

South Eastern Area Outcomes Group Children and Young People's Action Plan 2017-2021 Working Document

1. Introduction

The CYPSP is the multi-agency strategic partnership consisting of the leadership of all key agencies across statutory, voluntary and community sectors who have responsibility for improving outcomes for all children and young people in Northern Ireland.

The South Eastern Area Outcomes Group is multi-agency partnership carrying out outcomes based planning at a geographical level on behalf of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP). There are five outcomes Groups each covering the geographical areas of the health and social care trusts.

Membership of the group consists of representatives from the Statutory, Voluntary, Community and Black and Minority Ethnic sectors.

The following action plan sets out how the South Eastern Area Outcomes Group will contribute towards the implementation of the Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Plan 2014 - 2017. This action plan is one document in the suite of action plans which make up the NI Children and Young People's Plan. The South Eastern Area Outcomes Group will collaborate with the other 4 Outcomes Groups, the CYPSP Groups and Regional Sub Groups in order to implement the overall Plan. The Plan is therefore a live document – at any one time the latest version of the overall Plan and the Action Plans of all of the planning groups will be available on our website at www.cypsp.org.



2. Key Themes of Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Plan

- **Early Intervention**

It is important to be clear about what we mean by early intervention. There are many different interpretations. The CYPSP defines Early Intervention as Early Years and Early Stage of difficulty.

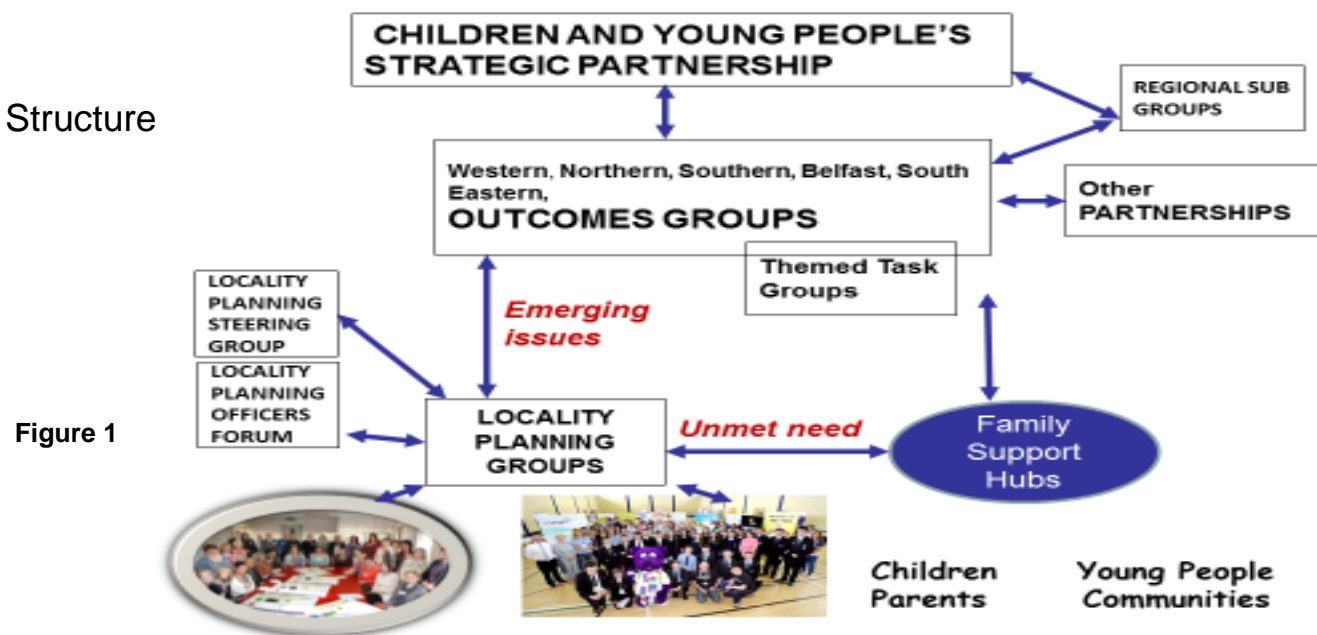
A whole society approach to early intervention – through ensuring the **network of supports and services** being present and applicable to address children's rights and needs **when** and **where** needed, and promoting an ownership within the community at large of the benefits of early intervention.

