

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 10am

Good Space Office, Newry

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 Emma Robinson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (Public Health)	Gerard Rocks (Promoting Wellbeing)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (CAMHS)	Denise Carroll		<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	Allison Beattie (PCSP) David Patterson (NMDDC) Martina Totten (MU)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PSNI	Wayne Johnston		
Public Health Agency	Collette Rogers Laura Taylor Dani Sinclair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Parenting Coordinator	Martina McCooley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Youth Justice Agency	Michael Heaney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Childcare Partnership	Kevin Duggan		
LCG Link	VACANT		
Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership	VACANT		
Other Partnerships	Patricia Gibson, PCSP		
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 (On behalf of Tracey)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Community Sector			
Clanrye Group	Dara O'Hagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SPACE	Jacinta Linden (Also LPG chair)	<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)		
Newry LPG	Jacinta Linden (SPACE)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Banbridge LPG	Colette Ross (EA Youth Service)		
Dungannon LPG	Jacqueline Masterson (SHSCT)		
In Attendance			
Locality Planning Officer	Darren Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Locality Planning Programme Support	Joanne Patterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Planning & Information Support	Valerie Maxwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
CYPSP	Maxine Gibson	<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"/>

Summary of Actions

Action 1	All representatives to consider existing and potential stakeholder links within their own organisation for planned stakeholder events	All
Action 2	Valerie to circulate a list of previous stakeholder events, including details of venue and attendees	Valerie
Action 3	All organisations to source information on upcoming partner events and feed back to the group. Valerie and Darren to retrieve relevant information from various data sources	All Valerie & Darren
Action 4	Valerie to upload SAOG Family Support Outcome Monitoring Report Card to CYPSP website	Valerie
Action 6	Dara to send list of target groups and proposed Voice of Young People poster.	Dara
Action 7	Valerie to send list of organisations identified to receive Newcomer Families Needs Assessment survey. SAOG to feedback on survey and list	Valerie All
Action 8	Martina to update EMH&WN Terms of Reference	Martina
Action 9	Valerie to contact Council and Community Planning Representatives to encourage attendance at the next SAOG meeting	Valerie

1. Introduction and Apologies

Apologies were duly noted, as above.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (06.11.19)

Minutes of previous meeting were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

An update was provided on actions agreed during previous meeting (06.11.19). All actions have been carried out, except for the following:

(Action 1) Valerie to check with Margaret if Chris Millar (CAMHS) has forwarded his presentation, for subsequent circulation to the group.

4. Planning Stakeholder Events, in preparation for our next 3yr Plan

Valerie led the discussion on the next 3yr plan (commencing April 2021), which focused on:

- Look at potential of Planning collaboratively with Councils through Community Planning in order to identify priorities in advance of preparing a schedule of workshops/stakeholder events which would commence September time across the Trust area
- Locality Planning should link in, as the SAOG & LPG Action Plans will now run co-terminus

- Linking in better with other commissioning bodies who may have funding to support workshops/events
- Youth Service as another key group to tap into, via youth inclusion teams & youth forums, in relation to thematic themes, e.g. LGBT & BME
- Who are the key stakeholders, across the C&V sector? – The group needs to recognise links/partnerships, collectively and per their own individual connections.

Action 1:

All representatives to consider existing & potential stakeholder links within their own organisations RE: planned stakeholder events

- Is there any funding available from organisations around the table and/or can any organisation host an event (All venues must be accessible, with an 80-100 capacity)?

Action 2:

Valerie to circulate a list of previous stakeholder events, including details of venue, etc.

- September was agreed as a good month to run events, with the suggestion made to run a focused event at a local Youth Resource Centre, where both children & parents could be brought together.
- It was agreed that all partner agencies should be asked to confirm their upcoming events schedules, as there may be an option to piggyback on some of the same. Other data which could prove useful in the planning process: Youth Service postcode data, Sure Start, NIACRO, findings from recent Parenting NI Survey.

