

**BELFAST OUTCOMES GROUP MEETING**  
**Women's Aid Annex, Adelaide Park**  
**7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 10.00 a.m.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Apology</b>
Ms. Lesley Walker (Chair)	Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
<b>Statutory Sector</b>			
Mr. Tommy Boyle	Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
Ms. Carol Diffin	Belfast HSC Trust		✓
Mr. Des Marley	NIHE, Belfast Area		✓
Ms. Jill Trotter	Education Authority		✓
Mr. Séamus Mullen	PHA		✓
Mr. Stevie Lavery	Belfast City Council	✓	
Ms. Patricia Muldoon	Youth Justice Agency		✓
Mr. Danny Power	HSCB Belfast Local Commissioning Group		✓
Vacant	PSNI		✓
<b>Community Sector</b>			
Ms. Maggie Andrews	East Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Tina Gregory	West Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Natasha Brennan	South Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Katrina Newell	North Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>			
Ms. Patricia Lyness	Director Women's Aid	✓	
Ms. Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	✓	
Mr. Colm Walsh	Extern		✓
Ms. Colette Slevin	Mencap		✓
<b>BME Sector</b>			
Ms. Dawn Thompson	Bryson Children's Services	✓	
<b>Partnership Sector</b>			
Ms. Roisin McCooey	Belfast Childcare Partnership	✓	
Mr. Jackie Redpath	Belfast Strategic Partnership	✓	
Mr. Jim Morgan	Belfast Strategic Partnership		✓
<b>In Attendance</b>			
Ms. Una Casey	CYPSP	✓	
Mr. Gerry Largey	Belfast HSC Trust – Hub Lead	✓	
Mr. Maurice Leeson	HSCB – CYPSP Link		✓
Ms. Helen Dunn	CYPSP		✓
Mr. Jim Girvan	Community Representative		✓



<p><b>Ms. Walker</b></p>	<p>Ms. Newell considered the information provided today as positive and useful for feeding back down to the community and voluntary sector agencies as the issue of 'reverse feedback' had been raised before. Ms. Walker noted that they will have to look at the linkages with the LPG's and use existing groups with regards to this matter. They could also use feedback from the Family Support Hubs' work re: this issue and pick up information re: statistics, gaps etc. Ms. Walker confirmed that all relevant services including Health Visitors will be represented and will take part in the Trust piece of work. When the HSCB Paper re: Pathways for Children with Complex Needs is finalised and received, the Trust need to map out a response; thinking re this has already commenced linked to the Trusts New Directions 2 work.</p> <p>c. <u>Membership</u> – This matter was discussed at CYPSP and Outcomes Group Chairs' meeting. Maurice Leeson has agreed to draw up a paper for CYPSP re: all feedback received. It was pointed out that the Outcomes Group had agreed this should be a Consultation paper. Terms of Reference paper has been drafted and will be circulated.</p> <p><b>Ms. Walker to circulate the Terms of Reference paper to members.</b></p> <p>d. <u>Code of Practice</u> – Ms. O'Connor to follow up on this previous action point.</p>
<p><b>Ms. Casey</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>	<p><b>4. Action Plan for 2017/18</b></p> <p>Ms. Casey advised that the 2014/17 Action Plan is now complete and Belfast Outcomes Group will be moving forward with the 2017/20 Action Plan. She noted that some of the other Outcomes Groups had discussed creating a one-page plan and Western Outcomes Group have completed same and a copy was provided at today's meeting. Some of the area's young people helped to design the plan. It was felt that an Action Planning morning will be required for discussion re: Belfast Plan.</p> <p><b>Ms. Casey to circulate electronically the Western Outcomes Group draft Action Plan 2017/20 to members.</b></p> <p>Considerable discussion ensued re: what is required for the Belfast Action Plan and the planning session: focus on 3 key areas from previous plan; focus needs to directly link in with commissioning of services; fit for purpose; no external facilitator – led internally re: strategic direction, funding opportunities, EITP, implications of the Adoption and Children Bill, commissioning; to encompass all age ranges; design work with Belfast young people; set the context and don't over-complicate process; link to Belfast Agenda and other Consultations etc. It would not be plausible to have more than one session due to members' availability. In the interim, Ms. Casey will link in with the Locality Planning Group Chairs and Mr. Largey will link with the Family Support Hubs re: emerging needs, gaps etc. It was suggested that the Trust Early Intervention Team may be able to help facilitate the session.</p> <p><b>Action Planning Workshop to be held in place of the next Outcomes Group meeting with a longer session – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.</b></p> <p>Mr. Lavery suggested that the Action Plan may be useful to feed into the</p>