- **Resource Optimisation**

- **Integrated planning, commissioning and delivery**

3. CYPSP Structure

An overview of the CYPSP Structure is outlined in Figure 1.



4. **South Eastern Area Outcomes Group – What do we do?**

The purpose of the South Eastern Area Outcomes Group is to carry out integrated planning and commissioning for children and young people in the area, with specific emphasis on sharing resources across agencies and early intervention to improve outcomes for children and young people.

Figure 2 below sets out the key areas of action which will ensure the Group achieves its aims.



Figure 2

5. **Building the Partnership**

Membership of the Outcomes Group consists of representatives from the statutory, voluntary and community sectors. The current membership can be found at:-

[South Eastern Outcomes Group Membership 2017](#)

The importance of partnership working is recognised by the CYPSP and a number of workshops have been held to support decision making and to build relationships between sectors, organisations and other partnerships.

6. Links to other Partnerships

To enhance partnership working, dual membership arrangements also link the South Eastern Outcomes Group to the South Eastern Local Commissioning Group HSCB, the South Eastern Childcare Partnership, Making Life Better Forums, South Eastern PCSPs, Domestic Violence Partnership, Protect Life Implementation Teams, Drug and Alcohol Coordination Teams and Community Planning through Local Government Councils.

7. Locality Planning Groups

The South Eastern Outcomes Group has responsibility for four locality planning groups in the South Eastern area (*click on name to link to each webpage*):

[Ards and Down](#) [Colin](#) [Down](#) [Lisburn](#)

The role of each locality planning group is to:-

- be a **partnership** between children and young people, families, communities and representatives of agencies at locality level at a geography that makes sense to the local community;
- provide the **link** between local communities and the South Eastern Outcomes Group. (Chairs invited to attend Outcomes Group Meeting together with Locality Planning Officer);
- draw up a locality **plan** to address priorities identified through **outcomes based planning**;
- **mobilise local resources** from the statutory, voluntary and community sectors to address these priorities – as part of the Children and Young People’s Plan;
- contribute to the Outcomes Group Planning process by providing information to **inform strategic planning**; and
- **deliver locally** on actions identified within the South Eastern Area Outcomes Group Action Plan.

8. Family Support Hubs

The South Eastern Outcomes Group also ensures representation from the 3 Family Support Hubs located in the South Eastern Area. The aim of the family support hub is:-

- To improve **access** to early intervention family support services by matching the needs of referred families to family support providers;
- To **improve coordination** of early intervention family support services by creating a collaborative network of providers;
- To improve **awareness** of family support **services**;
- To **assess the level of unmet need** for early intervention family support services and inform the Outcomes Group

The location of the family support hubs are:

Ards Family Support Hub

Downpatrick Family Support Hub

Lisburn Family Support Hub

Contact:

Karen Otley, Family Support Hub Coordinator, SEHSCT

Telephone: 028 9250 1357

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9. Setting Priority Outcomes

We have reviewed our previous plan and consulted widely through locality planning groups and family support hub information. We have analysed need through the extensive range of data available on the CYPSP website (<http://www.cypsp.org/performance-profile>) alongside the input from children and young people, parents and communities to influence the planning process. The focus on emerging needs in local communities is a key factor in intervening early and achieving longer term outcomes for children and young people.

10. What do we mean by “Outcomes”

Outcomes are the benefits achieved by the work we do. To achieve better outcomes for our children and young people we need to be able to measure how well they are doing now, be able to identify early, when things might not be going as well and be able to set targets for improvement.

Focusing on the child and their environment helps us to see where each agency, service, community and family can make a contribution to identifying emerging issues as well as improving outcomes. Figure 3 below sets out the key components of Outcomes Based Planning.

