

MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN OUTCOMES GROUP MEETING HELD ON THE 18th DECEMBER 2013 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM 2, COUNTY HALL.

PRESENT	Marie Roulston	NHSCT (Chair)
	Anne Hardy	CYPSP
	David Gilliland	Carrickfergus YMCA
	Collette Slevin	Mencap
	Jayne Miller	NEELB
	Selena Ramsey	CYPSP Participation Officer
	John Fenton	NHSCT
	Patricia McKeaveney	Youth Justice agency
	Brenda McAteer	Chair - Moyle Locality group
	Pamela McBride	Lead Public Health Nurse, Nursing
	Una Lernihan	HSCB
	Maria Herron	Parenting NI

APOLOGIES

Angela Devlin	Extern
Susan Gault	NHSCT
Deirdre Coyle	HSCB
Billy McMillan	Barnardos
Helen Dunn	Action for Children
Jenny Adair	Northern Childcare partnership
Ciara MCKillop	FSIT, NHSCT
Simon Ball	CI `H` District, PSNI
Frank OConnor	NIHE

IN ATTENDANCE Maurice Meehan PHA

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Amendment under Family Support Hubs should read ***to establish as coordinating service for all 5 hubs.***
- Helen Dunn has been appointed as Regional Family Support Coordination in HSCB. Acknowledged to loss of Helen who had been a valued member of the group.

Presentation given by Maurice Meehan re Delivering Social Change across Northern Ireland and the implications for the Northern Area(circulated prior to the meeting)
The Early Intervention Transformation Programme is a proposed £30m signature investment, delivered as part of the Delivering Social Change Framework (DSC), which will be implemented between April 2014 and March 2018. It seeks through a commitment to prevention and early intervention approaches to transform how children's services are designed, planned and implemented, leading to improved outcomes for children. In addition to this investment an addition £2 million funding has been provided by DSC to PHA to develop and deliver a suite of positive

parenting programmes (evidence based) and £3million funding provided by HSCB – investment for HUBs

PHA to liaise with Outcome groups and HUBs regionally to ensure non-duplication of services already being provided and ensure interconnected, multi-disciplinary planning. Scoping exercise to be progressed to ascertain what programmes ongoing regionally and in mainland UK and identify what has already been achieved within specific Trust areas. Negotiation ongoing with regards to distribution of information, potential shared through PHA and HSCB. Number of posts being established to work on the details of the programmes to be delivered and progress specifications and tenders, noted current EITP – Work-stream Change Manager Secondment, circulated through Mrs Roulston's office.

AGENDA

Feedback from P McKeaveney re YJA

Patricia McKeaveney provided feedback from a recent meeting between PSNI Youth Diversion Officers, EWS and YJA to explore potential linkages to the FS hubs, operational issues and information sharing between Youth Diversion forum members. She advised that three Youth Diversion Forums are and have been operational in Antrim, Ballymena and Coleraine areas. She reported that PSNI who lead the YDF's had indicated that they had not to date explored links with the newly developed FS hubs and were continuing to make referrals to the trust when necessary via the gateway teams. Patricia had highlighted this to Helen Dunn recently. Patricia highlighted that not all Youth Diversion forums in the area have trust representation so YJA were exploring with NHSCT staff how information could be shared in a timely and efficient way with YDF members.

Noted development in Belfast Trust re youth engagement clinics facilitated by PPS/PSNI and YJA – to speed up process at early diversion stage and identify appropriate supports where necessary. This will be evaluated and hopefully rolled out across all Trust areas in future, may be useful to include on Hub services

Funding

The Outcomes Group currently has available funding from two sources

- (1) **HSCB** funding for early intervention services – this is a recurrent pot of £100k.
- (2) Delivering Social Change (**DSC**) funding is available in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 for a range of purposes as set out below.