	<p>Belfast Agenda. Following a few comments, Ms. Casey agreed that this document could be read by all agencies and they could see where it fits within their own agencies. Conversation flowed on to the agenda item re: consultations.</p>
<p><b>Mr. Redpath</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Lavery</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>	<p><b>5. Consultations</b></p> <p><u>Belfast City Council</u> – Mr. Lavery spoke to the Belfast Agenda Consultation. Early Intervention and Family Programmes sections include statements that link to this group, Locality Planning Groups and Family Support Hubs. These are designed at a high-level.</p> <p>Mr. Redpath welcomed the Belfast Agenda Consultation and the Council's direction. He felt that it needs to be considered here at Outcomes Group and encouraged a Belfast Outcomes Group response re: same. He noted that children, young people and families are mentioned within the paper but these sections are sometimes light of information and without great context, and he provided the group with some examples. Ms. Walker advised that a joint response was discussed at CYPSP but due to the high number of members, it was felt they would be unable to do so. CiNI are also collecting some views. Mr. Lavery explained that the Council would welcome all group and individual responses and only require 2 to 3 pages outlining any comments / statements. Ms. Maxwell advised that the LPG Chairs had also discussed a joint response – Family Support Hubs are mentioned within the document but Locality Planning Groups are not. Ms. McCooey noted that they would need to reiterate re: antenatal inequalities right up to children and young people inequalities. There was discussion re: how a joint response would be pulled together. Closing date for responses is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.</p> <p><b>Mr. Redpath to draft 3 to 4 high level Statements. These are to be sent to LPG Chairs for their comments and then circulated to all members for final additions and comments. Ms. Casey to collate responses.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Lavery to forward email re: final consultation event dates.</b></p> <p><b>Individual agencies to also complete their own responses.</b></p> <p><u>Adoption and Children's Bill</u> – Ms. Walker apprised the group re: this consultation. A range of issues have arisen with this Bill for Early Years, Partnerships, SBNI Regionally and a lot of the elements were unexpected. Ms. Walker wanted to bring these implications to the group's attention re: SBNI and the new proposal re: structures, i.e. that CYPSP would appoint an Independent Chair; SBNI would become a sub-group of CYPSP with a sole focus on Child Protection; Outcomes Groups would also remain as a sub-group of CYPSP but it is suggested this should be put on a statutory footing .</p> <p>Ms. Walker apprised the group of the discussion at CYPSP and of her opinions in this matter – there were some anxieties re: Outcomes Groups becoming a statutory body and re: the nature of partnership; mandatory membership rather than partnership working; potential links to Cooperation Bill in an effort to achieve accountability in terms of funding, commissioning etc.; if the remit of Safeguarding Board is only child protection then all other issues re: statutory / tier 3 services etc. come across to CYPSP which may lose the focus on Early Intervention. The consultation is re: the direction of the Bill therefore it will difficult to have an Outcomes Group based response due to the numerous, varying views. Discussion followed between members re: the implications with regards Outcomes Group in terms of statutory</p>