Key components of Outcomes Based Planning

Outcome indicators
Trends over time
“turning the curve”



All agencies working in the area – partnership
“local knowledge and emerging needs”

Knowledge of services capacity and gaps
Family Support Database/Family Support Hubs



Emerging issues
What will work?
**Children, Young people,
Parents
Communities**

11. Outcomes the Government wants to achieve for all children and young people

Northern Ireland Executives Children and Young People's Strategy, 2017-2027

This Children and Young People's Strategy 2017-2027 for Northern Ireland is designed to improve the well-being of all children and young people living in Northern Ireland.

Figure 3 Eight high level outcomes of the NIE Children and Young People's Strategy for Northern Ireland, 2017-2027



Children's Services Cooperation Bill NI (2015)

The Children's Services Co-operation Bill was introduced to the Assembly by Mr Steven Agnew, MLA in December 2014. The Bill amends the Children (NI) Order 1995. It requires NI departments to co-operate with each other to contribute to the achievement of specified outcomes relating to the well-being of children and young people. It creates a duty for all key agencies to cooperate in the planning, commissioning and delivery of children's services. The Bill also creates an enabling power to allow departments to pool budgets for crosscutting children's issues.

Action Plan – What we are going to do:-

VISION STATEMENT

All children and young people will flourish and achieve in the South Eastern Outcomes Area

Identifying Priorities

The outcomes group has identify three thematic priorities that will be taken forward collectively by member organisations represented on the CYPSP South Eastern Outcomes Group over the next three years. Membership of this group can be seen on Appendix 1. The table below demonstrates how the South Eastern Outcomes Group will deliver their thematic priorities in line with the eight high level outcomes of the Children and Young People’s Strategy (2017-2027) for Northern Ireland.

Overarching Children and Young People’s Strategy 2017-2027 High Level Outcomes	South Eastern Outcomes Group Priorities 2017-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and Mental Health • Enjoyment of play and leisure • Enjoying and Achieving • Respect for children’s rights 	1. Our children to reach their developmental potential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and Mental Health • Living in Safety and Stability • Economic and Environmental Wellbeing • Respect for children’s rights 	2. Our children will be resilient and have positive mental health
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and Mental Health • Economic and Environmental Wellbeing • Living in Safety and Stability • Respect for children’s rights 	3. Our children get the best possible early intervention support from their families

Priority One: Our children to reach their developmental potential (physically, emotionally and educationally)	
All Actions for Priority One have been completed	Please see Completed Actions Document

Priority Two: Our Children will be resilient and have positive mental health and wellbeing						
Actions	CYP Strategy NI High Level Outcomes	Contributing to towards PFG Indicators	Connecting Strategies / Work Plans	Time Frame	Who will lead & Who will Contribute	RAG STATUS Monitoring
Next steps of the South Eastern Partnerships Conference to be agreed and delivered in year 2 of the plan	All 8 high level parameters of wellbeing			April 2019-March 2020	Stephanie Thompson / Una Casey	Recommendations will be reviewed and considered at action planning workshop in Feb 2019

Priority Two: Our Children will be resilient and have positive mental health and wellbeing

Actions	CYP Strategy NI High Level Outcomes	Contributing to towards PFG Indicators	Connecting Strategies / Work Plans	Time Frame	Who will lead & Who will Contribute	RAG STATUS Monitoring
<p>Understand the issues affecting young people's emotional behavior in the South Eastern Area</p> <p>Review existing research to understand the issues and highlight recommendations to improve current experiences</p>	Physical and Mental Health		<p>Longitudinal Wellbeing Survey, QUB</p> <p>Children and Young People's Attitudes Survey</p> <p>EANI stress survey</p> <p>Colin NRP / EA Research</p>		<p>Paul Millar with Monica McCann, Barnardos (EANI stress survey)</p> <p>Annie Armstrong, Colin NRP</p> <p>Barbara Porter, PHA and EA</p> <p>NMDDC, Autism NI, Autism Initiatives, Down LPG/parent support group</p>	<p>Botvin Life Skills, in primary schools in the Ards and North Down</p> <p>Action for Children Beating the Blues Programme (3 schools in Down Sector and 1 in Ards and North Down) before end of March 2020</p> <p>PHA/EA Take 5 Programme in Schools</p> <p>Consider a "creating inclusive communities workshop" re disability support</p>