Family Support Hub Co-ordination. £125k for 2013/14 and 2014/15 –work on going with Trust procurement department re specification and tender. Monies now within Trust and will cover AFC costs for service provided by Helen Dunn until the tendering process has been completed. There may be some slippage of around £30k which could potentially be used re awareness raising / training re HUBs, discussions to be progressed as to the best use of this between Anne Hardy, John Fenton and Helen Dunn. **ACTION: Anne to arrange meeting to progress.**

Early Intervention Services. DSC funding for early intervention services will be combined with the HSCB funding. It was agreed previously that the short term DSC funding would be utilised to procure services against the priority of ADHD and the recurrent funding from HSCB against Disability Services. Specifications are being progressed by Trust's contract department as to potential services – aiming to have services in place by March 2014

Potential underspend of £181k in year which will be recalled by the HSCB if not spent noted. Any potential scheme should have a main focus around children with disability as this is where the monies would have been utilised. Proposals to be drawn up and presented prior to the January meeting for ratification, potential schemes noted:

Local group events

Small grant scheme open to locality groups - Anne Hardy to progress

Respite/carers support

Preparatory work around service to be developed under recurrent funding.

ACTION: John Fenton to establish small working group including Una Lernihán, Brenda McAteer and key Trust staff to progress and present proposals for agreement.

Brenda McAteer, as Chair of the Moyle Locality Planning Group, expressed the view that LPGs would find it useful to have access to a small pot of funding in each area to enable small scale localised services/programmes to be made available to meet local need. Often Trust wide services do not have the capacity to reach all parts of the Trust. Also in some areas the need is local to that area and a Trust wide service is not available. For example BME is a high priority in Cookstown. It was also noted that the work of the LPGs for example in building partnerships, networking, events highlighting and signposting local services to parents, children and young people also need to be funded. It was agreed that this should be explored. Any potential scheme should where possible have a main focus around children with disability as this is where the monies would have been utilised. Proposals to be drawn up and presented prior to the February meeting for ratification, potential schemes noted: Other possibilities to be explored include respite/short breaks/carers support.

Family support Hubs

Amendment to be made re coordinating service to previous minutes. Antrim and Ballymena have joined together as one hub and receiving referrals from EWO, HV and other Hub members. Work with regards to the Coleraine and Magherafelt /CookstownHub on-going. Newtownabbey Hub to be launched in January 2014. The high level of pressure currently within the N`abbey area was noted, potential spend of the £30k slippage in this area to assist to be considered, John Fenton to take forward.

Parenting NI

Currently 19 members on the group. The aim of the group is to participate in the CYPSP planning process and to act in a consultative role in responding to any documentation, plans or initiatives as directed by the Outcomes Group. Maria noted the WHSCT stakeholder's event – the group had the opportunity to meet with the Outcomes group, share their experiences, explain why they are involved in the group and highlight what changes they want to see in the future. Positive experience for all involved and the event gave parents the opportunity to meeting service providers in their area. Maria to link in with Anne Hardy re use of potential underspend.

Procurement sub group

Noted complexity of the whole procurement process. Work on-going.

Stakeholders event

Anne to work up formal proposals to be tabled at February meeting for endorsement. Linkages to be progressed re STC and counsellors, super council involvement. Plan may be to duplicate the Stakeholders event held in the WHSCT which was well received by service providers, users and young people. **ACTION : Anne Hardy**

Planning Cycle/Review

Only one return received to date, template to be reissued and tabled at February meeting.

Memo to All chairs of CYPSP outcomes groups and regional group

The initial 3 year term of representatives from the community, Voluntary and BME sectors ceases December 2013. Concern had been expressed at at regional meeting re the loss of expertise should all these representatives change at one time therefore it was agreed that this process would be staggered 50% and will commence in the New Year. It was agreed that it would also be useful to review the membership of the group re Adult Mental Health rep joining the group, Anne to discuss regionally. **ACTION: Anne Hardy**

AOB

- Community Family support programme – Anne noted that it would be benefit for a presentation to this forum in the future.

Date of next meeting

12th February 2014 at 2pm, Boardroom, Trust Headquarters, The Cottage

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