



## CYPSP Meeting

**16 December 2019**

**Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey**

### **Attendees:**

Shane Devlin, SHSCT (Chair)  
 Paul Morgan, SHSCT  
 Marie Roulston, HSCB  
 Teresa McAllister, SBNI  
 Geraldine Teague, PHA  
 Deirdre Mahon, WHSCT  
 Bria Mongan, SEHSCT  
 Deirdre Webb, PHA  
 Jo Marley, Bryson Group  
 Michael Heaney, YJA obo Declan McGeown  
 Roisin Muldoon, PBNI obo Cheryl Lamont  
 Pauline Leeson, CiNI  
 Ellen Finlay, CiNI  
 Russell Hampton, PSNI

### **Apologies:**

Carol Diffin, BHST  
 Paddy Mooney, Include Youth  
 Brendan Whittle, HSCB  
 Peadar White, SHSCT  
 Cheryl Lamont, PBNI  
 Declan McGeown, YJA  
 Clare Mangan, EANI  
 Hilary Johnston, PHA  
 Maura Dargan, NHSCT  
 Maxine Gibson, HSCB  
 Rose McNaughton, Cedar Foundation  
 Una Lernihan, HSCB

### **In Attendance:**

Maurice Leeson, HSCB  
 Helen Dunn, HSCB  
 Valerie Maxwell, HSCB  
 Una Casey, HSCB  
 Sharon McMinn, HSCB

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<b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<p>This was Shane Devlin's first meeting since becoming Chair of the CYPSP. He welcomed all members and introductions followed.</p> <p>Apologies were noted as above.</p>	
<b>2. Note of Previous Meeting – 13 February 2019</b>	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting on 13 February 2019 were agreed.</p>	

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<p><b>3. Matters Arising</b></p>	<p><u>CYPSP Plan</u>            Consultation now closed. Consultation feedback provided under separate agenda item.</p> <p><u>Outcomes Star</u>            Belfast Outcomes Group has committed to using STAR, but it needs to be built into the next round of contracting as it is not part of the current contract.</p> <p><u>Holiday Hunger</u>            Regional event to showcase the work done and the model developed to take place.</p> <p><u>Locality Planning</u>            Maurice Leeson advised that he met with all LCG managers to explore linkages to CYPSP. LCG's do not have a high focus on children, but they have agreed to look at this direction of work.</p>	<p>Event to be taken forward in March 2020.</p>
<p><b>4. New CYPSP Plan</b></p>	<p>Valerie Maxwell presented on the CYPSP Plan 2019-21 consultation feedback, providing details on comments accepted/rejected and any changes made to the plan as a result of such comments.</p> <p>The consultation was open for 15 weeks from 16 May 2019 through to the 30 August 2019. Overall 57 responses were received, with majority of responses from organisations (77%) followed by practitioners/policy makers/stakeholders (11%), group of children and young people (2%) and parents/carers (2%).</p> <p>In general, the majority of comments received were positive and those responding agreed with the content of the plan.</p> <p>Changes made to the plan as a result of comments received via consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Parenting Support description – Page 5</b>            Definition widened providing sign posting type support.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="504 271 1177 416"> <p>• <b>Purpose of CYPSP – Page 8</b> Diagram updated to reflect current NI Children’s Strategy draft document and dates amended accordingly.</p> </li> <li data-bbox="504 456 1177 566"> <p>• <b>Core Principles</b> Prevention and early intervention now reflected throughout the plan.</p> </li> <li data-bbox="504 607 1177 716"> <p>• <b>Infrastructure – Pages 10-15</b> Content of the plan reorganised to reflect all infrastructures in place.</p> </li> <li data-bbox="504 757 1177 1120"> <p>• <b>Use of Data to Support Planning – Pages 16-17</b> We will continue to keep up to date with all new available datasets for inclusion on our systems and will introduce a new UNCRC report on a wide range of indicators under each of the UNCRC Themes and Articles aimed at improving wellbeing and the realisation of rights of children in Northern Ireland.</p> </li> <li data-bbox="504 1160 1177 1305"> <p>• <b>Context of CYPSP – Pages 18-20</b> Additional relevant strategies and legislation underpinning the plan are now included.</p> </li> <li data-bbox="504 1346 1177 1563"> <p>• <b>Interface and Links with Other Planning Processes</b> We will continue to ensure ongoing interface relationships are maintained, developed and strengthened as required to add value and avoid any duplication.</p> </li> <li data-bbox="504 1603 1177 1787"> <p>• <b>Key Actions – Pages 23-27</b> Introductory statement now included which contextualises the key actions and a number of new aims introduced to measure success.</p> </li> <li data-bbox="504 1827 1177 2011"> <p>• <b>Outcomes Groups &amp; Regional Sub-Groups</b> Each Groups plan on a page now included along with a link to more detailed plans and actions at local level. Also included is</p> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>an introductory paragraph explaining the role of Outcomes Groups. It is our intention to standardise systems without losing local connectivity.</p> <p>There was a request for a full EQIA screening to take place. CYPSP will respond to this request separately.</p> <p>Plan was approved.</p> <p>Maurice Leeson advised that as the plan is now approved, it will be issued to individual agencies asking them to endorse it. Discussion ensued around what is meant by the term 'endorse' and what is expected from organisations. It was agreed that it must be set out clearly in the letter issued to organisations, what commitment the CYPSP expects from those organisations endorsing the plan. Consideration to be given to a statement which organisations sign up to.</p> <p>To ensure that the link between the CYPSP Plan and Community Planning continues it was agreed that there needs to be a Local Council rep on CYPSP. Liam Hannaway previously represented the local council but has now retired and to date has not been replaced on CYPSP.</p>	<p>Plan to be issued to individual agencies asking for endorsement. Accompanying letter will clarify what is meant by endorsement – Maurice Leeson / Maxine Gibson</p> <p>Maurice Leeson to seek a new SOLACE rep for CYPSP and consideration to providing brief presentation on work at next meeting.</p>
<p><b>5. Outcomes Groups Update</b></p>	<p>Updates were provided from each of the Outcomes Group Chairs on the Outcomes Groups achievements and challenges to date and their priorities moving forward.</p> <p>In the absence of Carol Diffin, Chair of Belfast Area Outcomes Group and Maura Dargan, Chair of Northern Area Outcomes Group, Una Casey provided updates on their behalf.</p> <p>Main challenges identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attendance and representation</b> - highlighted as a common challenge for Belfast, Northern and South Eastern Outcomes Groups. Are key individuals</li> </ul>	

