

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 10am

Via Zoom

Agency/Sector		Present	Apology
Statutory			
HSCT (Chair)	Paul Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (Family Support; Hub Lead; Safeguarding)	Donna Murphy		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (Disability)	Elaine Mooney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (Public Health)	Gerard Rocks (Promoting Wellbeing)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (CAMHS)	Stephen Rogers Denise Carroll	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Education Authority	Kieran Shields Donna Weir Sarah Muldoon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NI Housing Executive	VACANT		
Community Planning/Council	Patricia Gibson (PCSP) David Patterson (NMDDC) Allison Beattie (ABC) Allison Clenaghan (ABC) Martina Totten (MU)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PSNI	Wayne Johnston		
Public Health Agency	Collette Rogers Kelly McCartney Laura Taylor Dani Sinclair		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parenting Coordinator	Martina McCoey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Youth Justice Agency	Michael Heaney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Childcare Partnership	Kevin Duggan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LCG Link	VACANT		
Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership	VACANT		
Other Partnerships			
Voluntary Sector			
Early Years Organisation	Peter McKinney		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MENCAP	Mikhaila Woods		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barnardo's	Monica McCann Pat McGeough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

NIACRO	Tracey Gillen Ronan Garvey attended	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Sector			
Clanrye Group	Dara O'Hagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SPACE	Jacinta Linden (Also LPG chair) Alison Slater attend for Jacinta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BME Sector			
Craigavon Intercultural Programme	Stephen Smith		
Locality Planning Group Chairs			
Craigavon LPG	Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craig.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Armagh LPG	Teresa Miles (BCM)		
South Armagh LPG	Taucher McDonald (NMDDC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Newry LPG	Jacinta Linden (SPACE)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Banbridge LPG	Colette Ross (EA Youth Service)		
Dungannon LPG	Jacqueline Masterson (SHSCT)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
In Attendance			
Locality Planning Officer	Darren Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Planning & Information Support	Valerie Maxwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
CYPSP	Maxine Gibson Una Casey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Administrator for Outcomes Group	Margaret Gibney		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Family Support Hub Co-ordinator	Helen Dunn		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Pauline Leeson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. Introduction and Apologies

As noted above.

Paul advised that he received communication from Peter McKinney, Early Years who advised he is leaving his role in Early Years this month to pursue some new ventures. Peter asked that Paul extend his personal thanks for participation in the group and best wishes for the important work moving forward. Peter added that in the interim, pending his replacement, Marianna Hetherington should be copied into any correspondence. Paul agreed to share email with Valerie & Darren, Margaret will add Marianne to the group.

Paul noted his thanks to Peter for his involvement with group from an early years perspective, members echoed their thanks.

Paul also welcomed Alison Slater on behalf of Jacinta to the meeting this morning.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (31.07.2020)

Paul referenced previous minutes from meeting in July and asked members if they were in agreement that these were an accurate reflection of discussion; no amendments noted.

Paul noted that minutes from February meeting were amended to reflect comments which Jacinta made at July meeting.

3. Matters Arising

Paul referenced recommendations from Outcomes meeting in February (Action 5) which stated that he was write out to members; Paul stated that this was in relation to Poverty/Welfare Reform Group and gave a brief overview of what the group entails. Paul agreed to share terms of reference and minutes from meeting with members. Paul advised that currently the group consists of; himself, Pauline Leeson Chair, Chris Leech from Craigavon foodbank, Colin Reid Education and a number of trust staff. Paul noted that the group's focus is about poverty hitting all walks of life and age groups. Paul added that Gerard Rocks from Promoting Wellbeing and Mairead Donnelly from Public Health Nursing also sit on the group. Invitation has been extended to Martina McAloon from GP federation, Paul commented that a lot of their work is community orientated therefore group felt it was important to have representation there. Carmel Taylor from ABC council also sits on group and members agreed to extend invitation to NMC & Mid-Ulster Council as well. Flo Fegan from Hospital SW is involved and members also agreed that representation from housing is required therefore Paul will write to Housing Executive. Paul noted that he did try to make contact with Stephen Smith from CIP however has been unable to do so. Paul asked if any members had been in touch with Stephen, Jacqueline advised that she has been in touch with CIP through BAME adding that she would work closer with Helena; Jacqueline agreed to make contact with Helena and come back to Paul. Jacqueline also asked for STEP to be included in the group.