<p><b>All</b></p>	<p>status, wider remit, risks re: taking focus from early intervention, services commissioned for Tier 2 families, lack of value for community and voluntary partnerships.</p> <p><b><i>Individual Agency responses to be completed for the Adoption and Children's Bill.</i></b></p> <p><u>Children's Strategy</u> – Mr. Boyle advised that Children's Community Service Directorate are completing a response to this Consultation. A suggestion was made re: completing a Group response via a working group. Mr. Largey explained that the strategy was a bit light in respect of OBA and there are no targets to link to the outcomes or how to close the gaps for children and young people and families. Identified within the document are the general population and Looked After Children but families/young people in between these groups are not included.</p> <p><b><i>Individual Agency responses to be completed.</i></b></p>
<p><b>Chair</b></p>	<p><b>6. Locality Planning Update</b></p> <p>Ms. Casey circulated papers to the group. There was a meeting yesterday to capture the gaps and emerging needs.</p> <p><u>North Belfast</u>  Ms. Newell mentioned that flexibility is needed re: Outcomes Group contracts, based on the needs coming through, e.g. mentoring - funding is for delivery to older young people however younger children coming through requiring one-to-one mentoring but the organisation is unable to provide. Mr. Largey acknowledged this is a logistical issue re: changing themes and also a governance issue. Mr. Largey agreed the commissioning process had been a learning experience.</p> <p>Ms. Casey raised another issue from the Locality Groups that Hub Coordinators had found out who would be funded prior to contract holder. Mr. Largey had clarified at the time that this had happened on one occasion and why this had happened.</p> <p>Ms. Newell advised that there had been good presentation from Hubs – 330 families, 838 services, biggest age group was 5 to 10 year olds although older age groups are growing, biggest amount of referrals are from the community followed by self-referrals. There has also been good representation re: Parent Participation. Ms. Casey advised that CYPSP had commissioned Parenting NI for Parent Participation in Northern Belfast One area. They are getting involved in the LPG process and are organising 2 further engagement sessions. This is an 18-month contract tendered from CYPSP. There was considerable discussion re: this contract and how this was commissioned and Ms. Casey explained re: the previous contract, the second round of commissioning, re-designed service, going out to tender again etc. Ms. Newell added that they are tracking the outcomes and are clear where they wish this to go. They would want focus groups and questionnaires to be completed. They were due to have a meeting with Mr. Leeson also. Following enquiries, Ms. Casey confirmed that this contract is from April 2016 to December 2017, CYPSP are working closely with the group and have provided them with a copy of the Strategy.</p> <p><b><i>This matter to be brought to the Outcomes Chairs Group and</i></b></p>