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	<p>included within membership? In order to achieve optimal attendance, the Outcomes Groups need to be locally driven and not a one size fits all approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Joint commissioning</b></li> <li>• <b>Community Planning</b> – The Western Area Outcomes Group approach of aligning the plan with the 3 Councils was noted.</li> <li>• <b>Funding</b> – is there the potential to look at pulled budgets with the Dept. of Finance, but be mindful ensuring that money does not hinder things.</li> </ul>	<p>OG Chairs to discuss with their OG re their thoughts on the mechanics, structure, membership of their OG and report back at February meeting.</p>
<p><b>6. Family Support Hub Update</b></p>	<p>Helen Dunn provided an update on the work of the Family Support Hubs. Helen thanked Valerie Maxwell and Yvonne Neill for their help in compiling the reports, along with the Hub Co-ordinations and the voluntary and community organisations that provide support to families.</p> <p><b>Regional Family Support Hubs Annual Report Card 2018/19:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now collect data about other children within the family;</li> <li>• Now look at children with Autism (including Asperger), ADHD/ADD;</li> <li>• 7137 families referred in 2018/19;</li> <li>• Key referrers regionally are GPs;</li> <li>• Seeing an increase in self referrals – likely due to Hubs becoming more widely known;</li> <li>• Reduction in children and families referred from different ethnic backgrounds;</li> <li>• 5-10 year olds – key age group for referrals;</li> <li>• Type of unmet need – parenting support highest followed by children having emotional behavioural issues. Hubs have reported seeing more children with anxiety.</li> </ul> <p><b>Core Members Survey 2019:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the survey;</li> <li>• 672 Family Support Hub Core Members/Organisations targeted;</li> <li>• 158 respondents – 24% return rate;</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• feedback positive overall, with figures sustained;</li> <li>• those who responded felt that Hubs make a difference within their area;</li> <li>• Key issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unmet need (&lt;8 weeks) due to waiting lists for services which Hubs would like to refer to;</li> <li>- Thresholds – greater complexity and increase in referrals;</li> <li>- Impact of austerity and benefit system;</li> <li>- Funding – additional funding secured which will enable additional admin support;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Research – Child Welfare Inequality Report; showing the difference the early intervention support work has made.</p>	
<p><b>7. Regional Subgroups / Task &amp; Finish Groups Update</b></p>	<p>Maurice Leeson updated the group on the work of the Regional Subgroups and Task &amp; Finish Groups.</p> <p>Regional Subgroups:</p> <p><b>Disability/Transition</b> – groups reconstituted. The role of this group going forward is the development of the strategy.</p> <p><b>LGBT</b> – group may be stood down as work is complete/near completion.</p> <p><b>Emotional Behavioural Difficulties</b> – group is being reconstituted.</p> <p><b>Children Young People and Offending</b> – Workshop took place in Sept 19. The group is acting as a reference to the youth justice review.</p> <p>Task &amp; Finish Groups:</p> <p><b>Holiday Hunger; Adverse Childhood Experiences; SEN Early Years</b></p> <p>There was discussion around how information is disseminated from the Regional Subgroups as they do not feed into the Outcomes Groups. It was noted the need to ensure connectivity so that information can be shared and disseminated appropriately.</p>	<p>Consideration to be given to Subgroup Chairs being members of local Outcomes Groups.</p>