Paul stated that the group have only met twice initial meeting was on 11th August and second meeting was 28th September. As previously noted Paul will circulate notes from meeting on 28th September and draft terms of reference to members, Paul asked that members give consideration to this and discuss at later date. Paul emphasised that the purpose of the group is not to replicate work already being done in the area, it is more about how we support those who are working in poverty welfare, and how we get better connected across organisations to ensure peoples journey to access organisations is as smooth as possible.

Paul then thanked Valerie for sending through a link to survey findings on impact on childhood through corona virus, noting there was some very interesting reading in it, Paul agreed to share with poverty group. Paul stated that at last meeting it was agreed that a very brief survey monkey would be sent out across organisations to identify gaps and where improvements could be made. Paul added that the purpose of this is to try and pull together as much data and statistics as they could from a range of sources.

Laura, PHA referenced small grants funding available via PHA and agreed to share link with members

Action 3 – Paul noted that this will be addressed later in agenda; members were asked to look at challenges and successes within their organisations during COVID and provide a brief paragraph to Valerie. Valerie stated that to date she has received 2 replies and asked members if they had anything they would like to share to please send through. Valerie stated that a similar exercise was carried out with Family Support Hubs; Valerie is currently finishing collating the report card. Valerie suggested sending out a template to members to record their paragraph as this would be easier to collate.

Paul noted that throughout the pandemic organisations have been able to move and adapt quickly to get services/support up and running. Paul commented that this is refreshing adding that a good example of this is what Michael has been doing with CAMHS to secure the joint funding co-located post.

4. Update Family Support Hubs

Alison gave a brief update on Family Support Hub in Newry advising that there was an increase in numbers over the summer months which equated to a 26% increase from last year. Alison reported that at the start of COVID referrals did drop however pointed out that an increase was noted in self-referrals; presenting issue include; adolescents behaviour, emotional wellbeing, Alison stated that the Hub had nowhere to send these young people with YPP at their limit.

Ronan echoed Alison's comments also noting an increase in self-referrals pointing out that these are not always recorded as referrals as they are enquiries. Presenting issues are again similar with adolescents who are struggling, suffering anxiety in the aftermath of COVID. Ronan added that referrals are now back up to normal rate.

Alison commented that there seems to be a real need by families to engage with services adding that the Hub has never had such demand; parents and families are desperately looking for something to engage in.

Paul asked if there have been many referrals received from parents of children with disability. Ronan advised that there wasn't acknowledging that there is some work to do in terms of threshold to see if any gaps can be identified.

Alison reported that they have a steady flow of referrals on a family support basis; Hub are finding some parents struggled with schools closure and withdrawal of respite adding that they did struggle to find supports for some families.

Paul stated that the reason he raised this is due to the work Darren has done in relation to Our Journey through Disability adding that he is aware that his AD Colm has contacted some of the parents directly.

Darren commented that parents are keen to bring report and recommendations to assembly adding that there is an all-party meeting next week, which the group have been invited to. Darren noted that he will be there to provide support to parents.

Valerie stated that report was circulated last week and will officially be launched at next CYPSP meeting, with a view to endorsement by partner agencies. Paul commented that he brought report to Children's Services Improvement Board, who endorsed it a series of recommendations were made by the group in the context of what is currently being done.

4. Update Locality Planning

Darren then provided an update on Locality Planning referencing report circulated to members. Darren advised that one locality planning group is meeting per week and this will continue until the end of the year. Darren stated he felt it was important to note that emerging issues from locality planning are similar to discussions this morning. Young people are getting fed up using zoom and are looking for alternatives; good to hear the Education Authority Youth Service are going to be resuming activities. Darren noted that groups have dropped significantly in size; one member reported that they managed face to face work and commented on what a positive impact this had. Darren added that he would echo earlier comments that zoom is not a substitute for face to face contact.

Darren reported that an Emotional Wellbeing Mental Health Resource was launched on the CYPSP website and printed versions are also available through him, this resource outlines what is available and includes CAMHS and member services details alongside access across locality planning areas showing what services can be accessed.

Darren then referenced upcoming event which he has been working on with Martina and Psychology service in relation to Infant Mental Health; sessions will be available online a 4th date has been added. Darren stated that there has been good interest in this and he will continue to advertise.

Martina acknowledged the work that Darren has put in to various forums over the last few months, stating she feels he should be commended for his commitment to projects and ensuring positive outcomes for families. Paul concurred with this as did all members.

