



**Minute of Western Area Outcomes Group**  
**held on 26 October 2016**  
**Strabane Enterprise Agency**

**Present:**

- Mr Kieran Downey, Director of Women & Children's Services
- Mrs Ann McDuff, Assistant Director [Community & Public Health]
- Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid
- Ms Una Casey, Business Support Manager, CYPSP
- Ms Maria Rogan, Director for Training & Development, Parenting NI
- Mr Paul Sweeney, Extern
- Mr Kevin Duffy, Head of Service [Family Support]
- Ms Helen Dunn, Regional Co-ordinator, HSCB
- Chief Inspector Ivor Morton, PSNI
- Mr Mustapha Ben Hassine, Barnardos
- Mrs Monica MacIntyre, Department of Social Development
- Ms Kat Healy, NICEM
- Ms Colleen Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
- Ms Helen Harley, Children & Young People's Officer, Derry City & Strabane District Council
- Mrs Brenda MacQueen, Dry Arch Children's Centres
- Ms Marie McGale, Mencap

**In attendance:**

- Mrs Priscilla Magee, Family Support Locality Planning Co-ordinator
- Mrs Bronagh Donnelly, Family Support Locality Planning Co-ordinator
- Mrs Margaret Ferris, Business Support, Western Trust
- Ms Elaine Forrest, Personal Assistant, Western Trust
- Ms Gemma Scarlett, European Youth Capital Project Officer
- Ms Oonagh McGillion, Director of Legacy, Derry City & Strabane District Council

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Ms Muriel Bailey, Director of Parents Helpline & Counselling Service, Parenting NI Ms Cathy McCloskey, Operations Manager, Early Years Ms Nicola Topping, Assistant Senior Education Officer, WELB Ms Linda Watson, Caw/Nelson Drive Community Association
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	<p>Ms Michelle McCabe, Lifestart  Ms Cathy Mullan, PHA  Mr Eamon O’Kane, Local Commissioning Group</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s Business</b></p> <p><b>Changes to Membership</b>  Mr Downey advised members that Ms Avril McAllister was retiring as Area Manager, NIHE, at the end of October 2016 and that she had advised that her replacement on the group would be Mr Eddie Doherty. Mr Downey also advised members that Mr Eamon O’Kane, representative from the Local Commissioning Group, had been unable to attend recent meetings due to other commitments, and that he would discuss future representation with the Local Commissioning Group.</p> <p><b>Photographs for Website</b>  Mr Downey said that due to recent membership changes he was going to arrange for Ms Casey to take photographs of the group to profile the work being undertaken in the West and to update the CYPSP website.</p> <p><b>Early Intervention Support Service – Extension of Boundaries</b>  Mr Downey advised that the Early Invention Support Service was up and running and was funded through the Early Intervention Transformation Programme. He said an opportunity had arisen to extend the boundaries to include - Altnagelvin, Caw, Claudy, Clondermott, Ebrington, Eglinton, Enagh, Hollymount, Kilfennan, Lisnagelvin and Newbuildings to match the areas covered by the Waterside Hub and also to include the Pennyburn ward on the Cityside. Members confirmed that they had no objections to the expansion of the programme. Mr Downey advised that an update on the Early Intervention Service would be provided at the next meeting.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>European Youth Capital Bid 2019</b>  Mr Downey welcomed Ms Oonagh McGillion, Director of Legacy, Derry City and Strabane District Council, and Ms Gemma Scarlett, European Youth Capital Project Officer, to the meeting. Ms McGillion said the European Youth Capital bid gave young people a voice and encouraged participation and engagement in society and said she would like to see this good practice replicated. She said the target audience was the 15 – 24 age group. Ms McGillion reported that the bid value was £5.5M and the projects were based on five key themes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Health and Wellbeing.</li> <li>➤ Education and Employability.</li> <li>➤ Youth Democracy.</li> <li>➤ Access and Inclusion.</li> <li>➤ Culture Programme.</li> </ul> <p>Ms McGillion said a new model of engagement and participation would emerge as a result of the bidding process and would build on existing relationships and new opportunities. She said a new Youth Council for Derry City and Strabane District</p>

Council area would be established by mid 2017 and detailed the suggested parameters. She said a Steering Group involving youth support organisations, statutory partners and Council representatives would also be established.

Members agreed that this was an opportunity to hear the voice of young people differently. Mr Downey said the presentation was timely as the Health Minister had given a broadcast on the future of the Health Service in Northern Ireland on 25 October 2016, outlined two key themes of co-production and how work was undertaken to give every child and young person the best start in life. Ms McGale endorsed the age profile being 24 years as it would allow young people be participative in a long term project to make more of an impact. Mr Downey said it would be important to ensure that marginalized groups became involved – Looked After children, ethnic minority groups, children/young people with Autism. Members acknowledged that the young people involved would need mentoring and training. Mr Sweeney said young people would need to be apprised of what happened after they made their views known to ensure full engagement. Mr Sweeney undertook to speak with Ms Harley. Mrs McDuff reported that the Trust were trying to involve young people in service groups in the Trust. Mrs Magee undertook to invite Ms McGillion and Ms Harley to a NEET's meeting [Not in Education, Employment or Training].

Ms McGillion asked if she could update the Outcomes Group meeting on a regular basis regarding EYC 19. Members agreed and stated that this was an exciting project. Ms McGillion asked for members to support the bid via social media by 15 November 2016 to ensure a strong case was presented. Mr Downey thanked Ms McGillion for her presentation.