Priority Three : Our children to get the best possible early intervention support from their families
 (Ensuring a safe, stable and healthy home)

Actions	CYP Strategy NI High Level Outcomes	Contributing to towards PFG Indicators	Connecting Strategies / Work Plans	Time Frame	Who will lead & Who will Contribute	RAG STATUS Monitoring
<p>Addressing poverty across the South Eastern Area</p> <p>Map and circulate food banks and food share provision in Trust area and share with family support hubs and LPGs</p>					<p>Noelle Hollywood / Karen Otley</p>	<p>Foodbank info has been shared with FS Hubs</p> <p>Footprints Social Supermarket Pilot</p> <p>Ards and North Down Council with CYPSP scoping holiday hunger programmes within existing summer schemes</p>

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<p>Children and young people impacted by Domestic Violence</p> <p>Ongoing Awareness Sessions of domestic and sexual violence support services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DV and BME • DV Awareness • Impact of Parenting on Children training <p>Support the development of a pilot of Operation Encompass in South Eastern Area with SEDSVP, PSNI, Justice and Education</p> <p>Review the learning from research to understand what is happening locally in relation to domestic violence</p>	<p>Physical and Mental Health</p> <p>Living in Safety and Stability</p>	<p>Number of children that are victims of domestic violence</p> <p>Number of young people coming to the attention of the police for ASB offences</p>	<p>DH Stopping Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence and Abuse in Northern Ireland (2016)</p>		<p>Patricia McMurray and Sheila Simons South Eastern Domestic Violence Partnership (SEDSVP)</p> <p>Women's Aid, PCSP and Locality Planning Groups</p>	<p>Outcomes Group and DSVP meeting PSNI to pursue Operation Encompass Model – now being led by SBNI with DOJ</p>

Communication & Core Business			
Actions	Time Frame	Who will lead & who will contribute	MONITORING
The outcomes group will meet bimonthly (6 times per year) Agenda and Papers circulated at least 5 days before the meeting	Ongoing	(2017-2019)Chaired by Brendan Whittle, Director of Children’s Services, SEHSCT (2019 onwards Chaired by Bria Mongan Director of Children’s Services, SEHSCT	On track
Regular updates on progress of the SE Action Plan to the CYPSP Support Team to share on CYPSP website, e-zine, etc.	Every 6 months: September and January	Lead individuals to submit progress reports to Stephanie Thompson, CYPSP as required Now Una Casey/Sharon McMinn, CYPSP	On track
Annual Year review workshop	March 2018/19/20	To monitor progress collectively	Action Plan continually updated Review workshop – Feb 2019
Facilitate one stakeholder engagement event to promote the work of the outcomes group	May 2017	Brendan Whittle, Michael Murray, Theresa Brady, Ralston Perera, Stephanie Thompson	Completed in Great Hall with over 90 delegates to launch the new SE CYP Plan
Annual South Eastern children and young people’s conference – for updates from key stakeholders working with children and young people across the outcomes area	April 2018	Brendan Whittle, Michael Murray, Theresa Brady, Ralston Perera, Joanne Garrett, Stephanie Thompson	Report Card complete
Maintain links with community plans in the South Eastern Outcomes Area and support achievement of children and young people objectives where possible	Ongoing	Catharine McWhirter, LCC Patricia Mackey, Ards and North Down David Patterson, NMDDC Stevie Lavery, BCC	Ongoing

Communication & Core Business			
Actions	Time Frame	Who will lead & who will contribute	MONITORING
Share grant opportunities with members and LPGs	Ongoing	Brendan Whittle, (from 2019 Bria Mongan) SEHSCT, Barbara Porter PHA, Local Government Councils	Ongoing
Regular updates on the CYPSP regional subgroups	Ongoing	Brendan Whittle / Stephanie Thompson From 2019 Bria Mongan and Una Casey/Sharon McMinn	Supporting Young Carers in Schools Booklet > October 2018 Regional ACE Conference > Feb 2018 Regional Disability Updates > June 2018

