

## CYPSP workshop

21 September 2016

Mossely Mill, Newtownabbey

### Attendance:

Stephen Agnew, Green Party  
 Marie Cavanagh, Gingerbread NI  
 Gillian McGrath, CCMS  
 Mary Donaghy, HSCB  
 Michael Donnelly, DfC  
 Kieran Downey, WHSCT  
 Ellen Finlay, CiNI  
 Jim Girvan, Blackie River  
 Liam Hannaway, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (Vice Chair – Chaired the meeting)  
 Grainne Keane, YJA  
 Cheryl Lamont, PBNI  
 Pauline Leeson, CiNI  
 Brenda MacQueen, Dry Arches Children's Centre  
 Fionnuala McAndrew, HSCB  
 Anne Marie McClure, Start 360  
 Hugh McCaughey, SEHSCT  
 Billy McMillan, Barnardos  
 Paddy Mooney, Include Youth  
 Paul Morgan, SHSCT  
 Maura Muldoon, PBNI  
 Joanne Neil, Bryson Charity  
 Marie Roulston, NHSCT  
 Dawn Shaw, Action for Children  
 Tony Stevens, NHSCT  
 Anne Sweeney, NIHE  
 Eileen Thompson, Cedar Foundation  
 Una Turbitt, PHA  
 Lesley Walker, BHSCT  
 Jason White, SEHSCT  
 June Wilkinson, DE – children and young people's unit  
 Paul Yam, WAH HEP

### In Attendance:

Maurice Leeson, HSCB  
 Valerie Maxwell, HSCB  
 Shauneen Mullan, HSCB  
 Annie Clarke, HSCB  
 Stephanie Thompson, HSCB

### Apologies:

Clark Bailie, NIHE  
 Avery Bowser, Action for Children  
 Jim Clarke, CCMS  
 Iolo Eillian, HSCB  
 Gillian Gibson, Footprints  
 Caroline Harper, PHA  
 Glenys Johnston, SBNI  
 Hilary Johnston, PHA  
 Clare Mangan, Education Authority  
 Michael McBride, BHSCT  
 Kieran McShane, HSCB  
 Una Lernihan, HSCB  
 Bernadette McAliskey, STEP  
 Declan McGeown, YJA  
 Martin Quinn, HSCB  
 Francis Rice, SHSCT  
 Eddie Rooney, PHA  
 Valerie Watts, HSCB (Chair)  
 Elaine Way, WHSCT

Agenda Item	What was Discussed/Decision	Lead
<b>Welcome</b>	Mr Liam Hannaway (Vice Chair for CYPSP) chaired the meeting in the absence of Ms Valerie Watts.	

	<p>Mr Hannaway welcomed members to the workshop and apologies were noted as above.</p> <p>Mr Hannaway welcomed our guest speakers to the workshop; Mr Stephen Agnew, Green Party and Ms June Wilkinson, Children and Young People's Strategy Unit - Department of Education.</p>	
<p><b>Welcome and Purpose of Meeting</b></p>	<p>It was agreed at the last meeting that this meeting would be run as a workshop with an extended invitation to colleagues in other parts of the CYPSP structure.</p> <p>The chair welcomed to CYPSP Members and colleagues representing Outcomes, Locality groups and FSH's.</p> <p><b>The purpose of the meeting is to consider how-</b></p> <p>The changing landscape of Children's Policy and Legislation will have an impact on the work of CYPSP.</p> <p>The agenda for this meeting will allow participants to consider how the role of CYPSP should evolve in light of these developments.</p>	
<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting 20 April 2016</b></p>	<p>Minutes were agreed</p>	
<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	<p><b>EITP</b></p> <p>Mr Leeson updated the meeting on developments with EITP. EITP papers are now available from the CYPSP website (<a href="http://www.cypsp.org/early-intervention-transformation-programme/">http://www.cypsp.org/early-intervention-transformation-programme/</a>)</p>	

	<p><b>New Children's Services Plan</b></p> <p>The interim CYPSP plan is complete to cover to 2017 (<a href="http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/cypsp_plan_14_17.pdf">http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/cypsp_plan_14_17.pdf</a>) . As agreed the new plan will cover the period of the next programme for government</p> <p><b>Proposal for Joint Working with NICCY</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the professional officers from CYPSP would explore potential joint working opportunities with the Commissioner's office.</p> <p><b>Linkages with Anti-Poverty Strategy</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the professional officers from CYPSP would explore with OFMDFM the CYPSP role.</p>	
<p><b>Interface with community planning</b></p>	<p>Mr Hannaway, Newry Mourne and Down District Council shared a presentation on their experience with community planning across two Health and Social Care Trust areas. (presentation is attached)</p> <p>Mr Hannaway emphasised at the outset that the Community Plan should not be seen as the Councils plan but rather as the partners plan.</p> <p>Mr Hannaway outlined the thematic priorities that have been agreed by the council and the delivery platform as they move forward.</p> <p>All councils are working to the Programme for Government however some might differ in their delivery approached.</p> <p>Community Plans are due out for consultation across Northern Ireland by December 2016 with a final agreed plan in place for each council by April 2017.</p> <p>Mr Leeson, HSCB opened the floor for a short table discussion between members about their involvement in community planning to date and opportunities/ concerns that the process will bring for CYPSP.</p>	<p>ML to circulate the community planning presentation</p>