5. Update task & finish groups

Paul commented that it was very encouraging to see recommendations progressed, acknowledging the sterling work of all involved with the groups, despite the restrictions/limitations from COVID

BAME

Jacqueline thanked Darren and Valerie for their work with task and finish group; reporting that the group is going very well, survey went out 23rd sept closes 11th Nov, Jacqueline encouraged members to complete and circulate as appropriate. Jacqueline added that agency should ask themselves if they are providing a service and do not have new comer families; why is this?

Valerie noted that one issue that has come to light during quarter one from FSH monitoring report is that the number of BAME families across NI needing support has doubled or tripled in quarter 1 and into quarter 2. Valerie is assisting FSH co-ordinators with a number of links for translation hub Valerie then shared her screen with members and provided a brief navigation to members on how to use the site. Valerie asked if anyone knew of any services that should be included on the site to contact her with details and information can be included Valerie showed members how to navigate support and information.

Valerie agreed to send link out to members for wider dissemination, adding that this is being used daily, with emails requests asking to add new information. Valerie asked partner agencies to promote link via their social media websites. All members expressed their thanks to Valerie, commenting that this is an excellent resource that will be widely used. Valerie added that she would be happy to facilitate training sessions to member agencies on how to use and how to navigate the site.

Emotional health & wellbeing

Martina advised that following the last outcomes group a number of matters were raised at the meeting around membership and accountability. The sub group met again to discuss and reflect on issues raised, and it was decided that the sub group/network would be accountable to the outcomes group and link and share information across all other relevant groups. It was agreed that hub coordinators would be involved with the group either on a rotational basis or nominee. Martina noted that the group recognise that this is an ongoing group rather than task and finish.

Martina stated that it is hoped that this particular network will act as a point of contact for giving support and guidance. Martina added that it is clear that mental health is not her remit and therefore she hopes that Deirdre McParland will take up chair of the group and provide feedback to outcomes. Martina noted that she will be in touch with Stephen and Peadar in terms of representation from CAMHS on the group.

Voice of young people

Dara reported that she has met with Una Valerie & Darren and as a group they discussed piloting the region however felt that initially it would be best to Pilot Southern area; at present they are finalising list of who to send survey noting that survey and posters have been finalised.. It is hoped that by end of October survey will be issued for response.

Parenting Page Demo

Martina then provided a brief update on parenting programmes, advising that a range of programmes are up and running in the Southern Trust area, pointing out that they are oversubscribed and are hoping to get some additional resources from PHA for additionality. Martina stated that she has also spoke to colleagues in other areas, lot of hits on CYPSP website saying webpage very helpful to them. Paul commented that it is encouraging to hear that resources are accessible to families.

Valerie shared the screen giving a brief example of how to use, commenting that it is a very popular page on website at moment.

YJ/CAMH Pilot

Michael provided an update on Pilot noting that it involves a dedicated Mental Health worker who is co-located between CAMHS & YJA, to help with the mental health of young people. Michael commented that the pandemic had a huge impact on the post holder's ability to engage with children. However the good news is that he is now seeing children face to face and is able to manage things in a safe way. Michael noted that at last outcomes meeting the need to promote service within this trust area and across the region was identified and Darren had agreed to do number of presentations including a presentation to Trust Board; however this has been postponed and may not happen until next year. Darren was also due to give presentation to YJA senior management team; to date this has not happened. However Michael suggested that following this presentation, Darren could provide an update/overview to outcomes meeting.

Michael reiterated that this post is co-funded and is currently going very well, feedback has been positive with staff stating it has helped them engage and understand young people.

Paul stated that he would be very keen for presentation to outcomes group, noting his disappointment at postponement of presentation to Trust Board. However highlighted that this is linked to COVID,

noting that a number of things have been stood down and deferred. Paul offered his apologies noting that it is something that is beyond people's control. Paul added that presentation has been rearranged for January.

6. Monitoring

Valerie advised that she is currently attempting to collate monitoring report, trying to measure outcomes from action plan. Valerie will be in touch with members over the next number of weeks to try and capture this information and hopes to have something to share at next outcomes meeting.

Paul commented that it is important not only to carry out the work but also show that it is effective and has a meaningful impact on parents & families.

AOB

Stephen Rogers advised that there are two papers he would like to share with members in relation to CYP with learning disability. Stephen added that the issue of school still remains a challenge, highlight that some children & families are struggling and are in need of support and help.

Elaine advised that CWD have been looking at bespoke packages noting that some children are not attending school due to parental choice i.e. parents do not want to send their children to school.

Monica –advised of two new initiatives from Barnardo's that she would like to make members aware of, Monica agreed to share with members via Margaret for wider circulation.

Date of Next Meeting: to be confirmed