Communication & Core Business			
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Report on the pilot of the outcomes star as an evaluation tool pilot for SEHSCT	April 2017 – March 2018	<p>Michael Murray, SEHSCT</p> <p>Joanne Garrett was supporting Michael with the Outcomes Star and she has been named as the lead on the Trust Star license for the past couple of years. I am continuing to offer staff advice and set up Outcomes Star training when required. The Trust family support staff Joanne manages are all trained in the outcomes star and using it.</p> <p>Michael would have chaired the meetings re outcomes star but these have not happened in his absence and Joanne has not had a response from senior management about whether anyone of AD level will be leading on this. The Trust adult LD Team is using it effectively. The Trust children's homes are recently trained and the Trust mental health team is also using.</p>	<p>Regional consistency group to be established. Michael Murray and Ralston Perera to contribute</p> <p>Outcomes Star began in SE Area from 1 October 2017</p> <p>Workshop pm 4 May</p> <p>SBNI are leading on a working group for the outcomes star within Child Protection</p> <p>SEHSCT are working towards incorporating the star into all children's and adult services</p>

Partnerships working to improve the lives of children and young people across the outcomes area:

Lead agencies to be included in the Annual South Eastern children and young people's conference

Priority	Action	CYP High Level Outcomes	Connecting Strategies / Work Plans	Who can take forward potentially
Our children will be resilient and have positive mental health	<p>Raising awareness of the effects of hidden harm on children and young people SE Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team build capacity across the sector in Hidden Harm</p>	<p>Physical and Mental Health</p> <p>Living in Safety and Stability</p> <p>Economic and Environmental Wellbeing</p>	DH New Strategic Direction for Alcohol and Drugs Phase 2	SE Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team (SE DACT) Ed Sipler
Our children will be resilient and have positive mental health	<p>Preventing Suicide and Self Harm in the South Eastern OG Area Update on the progress of the PHA Protect Life Implementation Group in South Eastern Outcomes Group Area</p>	<p>Physical and Mental Health</p> <p>Living in Safety and Stability</p>	<p>DH Protect Life Strategy 2</p> <p>Northern Ireland Self Harm Report</p>	PHA South Eastern Protect Life Implementation Group Gail Malmo (On behalf of Protect Life Lead, Amy Pepper)
Our children will be resilient and have positive mental health	<p>Ensuring safety and stability in our communities Update from the South Eastern PCSPs on their role and children and young people's work</p>	<p>Living in Safety and Stability</p>	<p>DOJ Community Safety Strategy for NI, 2012-2017</p> <p>NIHE Safer Together: Community Safety Strategy 2015-2017</p>	South Eastern PCSPs PSNI? Awaiting rep on this group
Our children to get the best possible early intervention support from their families	<p>Tackling Homelessness of families with children in the South Eastern Area Understand the investment to address homelessness</p>	<p>Living in Safety and Stability</p>	Homelessness Strategy for Northern Ireland 2012-2017: Making a Difference to People's Lives	NIHE to present at SE Outcomes Group on their role tackling homelessness in South Eastern Outcomes Area

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Our children to get the best possible early intervention support from their families	Safeguarding Panel South Eastern Trust to maintain communication pathways between SBNI and CYPSP South Eastern OG	Living in Safety and Stability Respect for Children's Rights	Safeguarding Board Act (NI) 2011	Michael Murray, SEHSCT (Chair of South Eastern Safeguarding Panel)
Our children to get the best possible early intervention support from their families	Addressing poverty across the South Eastern Area Progress of the PHA Poverty Working Group in South Eastern Area	Physical and Mental Health Living in Safety and Stability Economic and Environmental Wellbeing	NIE, Child Poverty Strategy, 2014-2017 NIE Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion Strategy, 2015 Await new Social Strategy for NI	Barbara Porter, PHA Lead for South Eastern Outcomes Area

