

Western Area Outcomes Group—Report Card

April 2015—September 2015

What did we do?

Purpose and Responsibilities

PURPOSE The purpose of an Outcomes Group is to carry out integrated planning and commissioning for children and young people in the area, with specific emphasis on sharing resources across agencies and **early intervention** to improve outcomes for children

Building the Partnership

Collective use of existing resources



Integrated planning and commissioning

Locality Planning and Family Support Hubs

Outcomes Based Planning

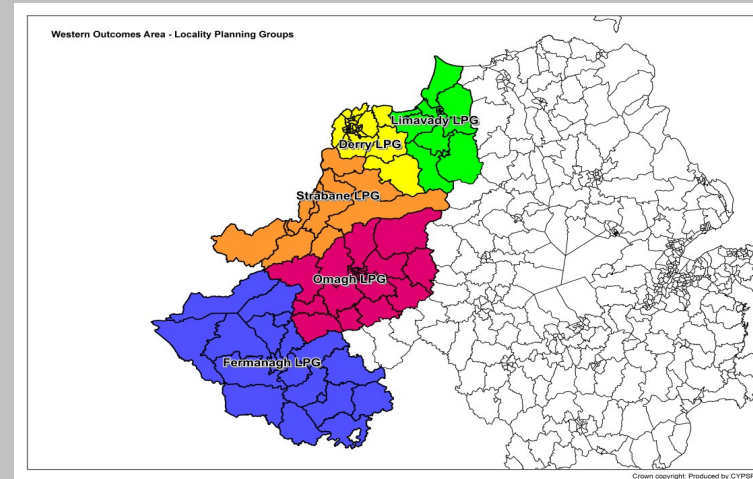
Participation of children, young people, parents and communities

Integrated Planning

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5 Locality Planning Groups

- Limavady
- Derry
- Strabane
- Omagh
- Fermanagh



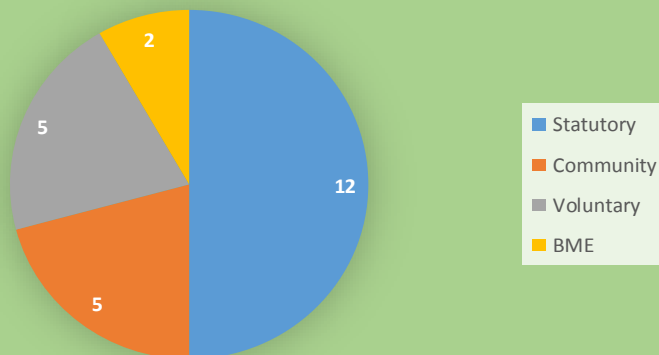
8 Family Support Hubs

- 1 FSH
- 4 FSH
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Parents Reference Group

Membership breakdown

Membership of Western Area Outcomes Group



Building the Partnership

Members from the Voluntary, Community and BME sectors are subject to an application process. A second term process was conducted during 2014, Other members are in attendance to offer updates and information, including information from locality areas and hub referral data.

Partnership effectiveness

A standard survey will be implemented to measure the effectiveness of the partnership. This will include relationship building, shared outcomes, pooled budgets etc.

Links to other partnerships

Linkages are also made through dual membership to the Western ChildCare Partnership and the Western LCG.

Linkages will be made to Making Life Better and Community Planning.

How well did we do?

Outcomes Based Planning

The Western Area Outcomes Group is now compiling its second Action Plan. The input from the Stakeholder Events has greatly influenced this Plan and those of the Locality Planning Groups. The information collected has contributed to a further refinement of the Outcomes specifically for this area.

Outcome 1	Children and young people will have positive and healthy emotional wellbeing
Outcome 2	All children and young people have access to opportunities to develop their skills and aspirations leading to better employment choices
Outcome 3	Children and young people and families are living in a safe and stable environment where their contributions are valued
Outcome 4	Improved outcomes for children living in poverty and reduced inequality in rural and urban areas – migrant workers, BME, Disability
Outcome 5	Children and young people and parents will be enabled to participate in the planning process
Outcome 6	Better co-ordination and collaboration across agencies in the Southern area

Integrated Planning & Commissioning

Outcome 1

The WAOG has identified Emotional Health and Well Being as its key priority going forward.

We will focus on attachment and the life stages a child goes through.

We have hosted a series of events for those working with children and young people and their families who would benefit from the work and findings of renowned lecturer Suzanne Zydeek, with one event in each of the localities. Each event was either be a master class or a session for frontline staff. One master class has been filmed and will be available for all staff across all Outcomes Groups. Evaluations and follow up surveys will measure the outcome of the series.

Western Area Outcomes Group Funded projects:

The WAOG has been able to use collective resources and have pulled funding from CYPSP, PHA and Delivering Social Change to fund 3 projects this year. These were identified using information provided by members and Locality Planning process and link with the long term outcomes identified by the group. The projects funded were:

- Strengthening Families – Derry Healthy Cities
- Mentoring Programme – Dry Arch Children’s Centre, Dungiven
- Speech & Language Therapist – Trust Employee/Speech & Language Communication Family Support Worker – Arc Healthy Living Centre, Irvinestown

Each funded project has provided an evaluation of the project to date and all 3 projects have shown positive feedback and outcomes for those who have participated.

Is anyone better off?

POPULATION ACCOUNTABILITY

Continuing on from the success of a year in planning workshops and 5 successful stakeholder events the WAOG has now identified key indicators and actions that will be included in their action plan and will be used to measure if we have made a difference to the outcomes for children and young people in the West they are..... **TO BE INCLUDED FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND WORK WITH INFORMATION TEAM**

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY FUNDED SERVICES

Western Area Outcomes Group Funded projects:

Performance data will be collected from each of the funded projects as detailed on page 1 to show the contribution to population accountability indicators chosen. Evaluations have been provided and all 3 projects have shown positive feedback and outcomes for those who have participated. The outcomes group will look at further funding these projects and expanding the learning to other localities in the West.