	<p><b><i>representations made that further detail is requested for discussion at Outcomes Group.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Ms. Casey and Mr. Leeson have been working with Parenting NI and will feedback at future meeting.</i></b></p> <p>Ms. Newell advised that there have been talks re: Youth Provision on the back of the report. There are going to be cuts of approximately 162 posts. This will have a major impact on Early Intervention across Belfast together with cuts in other areas. Discussions are ongoing with Education Authority and DHSSPS. She advised that members of the Outcomes Group will need to be aware of the impacts involved. Lobbying of EANI, Dept. of Education, Politicians has taken place as well as protests and strikes. Mr. Largey added that it will be a critical issue during the next funding round.</p> <p><u>South Belfast</u>  A meeting was held at the end of last month. Some of issues raised were: 'voluntary contributions' to nursery schools; high-levels of anxiety; support for ethnic minorities; rates of low attendance at school. South Belfast LPG has partnered with EANI and Nursery Schools to hold a Workshop for Practitioners re: raising awareness etc. Ms. Brennan advised that a lot of the community organisations are currently providing services to the Hubs including youth services, however it is unclear if they will have funding or be able to provide any services.</p> <p>Another issue raised by LPG members is that when issues and emerging needs have been raised up via LPG to Outcomes Group, information and responses have not been fed back down to the LPG's. The reps suggested an agenda item re: feeding down to the groups so people feel there is a clear process. Also, they have highlighted the need to push for next year's funding. Ms. Walker informed that Mr. Leeson had been preparing a draft paper re: funding issues and the need for Hub Funding as well as funding to build into services. He had been due to meet with the Minister but this has been postponed with the current situation.</p> <p><b><i>Ms. Casey Feedback to and discussion with Maurice Leeson.</i></b></p> <p>Mr. Largey mentioned the Child Welfare Inequalities Project and noted that the level of deprivation will depend on the services available within the Trust. Research has been completed and is due out for circulation in April/May 2017. A gradient has been identified and the UK figures found that the most deprived CYP are 11 times more likely to be Looked After or on the Child Protection Register as opposed to 6 times more likely in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Discussion followed re: funding. Ms. Hardy had previously met with Big Lottery. Mr. Largey advised that in the last funding round, Big Lottery had linked in with Family Support Services. He noted that other organisations had also previously stated they had links, however, these links were quite tenuous. Ms. Walker advised that if there are any specific difficulties, she would be happy to write to the organisations to ask to for clarification re: linkages.</p> <p><u>East Belfast</u>  Ms. Casey updated that various themed meetings had been held. She apprised that there had been considerable discussions re: poverty and housing at the Early Years meeting and that it would be very useful if</p>
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<p><b>Ms. Walker</b></p>	<p>Housing Executive were in attendance at both the Outcomes Group and at the Locality Planning Groups. There is very poor housing in certain areas and these issues are affecting children's outcomes.</p> <p><u>Belfast City Council representation</u>  <b>Letter to be forwarded to Suzanne Wylie, cc Stevie Lavery re: BCC Rep at Locality Planning Groups.</b></p> <p>Ms. Casey informed that she has drafted report cards and evaluation forms for the various events running in the Belfast area and circulated copies of same to the group.</p> <p>Ms. Newell enquired re: the status of the 2 posts. Mr. Largey provided update. With regards the LPG post this is currently at jo-matching/evaluation stage. He had hoped for a meeting with the 4 LPG Chairs prior to today but this meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of week.</p> <p><b>Mr. Largey, Mr. Boyle and Ms. Walker to liaise re: progress of the posts.</b></p>
	<p><b>7. Family Support Hub Update</b></p> <p>Mr. Largey provided a brief update – Still high-level of buy-in; will come in above what reported last year; pressures emerging re: capacity; continuing to deliver broad suit of training opportunities; Hub Leads have received training in respect of Drugs and Alcohol, Domestic Violence, CSE, Safeguarding, Capacity Building, Neglect, Designated Officer, Info Sharing both through the Trust and other agencies. Contact has been made with other areas re: how they are progressing and emerging issues. Discussion may be required re: the primary focus of the Hubs - whether they are designed to face out to families not previously known or as a step-down service. Ms. Gregory enquired re: some families being referred onto hubs Social Services when already involved. Mr. Largey explained that this will depend on how families present to Hubs and how much information they divulge. Families may also re-present to Hubs following involvement of statutory services. Ms. Maxwell noted that this is an issue again for children with additional needs as they will outlive the services provided by the Hubs and may need referred again for further or continuing needs.</p>
<p><b>Ms. Walker</b></p>	<p><b>8. A.O.B.</b></p> <p>Mr. Leeson was collating all feedback re: membership and attendance. The matter of attendance has also been raised with Senior Reps. Ms. Casey has also linked in with PHA and Gail Malmo will joining the South Eastern and Belfast Outcomes Group as the PHA Rep. Dorothy Taggart, CYPSP is also currently collating Outcomes Group attendance figures and these will be brought to CYPSP.</p> <p><b>Ms. Walker will circulate email informing of a venue for the Action Planning workshop and will ask members to prioritise sending a rep if they are not available to attend.</b></p>

## 9. Dates of Future Meetings

Date:	Time:	Venue:
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	9.30 a.m.	EastSide Visitor Centre
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	10.00 a.m.	Women's Aid Annex, Adelaide Park, Belfast
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	10.00 a.m.	Tbc
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	10.00 a.m.	Tbc
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	2.00 p.m.	Tbc