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**Southern Area Outcomes Group**

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 10.00 am,  
Brownstown Community Centre, Portadown.

**Present:**

Paul Morgan, (SHSCT, Chair)  
Darren Curtis (Locality Development Officer, Minutes)  
David Patterson (NMDC)  
Martina McCooey (SHSCT)  
Pat McGeough (Barnardos)  
Jacinta Linden (SPACE)  
Michael Heaney (YJA)  
Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT, Dungannon Locality Chair)  
Kieran Shields (EA)  
Valerie Maxwell (CYPSP)  
Kerry O'Hagan (CYPSP)  
Ciara Burke (Mid Ulster & ABC Councils, Armagh Locality Chair)  
Rachel Long (NIACRO)

**Apologies:**

Geraldine Maguire (AD SCHED)  
Alison Beattie (ABC)  
Gerard Rocks (Acting AD PWB)  
Donna Murphy (SHSCT)

<b>Action 1</b>	<b>Jacqueline and Kieran to feed back at next meeting on progress of summer school use for Bulgarian Group in Armagh.</b>	<b>Jacqueline/Kieran</b>
<b>Action 2</b>	<b>Any nominations for sub groups to come through Valerie</b>	<b>Members/Valerie</b>
<b>Action 3</b>	<b>Valerie to approach identified services and individuals to join sub groups.</b>	<b>Valerie</b>
<b>Action 4</b>	<b>Valerie and Paul to meet to provide a Terms of Reference and expectations of each sub group, to include a time line. Valerie to provide this to each Chairperson and attend the first meeting of each sub group.</b>	<b>Valerie, Paul</b>
<b>Action 5</b>	<b>Valerie to seek clarification from Maurice Leeson on future funding arrangements for Family Support Hubs.</b>	<b>Valerie</b>

## **1 Introductions and Apologies**

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions followed. Apologies were noted.

## **2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (04 April 2017)**

Minutes agreed as an accurate reflection of discussion.

## **3 Matters Arising**

Action 1: Locality Chair (JC), EA and Council have met to discuss the use of school premises in summer by Bulgarian Group in Armagh. To progress further by Kieran and Jacqueline

Actions 2,3,4,5 have been achieved.

**Action 1:**  
**Jacqueline and Kieran to feed back at next meeting on progress of summer school use for Bulgarian Group in Armagh.**

#### **4 Action Planning – Agree Membership of Task & Finish Groups**

Valerie advised that a small number of nominations have been forwarded however still encouraged further nominations to ensure fair and relevant representation in each sub group.

Paul recommended that the Group discuss each sub group to agree representation: the Group agreed to do so. Valerie asked that any nominations for sub groups to come through her.

**Action 2:**  
**Any nominations for sub groups to come through Valerie**

***Sub Group 1: Children and Young People will have the best start in life and enjoy the best possible health and wellbeing.***

Orlaith Moley (PHA) is due to change her role but has agreed to forward a nominee from PHA.

Valerie reported that Kieran McShane, HSCB has agreed to support and assist this group where necessary. Kieran will link in with Lesley Waugh accordingly.

Martina recommended nomination from Home Start/Sure Start to give representation for the best start in life.

Kieran asked Valerie to clarify if EA Early Years Intervention Service input was required. After short discussion, Kieran agreed to pass on to Ruth Bell, Assistant Education Officer, EA to nominate a representative.

Valerie described the potential for wraparound-style events in order to hear the voices of young people and parents/carers. Valerie also stressed the need to carry out logic modelling for all processes.

Valerie agreed to ask Kevin Duggan, Manager of Southern Childcare Partnership, to Chair the sub group.

***Sub Group 2: All Children are safe, confident and enjoy improved emotional wellbeing***

Peadar White (SHSCT CAMHS) has agreed to Chair the sub group.

PSNI have nominated Shane McDonald from Armagh PSNI to sit on this sub group.

Michael Heaney stated he will attend this sub group at the start but may require a colleague from YJA to continue involvement.

Kieran identified Alison Curran (Assistant Advisory Officer, Silverwood) to represent EA. Orlaith Moley to confirm PHA representative with Valerie.

Paul reiterated how these plans fit in well with the Community Planning process, how it is important to maintain links between the two and ensure they fit best with their own plans

Paul stated the importance of avoiding duplication and to ensure best co-ordination. David Patterson agreed that the Community Planning process aims to ensure effective co-ordination. Paul added that Councils are identifying what already exists before identifying the gaps in services.

***Sub Group 3: Children and Young People will experience and benefit from good relations, equality and diversity***

Kieran agreed to ask Deirdre Hasson (EA Extended Schools Co-ordinator) to Chair the Sub Group.

Valerie agreed to ask Stephen Smith (CIP) to join the group.

Valerie agreed to contact Bernadette McAlliskey or Edel Fox for a nominee from STEP.

