

Setting Direction in the South Eastern Outcomes Area to improve the lives and children, young people and families

The CYPSP is the multi-agency strategic partnership consisting of the leadership of all key agencies across statutory, voluntary and community sectors who have responsibility for improving outcomes for all children and young people in Northern Ireland.

CYPSP delivers against the Northern Ireland Executive's Children and Young People's Strategy (2017-2027). This strategy designed to improve the well-being of all children and young people living in Northern Ireland. Eight high level outcomes have been identify within the strategy to which CYPSP anticipate to contribute towards through multi agency planning and delivery.



Eight high level outcomes of the NIE Children and Young People's Strategy for Northern Ireland,

The South Eastern Area Outcomes Group is multi-agency partnership carrying out outcomes based planning at a geographical level on behalf of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP). There are five outcomes Groups each covering the geographical areas of the health and social care trusts.

Action Plan – What we are going to do:-

Following two action planning workshops the South Eastern Outcomes Group have collectively agreed a vision statement that the group wish to achieve for the South Eastern Outcomes Area:

VISION STATEMENT

All children and young people will flourish and achieve in the South Eastern Outcomes Area

Identifying Priorities

The Outcomes Group has identify three thematic priorities that will be taken forward collectively by member organisations represented on the CYPSP South Eastern Outcomes Group over the next three years. The table below demonstrates how the South Eastern Outcomes Group will deliver their thematic priorities in line with the eight high level outcomes of the Children and Young People’s Strategy (2017-2027) for Northern Ireland.

Overarching Children and Young People’s Strategy 2017-2027 High Level Outcomes	South Eastern Outcomes Group Priorities 2017-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical and Mental Health• Enjoyment of play and leisure• Enjoying and Achieving	1. Our children to reach their developmental potential
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical and Mental Health• Living in Safety and Stability• Economic and Environmental Wellbeing	2. Our children will be resilient and have positive mental health
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical and Mental Health• Economic and Environmental Wellbeing• Living in Safety and Stability• Respect for children’s rights	3. Our children get the best possible early intervention support from their families

Action Planning

During the workshops member organisations were asked to identify strategic and tangible actions that could be taken forward collaboratively between outcomes group member organisations over the next three years to achieve each of the above thematic priorities.

Members felt that early years, positive mental health and resilience and parenting support were importance aspects of family life that should be reflected in the action plan.

The draft action plan will include the following areas of focused work:

Thematic Priority 1: Our children to reach their developmental potential

Actions:

- Raise awareness of speech and language support across outcomes area
- Review best practice initiatives, share the learning and potentially scope the application to support children and young people reach their development potential across the wider South Eastern Outcomes Group area; including the Lisburn and Colin Speech and Language Community Strategy, Talk Boost pilot programme and the ADHD Changing Lives Initiative.
- To give children the best start in life through the delivery of the Northern Ireland Infant Mental Health Strategy in the South Eastern Outcomes area
- To address childhood obesity in the South Eastern Outcomes Area
- To address childhood dental health in the South Eastern Outcomes Area
- Ensure all children and young people attend school and have a level of attainment and school attendance through a multi-disciplinary approach and building upon existing investments (including mentoring for achievement).

Additional Notes:

Raise awareness of learning and sensory support across the outcomes area

A conversation took place in relation to a number of pilot programmes that are currently underway or anticipated to begin in 2017 including;

- The SEHSCT in partnership with Resurgam have been building capacity of pre-school and primary school settings in the Lisburn area to deliver the Talk Boost programme to improve speech and language communication. The programme pilot will continue in 2017 and the outcomes and learning will be shared with the outcomes group.
- Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP) will implement a three year ADHD Changing Lives Initiative as part of European Inter Regional Collaboration that will complement education and mentoring programmes such as Mentoring for Achievement funded through SIF until March 2018. CNP will promote the programme to agencies working with families in the delivery area and share the learning of this initiative through the South Eastern Outcomes Group to improve the lives of children and young people.
- Both the initiatives above will support the delivery of the Lisburn and Colin Speech and Language Community Strategy to address communication difficulties of children and young people across the two localities.
- The outcomes group has agreed to review the progress post one year (March 2018) with the anticipation to broaden delivery to the wider South Eastern Outcomes Area through existing resources.

To give children the best start in life

An infant mental health task and finish group will be established to include PHA, CCP, SEHSCT and community sector representatives to scope a three year plan of action to address this priority. A few suggestions were recommended including;

- The sharing of a baby brain DVD for all new and expecting parents, grandparents and carers in the outcomes area
- To understand where the play spaces are in the outcomes area
- Highlight key messages across the outcomes area through local planning group initiatives and events about child development.

Thematic Priority 2: Our children will be resilient and have positive mental health

Actions:

- Understand the risks of hidden harm
- Build capacity across the sector and with families
- Support the emotional behavioural difficulties experienced by young people

Additional Notes:

A conversation took place in relation to how this work will be taken forward over the next three years;

Understanding the risks of hidden harm

- A series of conference sessions will focus on the theme of hidden harm of which will include: how children are impacted by domestic violence, the impact a parent with a mental health issue can have on a child's life and the impact a parent with a drug and/or alcohol issue can have on a child's life. This will be done through a partnership; South Eastern Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team, SE Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership, PCSPs and CYPSP South Eastern Outcomes Group.

Understanding the issues affected by young people

- The family support hubs across the outcomes area have received an increasing number of referrals for children with emotional behavioural difficulties. A piece of research will be commissioned to explore the issues faced by young people through youth engagement processes and shared with the outcomes group for review.

Thematic Priority 3: Our children get the best possible support from their families

Actions:

- Raise greater awareness of child care support across South Eastern Outcomes Area through partnership working with the Child Care Partnership
- Support families facing multi diversities adversities including poverty
- Increase awareness of family support services across the area
- Support children and young people impacted by domestic violence

Additional Notes:

A conversation took place in relation to how this work will be taken forward over the next three years;

Raise the profile of the Child Care Partnership in the South Eastern Outcomes Area

- The Child Care Partnership will utilise the CYPSP outcomes group, locality planning groups and hub members to share training opportunities and grant opportunities to support the care of children and young people.

Address poverty across the South Eastern Outcomes Area

- A broad scoping study will be completed in partnership with local councils to identify food banks and food share provision across the outcomes area to support families in crisis.

Supporting families affected by multiple adversities

- The SEHSCT completed an Adverse Childhood Experiences Project and the learning of this project will be shared at an applying the lessons session
- The SEDSVP are committed to continue to build the capacity of the CYPSP outcomes group, locality planning groups and hub members to understand the impact domestic violence can have on young people

A detailed action plan will be made available shortly.

For further information about the South Eastern Outcomes Group click here <http://www.cypsp.org/outcomes-groups/south-eastern-outcomes-group/>