

- Poverty – work being progress to address coordination of food banks, what is available, within specific area, when and where. Hilary Johnston PHA noted that there would be a Poverty steering group and Poverty coordinator based in B`money. Energy efficiency advisors based in councils and food poverty coordinators in various councils, who would signpost families to appropriate schemes. Hilary also noted that PHA would routinely supply the `keep warm packs` to struggling families with young children and the elderly in the community, however due to lack of funding this year, supplies would be very limited.
- Cyberbullying - Ballymena LPG will be hosting a youth fair in November at Ballymena North to provide Year 11 and 12 pupils with information of what services/organisations are available locally.
- Obesity - This had been noted as emerging need by a number of groups. Susan Gault confirmed that through funding from PHA work on-going with regards to P1, P2 and year 8 children (identified as the target group).

## **9. Any Other Business**

### **Transfer of contracts**

Transfer of a range of regional contracts from HSCB to specific Trusts on-going. Within NHSCT funding has been allocated from the HSCB awaiting uplift to come down. Work remains on-going with John Fenton/Anne Hardy and NSHCT contracts Dept.

### **Correspondence from Ross McCrea – Providing Timely support to families with Disabled Children in NI**

Bid submitted to the Big Lottery Fund – Currently Mr McCrea looking for support in principle for the thinking behind the proposal – if bid

successful detailed overview of proposal required to avoid duplication of services already available for families.

### **Engagement with External agencies**

Noted recent presentation at Ballymena Borough Council re work being progress in the Ballymena area by CYPSP and Social Services. Keen to pursue this opportunity with other councils. Super Councils\_- Due to come on board next year – essential to ensure representation from Super Councils at this forum to ensure access to any potential developments being progressed.

### **Action points for December meeting**

- Susan Gault to present evaluation of Star babies project at December meeting
- Funding ADHD/Children's Disability – Clarification to be sought through Anne Hardy as to the current position with regards to this funding. Mrs Roulston to clarify.
- Una Lernihan to seek clarification from the HSCB with regards to funding not yet committed given current regional financial climate.
- Update on Early Intervention Transformation programme to be presented at December meeting
- Update re Action plan to be tabled at December meeting

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 @ 3 pm in the Conference Room, Bretten Hall, Antrim.



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Marie Roulston

**Director Children's services**