

**BELFAST OUTCOMES GROUP MEETING**  
**Education Authority HQ, Dundonald**  
**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 10.00 a.m.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Apology</b>
Ms. Carol Diffin (Chair)	Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
<b>Statutory Sector</b>			
Mr. Tommy Boyle	Belfast HSC Trust		✓
Mr. Des Marley	NIHE, Belfast Area		✓
Ms. Caroline Karayiannis	Education Authority	✓	
Ms. Barbara Porter	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.	✓	
Vacant	West Belfast Community Rep.		✓
Ms. Natasha Brennan	South Belfast Community Rep.		✓
Ms. Jenny Potter	North Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>			
Ms. Kelly Andrews	Director Women's Aid		✓
Ms. Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	✓	
Vacant	(Extern)		✓
Ms. Colette Slevin	Mencap	✓	
<b>BME Sector</b>			
Ms. Dawn Thompson	Bryson Children's Services		✓
<b>Partnership Sector</b>			
Ms. Roisin McCooney	Belfast Childcare Partnership		✓
Mr. Jackie Redpath	Belfast Strategic Partnership	✓	
Mr. Jim Morgan	Belfast Strategic Partnership		✓
<b>In Attendance</b>			
Mr. Dermot Magorrian	obo Ms. Muldoon, YJA	✓	
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	✓	
Ms. Cate Taggart	Belfast City Council	✓	
Mr. David Cuthbert	Belfast City Council	✓	
Ms. Deirdre Walsh	West Belfast LPG Chair	✓	
Ms. Karen Burns	EIS Team member	✓	
Ms. Mary Murphy	EIS Team member	✓	
Ms. Lorraine Brennan	EIS Team member	✓	

<b>Action by:</b>	
	<p><b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies as per attached sheet. Introductions were made around the room. Ms. Diffin welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending today's workshop.</p>
	<p><b>2. Setting the Scene</b></p> <p>Ms. Diffin outlined today's agenda and explained that Mr. Largey and Ms. Murphy will facilitate the group sessions after the break.</p> <p>Ms. Diffin explained the context for today's meeting and set the scene for members. Today's focus will be on the commissioning priorities of the Belfast Outcomes Group going forward within the parameters of the Action Plan set out last year. Any changes will be taken into account.</p> <p>There will be three presentations today – Mr. Leeson on CYPSP, Ms. Una Casey on Locality Planning Groups and Mr. Largey on Belfast Outcomes Group to help members see the context for commissioning moving forward.</p> <p>After the break there will be a session and discussion re: EISS, to identify gaps, inform commissioning discussion and shape way forward. We can reflect on various policy changes to make our work more central. Having Mr. Cuthbert and Ms. Taggart here today from Belfast City Council will also help with regards joining up the Community Planning agenda. Ms. Diffin also noted that the Adoption and Children's Act will change how the Outcomes Groups operate and we will need to adapt to align with this. This will be a huge opportunity for joint-working and joint-commissioning.</p>
	<p><b>3. Future Planning</b></p> <p>Presentations – Hard copies of the 3 powerpoint presentations were available in members' packs.</p> <p><u>CYPSP (Maurice Leeson)</u> – Mr. Leeson commenced with his presentation on CYPSP. He set the context and provided an overview of each of slides re: purpose and parameters, Children's Cooperation Act, CYPSP aims, CYPSP structure and links to various boards such as SBNI, CCP, sub-groups etc., the regional sub-groups, task and finish groups and definitions re: Early Intervention and Family Support. Mr. Leeson then talked the Children's Cooperation Act, Children's Strategy and processes involved re: monitoring effectiveness and recommendations.</p> <p>Mr. Leeson thanked all members who spoke to decision makers re: Family Support Hubs, the feedback had been very positive. Moving forward, considerable attention will also be given to Locality Planning Groups.</p> <p>Mr. Leeson spoke to the need for alignment with Programme for Government and other various new regional policies and strategies and noted the roles of SBNI and Outcomes Group as outlined in the Adoption and Children's Bill.</p>

