



# Southern Area Outcomes Group Newsletter

## Message from the Chair

The CYPSP has mandated the Southern Outcomes Group to implement outcomes based planning for the Southern Trust area.

Outcomes based planning is the gathering of statistical information and information from communities in order to understand how well children and young people are doing in terms of certain outcomes, and then putting into place services designed to improve these outcomes. The membership of the Southern Outcomes Group reflects that of the CYPSP with representation from the statutory agencies and the voluntary and community sector. The Southern

Outcomes Group will enable the improvement of support and services for children and young people in ways that have not been possible up to now. We will build on achievements to date to make services better for children and young people. We aim to produce a newsletter 2 to 3 times a year to reflect and share progress from each of our priority groups on delivering outcomes to our children and young people across the area and would ask you to share this widely within your own organisations and community to keep them up to date with our progress,

*Paul Morgan*



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### Children and young people will have the best start in life and enjoy the best possible health and wellbeing

**What we said we would do:** Together we will provide opportunities for children & young people to come together for enjoyment and support; and provide opportunities for young peoples' voices to be heard in terms of shaping services

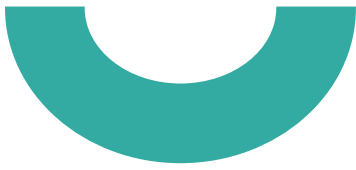


**Chair:-** Kevin Duggan,  
Southern Child Care Partnership Manager

### Progress to date:-

One of the actions this group identified was to co-ordinate the delivery of 3 Disability Awareness events led by SHSCT Community Access Officers to encourage groups/ organisations to be more inclusive to young people with a disability. These would showcase examples of good practice in the area and provide an opportunity for professionals to network and share good practice of their own. Our first event took place in May 2018.

Link to the video taken on the day:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fXAvOeYtNh0>



More information is available at <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Scorecard-18.4-Building-Inclusive-Communities-Armagh.pdf>

Work has now commenced to take forward the other 2 events. If you would be interested in becoming a member of this group to assist the Southern Outcomes Group achieve better outcomes for children and young people in their area contact [kevin.duggan@hscni.net](mailto:kevin.duggan@hscni.net)



## Practical Home Based Family Support

**What we said we would do:** Together we will provide practical home based support to families and encourage strength based parenting with a focus on accessibility

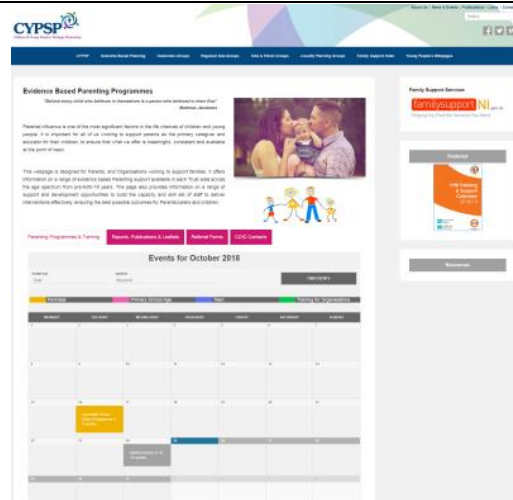
**Chair:-** Martina McCooey  
*Child Development Interventions Coordinator*



### Progress to date:

The tendering process to award new contracts are currently underway for the provision of practical home based family support at the point of need and will build on outcomes measured through impact tools with Outcomes Star currently being reviewed.

The development of a new page is well under way on the CYPSP website which will outline a range of evidence-based programmes (for parents and training for professionals) across each Trust area.



Martina is co-ordinating the content with colleagues in the other HSC Trust areas with the resource being NI-wide allowing local programmes to be searched locally in each HSC Trust area.

If you would be interested in becoming a member of this group to assist the Southern Outcomes Group achieve better outcomes for children and young people in their area contact [martina.mccooey@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:martina.mccooey@southerntrust.hscni.net)

## Southern Area Locality Planning Upcoming Event

### Understanding Misuse of Prescription and OTC Drugs

This half day training is aimed at those that already have a basic drugs knowledge who want to have a better understanding of how prescription and Over The Counter medicines are misused. This is an information based course and is open to any individual working in the statutory or voluntary sector. To register or for further details, contact Darren Curtis, Locality Development Officer at [darren.curtis@hscni.net](mailto:darren.curtis@hscni.net) or 02895 363966



## All Children are Safe, confident and enjoy improved emotional wellbeing - Positive Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing

**What we said we would do:** Together we will build resilience in young People and improve emotional wellbeing in families and communities



**Chair:-** Michael Heaney  
Youth Justice Agency

### Progress to date:

One of the main priority areas for this group is to reduce the number of young people with developmental and/or mental health issues progressing through the criminal justice system and the group are currently looking at the possibility of a local pilot with a view to roll out. Areas of development that are being progressed are:-  
Training and awareness with PSNI staff in respect of mental health/ASD issues .

The possibility of putting in place an on call service 9pm to 9am and to work in partnership with current community based night time services for young people and to identify or develop a soft landing zone and or appropriate accommodation if it is required.