Appendix 1
CYPSP South Eastern Outcomes Group Membership List 2015-2018

Chair: Brendan Whittle, SEHSCT

Vice-Chair: Theresa Brady, Colin NRP

Organisation	Name
Statutory Sector Representatives	
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	Brendan Whittle (Chair of Outcomes Group) Michael Murray Jason White Julia Lewis Ralston Perera
Public Health Agency	Barbara Porter
Education Authority	Bernie Mooney
SOLACE Council Ards and North Down District Council Lisburn and Castlereagh District Council Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Belfast City Council	Patricia Mackey, Community Planning Catharine McWhitaker, Community Planning David Patterson, Community Planning Stevie Lavery, Community Planning
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	Lorraine Campbell
Youth Justice Agency	Kelvin Doherty
Police Service Northern Ireland	Brian Kee
South Eastern Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team (SEDACT)	Ed Sipler
Child Care Partnership	Evelyn Curran
Domestic Violence Partnership	Kelly Andrews (Women's Aid)
Early Intervention Transformation Programme	Marion Milligan
Community Sector Representatives	
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	Theresa Brady Annie Armstrong David Simpson
Early Intervention Lisburn Group (Resurgam)	Mabel Scullion Cover: Denis Paisley
Ards and North Down Locality Planning Group	Cathy Polly (chair)
Down Locality Planning Group	Noelle Hollywood / Lynda Vladeanu
Kilcooley Community Centre	Dessie Clayton Cover: Tracey Harrison
Lisburn YMCA	Pauline McMullan
Voluntary Sector Representatives	
Barnardo's	Paul Millar
Welcome Centre	Jarzynska Asia

Bryson Charitable Group	Joanne Neil
Action for Children	Avery Bowser
Mencap	Margaret Kelly

In attendance - Support Staff

Health and Social Care Board	Maurice Leeson, CYPSP & EITP Programme Manager Stephanie Thompson, CYPSP Yvonne Adair, Safeguarding Panel, South Eastern Area
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Appendix 2
CYPSP South Eastern Outcomes Group Membership List 2018-2021

Chair: Bria Mongan, SEHSCT

Agency/Sector	South Eastern
Statutory Sector	
HSCT (Chair)	Bria Mongan
HSCT (Family Support)	Linda McConnell
HSCT (Disability)	Linda McConnell
HSCT (Hub Lead)	Jason White
HSCT (Public Health)	Jason White
HSCT Safeguarding	Linda McConnell
HSCT (Other)	Julia Lewis (AD – IMH lead) Marion Milligan (EITP Lead)
Education Authority	Bernie Mooney
NI Housing Executive	Lorraine Campbell
Community Planning/Council	Catherine McWhirter (LCC) Patricia Mackey (ANDC) David Patterson (NMDDC) Stevie Lavery (BCC)
PSNI	Brian Kees
Public Health Agency	Barbara Porter
Parenting Coordinator	Joanne Garrett
Youth Justice Agency	Kelvin Doherty
Childcare Partnership	Evelyn Curran
LCG Link	VACANT
Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership	Patricia McMurray/ Kelly Andrews (Women's Aid)
Other Partnerships	Ed Sipler (SE Drug & Alcohol Team)

Agency/Sector	South Eastern
Voluntary Sector	
Bryson Care	Joanne Neill
Action for Children	Wendy McKimee
MENCAP	Margaret Kelly
Barnardos	Paul Millar
Community Sector	
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	Annie Armstrong
ASCERT	John Hunsdale
Lisburn YMCA	Pauline McMullan
	VACANT
BME	
YMCA Ethnic Minorities	Monika Ciok-Giertuga
The Welcome Project	Asia Jarzynska
Locality Planning Group Chairs	
Ards and North Down LPG	Cathy Polly
Colin	David Simpson
Early Intervention Lisburn	Mabel Scullion
Down LPG	Lynda Vladenau
Locality Planner(s)	Noelle Hollywood
CYPSP Outcomes Group Support	Una Casey and Sharon McMinn
CYPSP	Maxine Gibson (CSP Professional Advisor) Helen Dunn (Regional FSH Coordinator)