***Sub Group 4: Parents/Carers, Children and Young people are supported to understand the importance of, and to attend/participate learn and achieve in education and training***

Valerie to ask Kevin Duggan (Childcare Partnership) to nominate a representative

Paul identified the need for a representative from 16+ services for young people leaving the Care system and entering employment. Paul agreed to ask Bryan Gormley (YPP) or Colm McCafferty (SHSCT) to represent the older age group for this Priority.

Kieran identified Eamon Fleming( EA Youth Service Inclusion Team) and Edwin Parks (EA DofE) as representatives from EA. Kieran agreed to ask Eamon/Edwin to attend.

Jacinta identified Youth Action NI at locality level as nominees. Jacinta to ask Martin McMullan or Michael McKenna (both Youth Action NI) to sit on the group.

Ciara highlighted that FE Colleges should be represented. Kieran identified David Bint (SRC), stressing the need for community outreach representing young people NEET. Valerie agreed to approach David Bint for nomination from SRC.

Valerie identified the Family Support Hubs to be approached. Jacinta agreed to sit on the sub group.

Kieran Shields agreed to Chair the group.

***Sub Group 5: Parents/carers receive the help and support they need to positively empower them to parent. Children and young people live in supportive families.***

Martina and Pat agreed to join this group.

Rachel agreed to attend initially and nominate from NIACRO to continue.

Jacinta nominated Allison Slater (SPACE) to join the group. Jacinta also suggested Bevan O'Hare from Home Start for invitation to join the group.

Pauline suggested BCM, Inspire and CRJ in Newry for invitations to join the group. Valerie agreed to get relevant contacts for these organisations.

Michael pointed out the need to be mindful of conflict of interest for groups delivering contracts and sitting on sub groups for the Priorities. Jacinta identified the 3 Family Support Hubs and contracted projects which would fall into this. Pauline asked for clarification whether they would be Task and Finish Groups. Valerie clarified the groups' remit were to identify gaps in order to meet the identified need.

Jacinta identified the need for a clear terms of reference to scope out what is needed.

Paul stressed the need to approach organisations to identify gaps in provision. Michael agreed that the issues need to be identified prior to identifying a response to tackle this.

Jacinta reminded the meeting that Locality Planning Groups identify emerging needs at their meetings.

Martina agreed to Chair the group.

**Action 3:**

**Valerie to approach identified services and individuals to join sub groups.**

Valerie agreed to provide a template for each sub group to follow and to circulate to Chairpersons. Valerie will also brief Chairpersons that they need to provide progress updates.

David asked what the timeframe would be for reporting back. Valerie suggested that sub groups all complete the Turning the Curve exercise by the next Outcomes Group meeting.

Paul explained his expectation that the groups will have met twice over the summer and to have an outline of a clear plan for the next Outcomes Group meeting. Plan to include what works, identifying gaps and considerations for moving forward as a plan.

Michael requested this information to be forwarded to Chairpersons to give a clear indication of what is required in order to ensure consistency of information. MH – this info to be forwards to chairs highlighting a clear indication of what is needed so everyone can bring back the same format of info.

Michael stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> sub group has already met twice and that some groups would be at different stages of progress.

Valerie agreed to attend the first meeting of all sub groups.

Paul stated his expectations of a high level plan with clear outcomes identified, milestones for achievements to follow. Paul also stressed the need for each sub group to own the process and actions.

Paul reminded the meeting that the Action Plan should consider other regional strategies. Valerie stated that Annie Clarke (CYPSP) is currently cross referencing the aims of these strategies. Valerie agreed to explore the possibility of including this work on the CYPSP website as it is so large. Paul recognised the benefits of this to local actions and Valerie agreed to share this with the Chairpersons of all sub groups.

Paul and Valerie to meet to compile a 1 page guide on expectations for each sub group. This will include a time line.

Valerie highlighted the need to identify resources available for each sub group both from the CYPSP and also the member agencies.

Paul mentioned the success of stakeholder events in the past which were attended well by schools. Paul had suggested to ABC Council for working together on similar initiatives which will give the message to communities that services work together effectively. Paul informed the meeting that ABC Council are currently considering this approach.

David stated that NMD Council are aiming to launch their Community Plan in October of this year and are linking with DEA's for a series of mini launches which will tie in with local initiatives, emphasising the need for Community Plans to be located throughout all services.

Jacinta highlighted the good work between Locality Planning, DEA's and partners, citing the example of when Valerie carried out the Turning the Curve exercise with Newry LPG which identified 3 priorities including the October Conference for boys on the theme of mental health and well being.

Paul stressed the need for sub groups to identify initiatives for collaborative working to take forward, and to identify later how funding and commissioning can contribute to this.

#### **Action 4:**

**Valerie and Paul to meet to provide a Terms of Reference and expectations of each sub group, to include a time line. Valerie to provide this to each Chairperson and attend the first meeting of each sub group.**

## **5 Update from Locality Planning Groups**

Darren gave an update on each of the LPG actions through previously prepared report. Darren also gave a Score Card for the recently held funding fair initiative in Armagh.