#### **4 Action Plan Workshop**

The following documents were shared with members prior to the meeting:-

- Draft Action Plan 2014/17 – Version 3.
- Draft Emotional Health and Wellbeing – Sub Group Report.
- Outcomes Based Accountability.
- Local Government District Outcome Monitoring Report with Trends 2008 – 2014/15.
- What Matters to You? – Youth Survey Results.
- Spending Plan for 2016/17 Outcomes Group Funding.
- Evaluation/Monitoring Tool.

Mr Downey advised that the action plan 2014/17 had recently been updated by Ms Casey, Mrs Magee and Mrs Donnelly and that he would be using an Outcomes Based Accountability framework to action planning in the future. He advised that the plan would detail the following three obsessions for the next three years:-

- Every child will have the best start in life.
- We will safeguard and promote.
- We will work together to include the Voice of Children and Young People in our work.

Mr Downey said the above were aligned to the Programme for Government and the Health Minister's recent Northern Ireland Assembly broadcast on 25 October 2016 on the future of the Health Service, so they fitted with regional and national plans. He said that members now needed to give consideration to a range of improvements that related to the three obsessions. Mr Duffy proposed including "prevention" in obsession two. Members endorsed the three obsessions and said it was a meaningful approach.

Ms Conway advised that she had learned that it was being considered that Safeguarding responsibility in NI be transferred to Children and Young People's Strategic Planning. She also reported that SBNI were to organise an event on Neglect.

Mr Downey reported that the other four Outcomes Groups in the Province were planning an inter agency partnership workshop similar to the workshop held the Western Trust on 9 February 2016 involving members from the Outcomes Group, Domestic Violence Partnership, Safeguarding Partnership and the Adult Safeguarding Partnership.

Mr Downey advised that Pioneer Communities was proceeding in the Western Trust in conjunction with Mr George Hosking from WAVE Trust, and also reported that the CAWT bid worth 5M euros over three years, from Interreg V funding, to set up early intervention programmes to build resilience in border areas, had been successful.

Mr Downey said Mrs Magee and Mrs Donnelly had now transferred to work in the Trust, via TUPE arrangements. Both staff originally both worked 4 days per week, but would now work an extra day to take forward work on Youth Participation and this extra day would be financed from Outcomes Group funding. He said from 1 April 2017 the Outcomes Group had a budget of £100K and proposed that £30,000 should be earmarked for each of the three obsessions. He said there was £60,000 of Outcomes Group funding remaining for the financial year 2016/17 and proposed that this could be used for groups to apply for grant aid to take forward work under the three obsession headings. Ms Heaney proposed a conference for children and young people. Mrs MacIntyre said it would be important not to raise the expectations of young people, but to include them and give them something back for getting involved. Mr Sweeney said organisations also needed to look at themselves as to how they involved young people. Mrs McDuff said each organisation should have a charter to improve youth participation.

Members broke up into three workshops and group co-ordinators reported back on the main points from their group work session as follows:-

**Obsession One – Every Child will have the Best Start in Life - Priscilla**

- Sustainable and joined up approach.
- Not just focus on 0 – 4 age group - look at ages and transitions stages.
- School expulsions continue to rise in NI.

- Need for universal service.
- Evaluation tools.
- Not just families who present themselves - need to reach out to hard to reach families and be creative in how to reach them.
- Parenthood to be seen as a happy time – empower parents. Respect parents and respect different cultures.
- What is everyone doing in their own organisations.
- Neglect – families could be struggling instead being in Neglect category.
- Indicators are a tool to assist.

**Obsession Two - We will Safeguard & Promote – Una**

- Interactive programme – empower families, children and young people.
- Build around a community – everyone should be involved.
- Collective community alert involving public, community and practitioners.
- Indicators of risk.
- Raising awareness of responsibilities.
- Make it easier for people to access services.
- Empower parents.
- Family Support Hubs working well and good collaboration across community and statutory involvement.
- Collaboration with everyone.
- Safe environment.
- Charter about buy-in from organisations and highlight how well this works.
- Young people and practitioners conference.
- Engagement with young people’s organisations.

**Obsession Three– We will Work Together to Include the Voice of Children and Young People in our Work – Bronagh**

- Need to be clear – useful engagement with children and young people.
- Two elements – promote three obsessions and get young people’s views on 1 & 2.
- Youth Participation is much more than one day a week task.
- Conference.
- Youth Participation Models.
- Wealth of already established Youth Forums.
- Identify and focus on more marginalised youth.
- Outcomes – effective Participation Model and how do we feedback to young people.
- Look at Youth Participation element at all times.
- How do we get the voice of children which is different to consultation with young people - consultation and participation are two different things.
- Culture change as practitioners – self reflecting tool.
- Honesty – not promising huge changes – listening to young people.

	<p>Mr Downey thanked the group co-ordinators for the feedback. Mr Downey to meet with Mrs Magee, Mrs Donnelly and Mr Duffy to sign off one page on each obsession. He said this work would be shared with members for approval at the next meeting on 7 December 2016. He asked members to give consideration to the remaining in-year financial spend for 2016/17. Mrs MacIntyre apprised members of mindfulness and resilience training being offered in schools to give young people coping tools. Mr Downey proposed that a conference be organised before March 2017 based on the three obsessions so the Outcomes Group could share their vision and plans for the future with stakeholders, with the remaining balance being available via a grant aid allowance under £5K with groups detailing the outcomes focused framework in their application.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> There was no further business.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b> 7 December 2016 at 10 am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency. Ms McGale gave her apology for the next meeting.</p>