

Quality Care - for you, with you

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 07 February 2017 at 9.30am,
Brownstown Community Centre, Portadown

Present:

Paul Morgan, (Chair)
Margaret Gibney, (Administrator)
Donna Murphy (Head of Family Support & Safeguarding)
Peadar White (For Geraldine Maguire)
Michael Heaney (Youth Justice)
Orlaith Moley (PHA)
Valerie Maxwell (CYPSP)
Darren Curtis (Locality Officer)
Rachel Long (Senior Practitioner, NIACRO)
Kieran Shields (Education Authority)
Stephen Smith (CICP)
Jacqueline Connolly (Locality Chair)
Aisling Rennick (NMDC)
Gerard Rocks (Acting AD Promoting Wellbeing)
Jacinta Linden (SPACE)
Alison Beattie (PCSP)
Iain Black (YOYPIC)
Pauline Leeson (CiNi)
Maurice Leeson (HSCB – CYPSP Link)
Kerry O'Hagan (Admin for Locality Officer)

Apologies:

Diane Clarke (ABC Council)
Peter McKinney (Early Years)
Ciara Burke (mid ulster)
Johnny McBride (NMDC)
Kevin Duggan (Locality Chair)
Geraldine Maguire (AD SCHED)
Emma Whiteside (BCM)
Michael McCrory (Mid Ulster Council)
Kirsten May (NIHE)
Mia Murray (Armagh Chair)
Michele Janes (ADCS, Barnardos)
Mairead Abraham (Southern Childcare Partnership)
Pat McGeough (on behalf of Michele Janes)

Summary of Actions

Action 1	Meeting to be arranged between Locality Chair, Education & Council to address need/gap in rural areas	Jacqueline
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2. Minutes of Previous Meeting 22.11.16:

Minutes agreed as accurate reflection of discussion.

3. Matters Arising

Action 1 - Michael advised that this was raised at Southern Area Safeguarding Panel; some discussion occurred at the Panel regarding broader safeguarding arrangements. Given the current review of Safeguarding Board the potential for re-structuring with Panels was also discussed at Panel. Panel agreed that David Douglas would liaise directly with Paul in terms of arising issues and broader safeguarding arrangements.

Action 2 – remains outstanding, it was agreed that Jacqueline would arrange meeting with relevant parties to move this forward

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Action 4 – Paul reported he and Valerie met with Finance to discuss the additional funding identified. Valerie has also met with Contracts Department in relation to the process; the surplus money must be spent before end of March 2017. It has been agreed that existing services will be extended into Armagh & Keady areas.

Donna noted that she is due to meet with Contracts next week as different specification is required; Contracts are happy to award and it is hoped that they will be out before the end of March. Paul also noted that permission was granted from wider outcomes members to proceed in this way, on this occasion.

Gerard asked what form the work would take. Stephen advised that the money will be used to fund a BME Worker 2 days per week in Armagh and 2 days in Keady on a family support basis. Paul reiterated that clear monitoring arrangements will be in place in relation to this spend.

4. Sign off 2014 – 17 Plan

Valerie referenced current plan which is due to finish in March of this year. Valerie noted that current action plan links in with high level outcomes from Children’s Strategy; members identified two key priorities as well as a number of locality planning outcomes. Valerie advised that areas/services that have been completed/delivered are marked green. Areas marked amber are on track to be completed/delivered by the end of

March whilst those areas marked red remain outstanding. Valerie suggested members give consideration to carrying the 'red' areas over onto next action plan.

Valerie provided a brief update on the progress of areas within current action plan noting that it has been difficult to evidence how well a certain programme/service has done. For example Tooth Fairy Events; report card will show how many attended, how many received packs, however no dentists in attendance for registrations.

Pauline commented that this has been addressed/discussed over the years and it has been noted that it is increasingly difficult to get community dentists to come along to events.

Paul emphasised the importance of being able to clearly demonstrate how services/programmes make a difference.

In relation to outcome 1 Paul noted that good collaborative work between a number of agencies was evident, in that a number of agencies came together to deliver service within local community; i.e. *establish a youth group in Keady for young people with learning disabilities and autism; provide Music Therapy Sessions.*

Valerie advised that it is hoped this service will be sustained after March 2017.

Peadar commented that Enable NI have secured funding to deliver a similar service to young people aged 16+ and they would be eager for partners.

Paul stated that a concern would be that projects/services are delivered then come to an end. He pointed out that if agencies have identified a good model with the potential to be replicated they should give consideration as to how such services can be mainstreamed. Paul pointed out that Outcomes Group is a strategic group whose aim is to identify needs.

Gerard suggested that applications could be made via ABC Council Peace IV initiative, highlighting that there is a tight turnaround in that applications need to be made by next Wednesday 15.02.17.

Valerie stated that the Milkshake & Maths programme will be carried over into the new action plan.

In relation to education pilot Kieran provided a brief update noting that it has been agreed that the Pilot will be revisited this year with Post Primary children. Lessons have been learnt from previous programme; this will also be carried over to new action plan. In relation to Hunger in Holidays Pilot Valerie thanked Jacinta for her work in ensuring programme was delivered. Jacinta advised that the programme was pulled together in a very short space of time i.e. 2weeks; 8 children were referred and availed, evidence showed that those 8 children benefited from the programme. Jacinta emphasised that

this was a small scale project which was very successful, local schools have offered their premises for further events.

Pauline concurred with Jacinta's comments adding that an evaluation video was completed which she agreed to share with members.

Stephen provided an update on Culture Awareness Training advising that this was delivered under Freedom Acts Programme. Stephen commented that strong relations have been built with schools whilst delivering this programme, it is hoped that teachers will continue to deliver this resource within schools.

Valerie concluded the section advising that Domestic Violence awareness raising sessions have been carried out by Women's Aid and Locality Planning Groups.

Safe Place training has been delivered by Women's Aid.

Nexus have delivered six information sessions and held six workshops relating to Cyber Bullying.

Toxic Childhood Conference was held in Oct 2016; Workshop has been arranged for January/February feedback has been extremely positive.

Locality Planning Groups attended training regarding, legal highs, human trafficking and online grooming.

Valerie stated that any remaining areas in black will be carried over to new action plan.

5. Update Locality Planning Groups

Paul introduced Darren Curtis to group advising that Darren will cover Julie's maternity leave. Paul noted that workshop today is timely as it will afford Darren the opportunity to familiarise himself with members and purpose of group.

Jacinta advised that three key priorities have been identified i.e. Mental Health, Learning Disability & Domestic Violence. A mental health sub-group has been agreed aimed at young boys in the transitions years. It has also been agreed that a conference will be held promoting positive male role models.

6. Update Family Support Hub

Rachel advised that Hubs continue to receive consistent numbers of referrals.

7. Peace IV Update/Community Planning

Alison provided the following brief update: current position: draft letter of offer awaiting final letter of offer. Proposals for CYP strand include; sports activities, shared

spaces/services 3G pitch, Mental Health issues, Community Bus for those harder to reach areas of community, building positive relations, potential for cross border work. Alison agreed to keep members informed.

In relation to Community Planning Aisling advised that NMD consultation has now closed; report due back this week.
Gerard advised that mid-ulster hope to have their plan finalised by end of February.

8. Terms of Reference

Circulated for noting.

9. Agency Updates

Kieran advised that he has been asked to co-ordinate response from Education Authority re CYP Strategy before end of February, therefore he asked members if they wanted to be included in response to contact him directly.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 04 April 2017 at 10am in Board Room, Tower Hill, Armagh