**Overview of group discussions:**

- CYPSP plan rests on a statutory obligation set out in the Children Order. It is important that members are involved in their local council community planning arrangements
- Concern was expressed about the number of strategies, partnerships and delivery mechanisms that impacted on children and young people and how they link and work together – how we will measure accountability with so many reporting structures was raised as an issue. Mr McCaughey asked if the same indicators were being used across all these strategies. He noted the potential for confusion if different measures are being used. He raised this as an issue for CYPSP-an alignment of indicators across the different strategies.
- Gaps between CYPSP structures (outcomes groups and locality planning groups) and new initiatives such as Fresh Start/ Urban Villages. Specific suggestion that CYPSP look at how it engages with delivery of Fresh Start recommendations relating to children and young people.
- Ms Turbitt noted that the relationship between the Community Plans and Making Life Better should be strong as this is the public health strategy.
- Agreed vision to build upon existing locality planning groups, outcomes groups, hubs and thematic working groups to ensure the needs of all children and young people are being addressed through influencing the community plans, new Children’s Strategy and new high-level outcomes
- Noted degrees of engagement between member organisations and development of community plans.
- Noted that it would take time for community planning to embed itself.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In respect of the voluntary and community sector funding uncertainty within the sector raised concerns over capacity to engage with the production and delivery of the community plan.</li><li>• It was also noted that funding pressures exist across all agencies. It is important to align funding opportunities where possible to support the delivery of better outcomes for children and young people.</li><li>• Mr McCaughey, SEHSCT, noted that CYPSP members need to work to ensure that our structure should be embedded into community planning to support the prioritisation of children and young people's issues. CYPSP also need to look at the community plans and how they link with CYPSP plans, CYPSP structures and our own organisations agenda's to ensure we build upon CYPSPs collaborative working.</li><li>• Ms Wilkinson raised the issue of engagement of children and young people in the development of the community plans. Liam Hannaway referred to the engagement work that the Council had undertaken with schools.</li><li>• Members recognise that Councils have different approaches, thematic priorities and challenges – need to counterbalance investments for children and older people</li></ul>	
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	<p>Implications for CYPSP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Linking the different partnerships through developing a core set of CYPSP messages relating to children and young people</li> <li>b. Developing shared indicators for children and young people</li> <li>c. Engaging with children, young people and their families. Mr Morgan, SHSCT, proposed that perhaps one year into the community plan that the councils and their respective outcomes group run stakeholder engagement events with children and young people.</li> <li>d. Continuing to support the CYPSP structure of Outcomes groups, Locality Groups and Family Support Hubs.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Interface with new children's strategy and impact of new children's services cooperation act</b></p>	<p>Mr Hannaway welcomed Mr Stephen Agnew, Green Party to the CYPSP workshop to provide an update on the New Children's Services Cooperation Act.</p> <p>In his opening remarks Mr Agnew thanked CYPSP for inviting him to the workshop to discuss the Bill.</p> <p>He acknowledged the help and support given to him by OFMDFM. He also acknowledged the support he had received from HSCB and CiNI</p> <p>The legislation is still relatively new.</p> <p>The Bill requires that the Executive produce a new Northern Ireland Children's Strategy framed around 8 high level outcomes. It also creates an enabling power to pool budgets. Mr Agnew said he expects to see this happening.</p> <p>In relation to the pooling of budgets, Mr Agnew noted that he has raised the need for guidance from the Finance Minister on the practicalities of taking the Bill forward across departments in relation to pooling of budgets.</p> <p>Mr Agnew referenced the Early Intervention Transformation Programme which began to align budgets across several departments to support</p>	

	<p>children and families in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>In reference to monitoring compliance Mr Agnew referred to the requirement to produce a report on how children’s authorities are cooperating to deliver the high level outcomes and how that cooperation could be improved.</p> <p>Mr Agnew said that his original intention also had been to include in the legislation moving CYPSP onto a statutory footing. He had been advised that to include this clause would have taken too much time. He intends to continue this conversation with DoH.</p> <p>A special thanks was given to the support provided in passing this Bill by Ms Wilkinson and her team at OFMDFM, Ms Fionnuala McAndrew at the Health and Social Care Board, Pauline Leeson, Children in Northern Ireland Koulla Yiasouma, Children’s Commissioner for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Mr Hannaway invited questions/comments.</p> <p>Mr Hannaway highlighted that Councils are accountable to Department for Communities however Councils have been referenced in the Children’s Services Cooperation Bill. Mr Agnew noted that the ethos of community planning will support the delivery of this Bill however Mr Agnew will take forward a discussion with the Department for Communities re the connections.</p> <p>Mr Hannaway welcomed Ms June Wilkinson from the Children and Young People’s Strategy Unit, Department of Education to the workshop. Ms Wilkinson provided an update to CYPSP members on the status of the New Northern Ireland Children’s Strategy.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson noted that the community plan is a key link for the children’s strategy.</p> <p>The children’s strategy is intended to drive improvement in children’s lives and clearly identifying the difference the strategy will make is important.</p>	
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	<p>There is considerable work-and CYPSP is involved- in developing the indicators for the strategy.</p> <p>The core pillars of the strategy relate to Better Delivery, Better Cooperation and Better Outcomes.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson noted the addition of new outcomes in the strategy from the original six.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson acknowledged the support from the CYPSP Outcomes and Locality groups.</p> <p>Ms Wilkinson said that there should be links between the new CYPSP plan and the Children’s Plan.</p> <p>The plan is expected to come out to consultation in December.</p> <p>Mr Hannaway thanked Ms Wilkinson for her presentation and noted that there would be a link between the play strategy</p>	
<p><b>Items for noting</b></p>	<p><b>Information System Report Card</b></p> <p>The CYPSP information report card was presented at the workshop for reference.</p> <p><b>Communications Report Card</b></p> <p>The CYPSP communications report card for July to September was presented at the workshop for reference.</p> <p><b>Family Support Hubs Annual Report Card</b></p> <p>The Annual Family Support Hubs Report Card for 2015/16 was shared with CYPSP members during the workshop.</p>	