Paul highlighted the wide range of positive initiatives throughout the LPG's.

Paul asked for clarification on Safe Places as this initiative currently operates in England to tackle child sexual exploitation. Darren explained that it is an initiative to support those affected by Domestic Violence and is delivered by Women's Aid.

David asked for clarification on the School Uniform Drive. This was provided by Darren as a sale of recycled uniform items. David informed the meeting that the Downpatrick LPG is currently working with schools to hold a similar sale. Darren stated he was working with Stephanie Thompson (CYPSP) who is one of the sale co-ordinators in order to document the learning from the two initiatives

## **6 Update from Family Support Hubs**

Jacinta introduced the FSH video which was recently produced through collaborative working between the 3 FSH's, Colm McCafferty and Michael Hoy. Jacinta reported positive feedback from this.

Paul enquired as to the plans for distribution/promotion of the video. Jacinta explained that the FSH's are already greatly over their targets but have passed the video to Helen Dunne at CYPSP who has shared it widely. It has also been publicised throughout the Trusts and other key agencies. Jacinta explained that although it has been released, they were waiting until after the Outcomes Group meeting to give feedback and to share more widely.

Paul stated the information was very good with simple, clear messages. Agreement from the meeting was that the video was very good.

Paul reported that feedback has been given to CYPSP to fund Family Support Hubs recurrently instead of annually. CYPSP are aware of the need to sustain the FSH's and are also giving similar feedback to funders.

Rachel reported that she had heard no news of any funding past September. Jacinta reported the necessity of serving a period of notice to admin staff whose job will be under threat. Valerie acknowledged the delay in funding having an impact on the services who administer the FSH's and agreed to follow up on obtaining further information with Maurice Leeson (CYPSP).

Paul relayed his understanding that funding has been secured for the rest of the year. David reported knowledge of groups who have been working on 3 month contracts and attended a meeting at NICVA where assurance was given by the Permanent Secretary that funding will continue to the next financial year with likely funding to continue.

Paul recognised that the situation is highly unsatisfactory for groups but all efforts were being made to secure recurrent funding rather than living year on year. Paul highlighted that negotiations and lobbying are both required to obtain support for recurrent funding.

**Action 5:**

**Valerie to seek clarification from Maurice Leeson on future funding arrangements for Family Support Hubs.**

Jacinta reported 33 referrals in Newry/Mourne in April, 21 in May, currently commissioned for 15 referrals per month. Jacinta reported the highest proportion of referrals due to mental health and wellbeing, and an increase in self referrals, often school related from bullying behaviours.

Rachel reported contract for 15 referrals per month in Craigavon/Banbridge, with 28 referrals in April and May. Rachel reported meeting with Donna Murphy, Contract Lead, for clarity due to the number of referrals received which are having an impact on the service and potential quality which NIACRO are committed to deliver. Rachel reported that if funding remained the same as it has been, it is still insufficient to cover what is currently being provided. Rachel added that pressure is on agencies to respond to the extra referrals who are struggling to cope with the capacity of demand.

Rachel reported that NIACRO continue to forward to the Locality Planning Groups that this is an issue.

Rachel reported an unmet need regarding the disability threshold for Social Work intervention particularly with the under 5 age range. Rachel reported professionals from the Children with Disability Teams were approaching the Hubs for advice.

Pat reported that the number of referrals for Armagh/Dungannon was less than the other Hubs however still meeting its target. Pat reported time taken up by calls to access services not provided by Hubs which do not become referrals, and also signposting problems due to long waiting lists of up to 3 months. Pat also highlighted the important role REACT play in providing mentoring for young people, however funding for this service is due to cease in September which would have a detrimental impact on the service.

Valerie reported that Yvonne Neill (CYPSP) is currently working on the report for the Hubs.



## **7 Peace IV Update/ Community Planning**

Valerie reported that ABC Council is taking forward the Peace IV programme, working with Gerard Rocks (SHSCT). Valerie also reported correspondence from Alison Beattie (ABC Council).

Paul reported that the focus on Peace IV was youth activities, including sports and diversionary activities, and that the parenting element has not been pursued. Martina reported the possible crossover with parenting programmes already existing. Community Planning updates already given earlier in meeting.

Paul gave his apologies as he had to leave the meeting, and handed over the Chair to Valerie

## **8 Agency Updates**

Martina reported autism awareness training will be provided for services engaging with young people with ASD. This is based on many conversations with those providing family support. There will be 2 annually by the Autism Service in SHSCT and will be available on an ongoing basis.

David reported that Newcastle, C Down, has declared itself as first 'autism-friendly' town in Northern Ireland. Jacinta added that Autism Initiatives create awareness and work with the private sector on initiatives such as this. Jacinta identified Grainne Close, Autism Initiatives, as the contact to speak to regarding the Newcastle initiative.

## **9 Date of Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10am, venue TBC.** This was rearranged from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September to give sub groups more time to meet and report back to on their progress over the summer.