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<p><b>8. Locality Planning Update</b></p>	<p>Una Casey provided an update on the achievement, challenges and priorities moving forward for the Locality Planning Groups.</p> <p><b>Achievements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Journey Through Disability event and follow up;</li> <li>• Reduced Timetable Pilot Survey (Belfast and Western (Northern Sector)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carried out with the members of 6 of Locality Planning Groups: Derry, Waterside and North, South, East and West Belfast LPGs;</li> <li>- 77 members responded;</li> <li>- The majority of respondents (63%) advised that the reasons for a child/young person being put on a reduced timetable was due to their behaviour, followed Special Educational Needs (18%), family issues (6%). Other reasons noted anxiety, lack of sleep, mental health;</li> <li>- 52% of the children and young people the respondents work with are post-primary aged, whilst 36% primary school aged and 12% pre-school/nursery school aged children;</li> <li>- 30% of children and young people have been on a reduced timetable for 4-6 months, followed by 22% for 7-9 months, 22% 1-3 months and 9% for less than one month. Other reasons included over a year, ranging from a few days off school to 2.5 years with no school and several children who have had reduced timetables in place for 18 months+.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Roll out of Resilience Documentary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Screened to 2832 people at 58 events between January 2018 and July 2019 with several more screening since July.</li> <li>- Most screening included an expert panel to discussed ACE's and Trauma.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• FYI's/Fortnightly News – information sharing in a new way (Southern and South Eastern)</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C2K contacts (Southern) – gets the information out to all teaching staff within the Southern area</li> <li>• Uniform Recycling Events – South Eastern Area and South Belfast Locality Planning Group</li> </ul> <p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining links between LPG's and CYPSP due to workers being based in different organisations ;</li> <li>• Sharing the model and purpose of Locality Groups – communication</li> <li>• Forging and strengthening links with schools/principle forums/area learning communities – sector unrepresented;</li> <li>• Buy in from statutory sector – useful to have more statutory members from PSNI, EWO's, Health Visitors to enhance the groups.</li> </ul> <p><b>Priorities moving forward:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Embedding the standard for Locality Planning - groups will self-assess how they are doing against each standard, these should be carried out at the start of each planning cycle.</li> <li>• Strengthen the voice of children and young people and parents on the issues affecting them - some areas are achieving this more than others</li> <li>• Demonstrate how partnership working is both effective and essential - Locality planning provides the roots for really rich local planning for early intervention raising issues faced by children young people and families in their area before they become a statistic</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that issue of reduced timetables is becoming apparent across a number of Outcomes Group areas and collective work on this is required. Currently, the Education Authority does not collect reduced timetable data centrally.</p>	



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<p><b>9. Discussion &amp; Way Forward</b></p>	<p>Connectivity and membership were the main themes emerging from the workshop discussion.</p> <p>Maurice Leeson advised that voluntary and community membership will be revised over the next few months.</p> <p>Statutory footing issue was noted. There is a considerable agenda of work to prepare and a need at all levels to look at the membership and engagement with all levels or organisations going forward.</p> <p>The Western Area Outcomes Group approach to community planning was commended and consideration will be given to using this approach regionally.</p> <p>It was agreed that it would be beneficial to hold a shared learning event in early Spring. Invitees to include Locality Planning Groups, Outcomes Groups and school principles.</p>	<p>Shared learning event to be arranged for early Spring.</p>
<p><b>10. Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Monday 30 March 2020, 9.30am – Mossley Mill</p>	