The group are also looking at opportunities in respect of a Service co-ordinator/worker as a first point of contact – to review the presenting circumstances of the child

jointly with PSNI on most appropriate outcome and identify a range of appropriate service pathways to be developed. Based on learning the group will develop a protocol of best practice,

If you would be interested in becoming a member of this group to assist the Southern Outcomes Group achieve better outcomes for children and young people in their area contact

[Michael.Heaney@justice-ni.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Michael.Heaney@justice-ni.x.gsi.gov.uk)



## Enjoying and Playing Children and young people will experience and benefit from good relations, equality and diversity

**What we said we would do:** Together we will work towards broadening access to schools and youth/public facilities particularly during summer months (for BME, LAC C&YP with disability)



**Chair:-** Deirdre Hasson  
Extended Schools Co-Ordinator EA

### Progress to date:

This group are currently working on developing a searchable database and guidance to provide those who have programmes or activities to deliver with a resource that will help individuals source suitable venues across the Southern area and help navigate - what the process is, who to contact, notice required and any costs required.

The Outcomes Group would like to make this information publicly available centrally online and printable.

If you are based in the Southern Area and would like to include your venue please complete the questionnaire linked below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LGWKS5L>

The Group has also linked with the Play Matters EITP programme and will be identifying a number of professionals and parents for training across the SHSCT area.



If you would be interested in becoming a member of this group to assist the Southern Outcomes Group achieve better outcomes for children and young in their area contact [Deirdre.Hasson@eani.org.uk](mailto:Deirdre.Hasson@eani.org.uk)

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## Parents/Carers, Children and Young people are supported to understand the importance of, and to attend/participate learn and achieve in education and training

**What we said we would do:** Together we will improve participation in early years care, education/school life including BME, LAC, C&YP with a disability and endorse early intervention approaches to support emotional skills/needs



**Chair:-** Kieran Shields  
Education Authority

### Progress to date:

For the City of Armagh High School Roma Support Project the EA's Youth Service, Welfare Service and the Intercultural Education Service has agreed a series of support measures to improve attendance, educational attainment, personal development and pupil welfare.

Youth service will be doing short programmes on cultural identity for Key Stage 3 students and a tailor-made Key Stage 4 accredited programme just for Roma students which is delivered at the EPI Youth Resource Centre. This will help pupils achieve credits towards their GCSEs.



If you would be interested in becoming a member of this group to assist the Southern Outcomes Group achieve better outcomes for children and young in their area contact [Kieran.Shields@eani.org.uk](mailto:Kieran.Shields@eani.org.uk)

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## Southern Area Locality Planning

In the Southern Trust Area we have 6 Locality Planning Groups (LPG's): Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon, Dungannon, Newry and South Armagh. We are currently Action Planning up to 2020 and have identified key priorities to progress that aim to improve outcomes for children, young people and families.

One of the roles of the LPG's is to identify training opportunities based on emerging needs from members. In the Priority of Family Support, the need was identified to better equip us as professionals in holding effective conversations about change which could improve health, wellbeing and relationships.

On 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2 x half day workshops were devised and delivered in Banbridge Enterprise Centre by Ed Sipler (SEHSCT) for 26 professionals across the Trust-wide area. These looked at identifying barriers to change, active listening, exploring difficult topics and raising confidence and skills to engage more effectively with our clients. This programme was run in partnership with ASCERT and Report card will be available in due course.

A second Priority with LPG's is that of Risk Taking Behaviour, and the misuse of prescription and over the counter drugs has been identified as an emerging need throughout the Trust Area. There will be 3x 3 hour information and training session on the Misuse of Prescription and OTC Drugs which has been devised and will be delivered by ASCERT. Dates are 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November, and 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

For more information about these training events, or to find out more about the work of the Locality Planning Groups, visit <http://www.cypsp.org/locality-planning-groups/> or contact Darren Curtis, Locality development Officer, on 02895 363566 or [Darren.curtis@hscni.net](mailto:Darren.curtis@hscni.net).







### Further information

If you require any further information in relation to the Southern Area Outcomes Group or would like to include any information in the next newsletter, contact their planning support officer [valerie.maxwell@hscni.net](mailto:valerie.maxwell@hscni.net) Tel 02895 363168

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### NEWS & EVENTS

Play Matters – Department of Education  
18.9.2018

Prince's Trust's Fairbridge Programme, beginning on 3rd December  
5.11.2018

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### Family Support NI Website

This site provides details of a wide range of services provided by statutory, voluntary and community organisations to support families. This information will help Families, Young People, Children and Practitioners in Northern Ireland to find local services to meet their needs.

You will also find details of ALL REGISTERED childcare providers in N.Ireland. Government Agencies eg HMRC/DSD use this website to verify registration of childcare providers



Demographics Healthy Play Learning Safety Economic Performance Profile



Developing and maintaining integrated planning and commissioning across agencies and sectors, aimed at improving wellbeing and the realisation of rights for children in Northern Ireland.