	<p><u>Locality Planning Groups (Una Casey)</u> – Ms. Casey provided a detailed presentation on the four Locality Planning Groups – North, South, East and West Belfast areas. She outlined the priorities within each area identified from their individual Action Plans and provided statistical information for all four. Ms. Casey highlighted the identified gaps and unmet need and provided some suggestions for funding opportunities.</p> <p><u>Belfast Outcomes Group (Gerry Largey)</u> – Mr. Largey provided a detailed presentation on Belfast Outcomes Group. He explained the background and history of the group and provided numerous examples of achievements made so far with regards funding, financial security, previous procurement process etc.</p> <p>Mr. Largey mentioned the new regional Policies and Strategies, for example Programme for Government, Children’s Strategy and what these will mean for the Belfast Outcomes Group going forward. BCC’s key Community Planning template, the Belfast Agenda was also referenced, This framework will have an ongoing impact on outcomes for children and families. Community Planning will be a major interface with the work Belfast Outcomes Group going forward.</p> <p>Going forward, the Outcomes Group also has the potential to be a key forum to further develop its role in facilitating dialogue between a range of partners and partnerships in Belfast. This will be a potentially key mechanism in discussing how to pool budgets and share objectives more effectively going into the future.</p>
	<p><b>4. Commissioning Decisions – Information to Support and Group Sessions</b></p> <p>Ms. Burns, EIS Team, presented information drawn from three main sources to illustrate the linkages between commissioned activity and the demand pressures from the Hub network.</p> <p>Firstly, a recently completed evaluation of BAOG Commissioned Services 2015-2018.</p> <p>Karen also provided an overview of BAOG Commissioned Services 2018-19, to reflect current funding allocations and resources.</p> <p>Thirdly, an overview of information collated from the Belfast Family Support Hubs Activity September 2017 – March 2018 was used to underpin the presentation.</p> <p>In the evaluation of BAOG funded services delivered in 2015-18;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was an open call in 2015 with applications received on a geographically random basis, there was concerted efforts to ensure equitable access to service across the Belfast Trust area.</li> <li>• Highest demand for service requests are for children aged 5-11 years and Social Emotional and behaviour issues. This was in line with regional trends and figures.</li> <li>• Approximately 6082 individuals benefitted from the commissioned services across the three year funding timeframe.</li> </ul>

	<p>Overview of 2018-19 BAOG commissioned services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These services were commissioned as an interim response to the end of the three year funding cycle, in an attempt to better meet needs expressed by Hubs pending the delivery of a new commissioning cycle.</li> <li>• In year activity has been focussed on Home visiting and mentoring services with a consequent move away from group based programmes for young people and parents.</li> <li>• This was based on information on the demand pressures facing the Hub network as well as feedback drawn from monitoring visits completed with the service deliverers.</li> <li>• Current service delivery includes 28 contracts with coverage across Belfast. This consists of a total of;</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">9,638 hours of Mentoring services to be delivered 2018/19. 6,647 hours of Home Visiting services to be delivered 2018/19. 2,370 hours of Disability related services to be delivered 2018/19.</p> <p>Overview of Belfast Family Support Hubs Activity September 2017 – March 2018;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was found that the overall figures for this period reflected the regional position, for example, highest demand was for the 5 – 11 years age range. Issues relating to Social, emotional and behavioural problems where the biggest single presenting referral feature.</li> <li>• There was a wide range of presenting issues, with families often presenting as experiencing multiple problems.</li> <li>• It was evident that Hub partnerships rely on a wide variety of funding sources with BAOG funding representing a small amount of this. Maintaining this cocktail approach to funding will be needed to support the Hub network on an on-going basis.</li> <li>• The importance of BAOG funding to the family support cocktail, is its flexibility and ability to respond to gaps in services.</li> <li>• Information from this period provided a sense of the need and demand for services enabling the BAOG to commission on a needs-led basis. This can also assist BAOG in promoting connectivity between established programmes, as well as the potential for improving alignment between commissioning agencies.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>5. Groupwork - Future Commissioning Priorities</b></p> <p>The discussion focussed on three areas;</p> <p>i. The alignment of planning and commissioning cycles; Given the disparity between these cycles the following options were outlined;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioning for a 3 year period, 2019 – 2022, (procurement) with alignment of the Action Plan timeline i.e. Review and extend existing Action Plan to 2022</li> <li>• Development of a new interim plan 2020 - 22).</li> <li>• Extend current commissioning arrangements for a further year, 2019 – 2020.</li> </ul>

**Decision: Following group discussion there was agreement that Option 1 represented the most sensible way forward.**

ii. Commissioning Priorities;

Based on the data presented earlier and the subsequent discussion, It was accepted that the evidence outlined in the presentations supported an Outcomes Group rationale for increased investment in home-based 'early help' intervention / 'first stage work' such as Home Visiting and Mentoring services.

**Decision: Services providing Home Visiting and Mentoring were confirmed as commissioning priorities going forward.**

iii. Opportunities for joint commissioning to enhance the well-being of local children and their families.

BAOG members were requested to prioritise 3 potential areas for small scale joint commissioning pilots from the 5 activity areas listed in the Action Plan;

- i. Emotional health and well-being and resilience of children, young people and their families
- ii. Children & Young People at risk of contact with PSNI
- iii. Children & Young People engaging in appropriate play opportunities
- iv. Children & Young People who have been assessed but **not** diagnosed with ASD / ASHD
- v. Young People and post - second level training frameworks.

It was agreed there would be a need for further discussion with regard to how any potential project would be developed. The possibility of this commencing in Autumn 2018 was also raised. Any subsequent ideas or proposals should be brought back to the BAOG.

**Decision: Options i, iii and iv were identified as priorities for BAOG members.**

The workshop concluded with members being thanked for their contributions and the Education Authority for providing the venue.

## Dates of Future Meetings

Date:	Time:	Venue:
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	10.00 a.m.	Conference Room, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Shankill Wellbeing Centre
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	10.00 a.m.	Tbc
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	10.00 a.m.	Tbc