Action 3:

All organisations to source information on upcoming partner events & feed back to the group + Valerie & Darren to retrieve relevant info. from various data sources

5. Update on active Task & Finish Groups

Michael advised that the Youth Justice Agency - CAMHS co-location pilot is not yet at evaluation stage, but that anecdotal outcomes to date have been extremely positive. YJA plan to co-fund the project for another year and, if successful, it will be made permanent, with upscaling across NI to follow. Michael credited Darren Hughes' (CAMHS Mental Health Practitioner) work as being instrumental to the success of the pilot, thus far, which has seen Darren access a range of services in order to better connect with young people and going into custody suites to look at emotional behaviour within the same. Michael thanked the sub-group for the initial assist with the pilot and Paul remarked that it is good to see projects which offer the potential of mainstreaming into services.

Kieran advised that the EA are looking at producing a video of young people going through the youth justice system and illustrating the consequences which they face, looking at the experience from the young people's perspective. Dara also advised of Clanrye Group's previously produced 'BASE' video, which the PSNI were also involved in.

Feeding back on the SAOG Family Support Outcomes Monitoring Report Card, Donna advised that there has been a recent revision of contracts, to ensure that outcomes are reported via Outcomes Star. Transformation money is currently being used to extend hubs, increase referrals & self-referrals, and develop outreach, however this money ceases in March 2020 and there has been no confirmation of renewal to date. Donna thanked Maria and Valerie for their work in preparing the corresponding report card data.

Action 4:

Valerie to upload SAOG Family Support Outcomes Monitoring Report Card to CYPSP website

Martina remarked that reporting has helped parenting programme providers focus on evidenced parenting needs. Valerie agreed to link further with Martina re: monitoring of parenting programmes.

Peter queried the potential of linking Sure Start data up with Hub data. Valerie advised that she is working alongside Moira & Kevin who are in the early stages of implementing outcomes star monitoring across Sure Starts.

It was highlighted that the aggregated impact of services needs to be taken into consideration, when qualifying outcomes, i.e. there can never really be a 100% improvement in outcome(s) contributed solely to one service/organisation. It was also mentioned that anecdotal differences are important to record. Paul clarified that data needs to be taken from multiple sources to reflect true outcomes. In order to avoid vague reporting, actual numbers (not solely %) should also be reported.

Paul advised that a report, by the Southern Trust, endorsed by Sean Holland, has recently been produced on Poverty and the Welfare Reform and that they are looking to set up a southern trust area sub-group to look what we can do, as a collective, to help families directly impacted by the reform, with proposed involvement from PWB, council, education sector, etc. Paul is keen to capture rich data and will be asking for nominees to sit on the corresponding sub-group from the Statutory and Community/Voluntary sector.

Action 5:

Paul will keep the Outcomes group updated on developments and may seek nominees from the Outcomes Group.

Dara provided an update on the recently formed Voice of Young People Task & Finish Group. She recently met with Valerie & Darren and a Survey Monkey has been designed and will be sent out to identified groups, with the aim of these groups then facilitating group discussions within their own organisations. A poster has been designed specifically targeting young people to take part in sharing their ideas, etc. There might be an option to host specific events and activities, during which feedback on particular issues could be directly received from young people. Darren highlighted that the group is concentrating on best engaging with existing youth forums & groups, in order to ensure that young people are directly informing what we are doing. Potential groups to be approached suggested, as follows: YPP, learning mentors. Valerie advised that a cluster of groups have already been identified by the group also.

Action 6:

Dara to send list of target groups and proposed Voice of Young People poster to groups + SAOG to feed back

Darren fed back on the Newcomer Families Needs Assessment (Task & Finish Group set up in Nov. and chaired by Jacqueline Masterson). The project is to be completed by the end of the 2020 calendar year and the group has already engaged with multiple services, with interpretation costs being flagged as a major issue across the majority of organisations. The difference in individual community priorities has also been raised. Survey Monkey (pending staggered circulation with the Voice of Young People survey) and corresponding Terms Of Reference were circulated.

Action 7:

Valerie to send list of organisations identified to receive Newcomer Families Needs Assessment survey + SAOG to feed back on survey & list within the next fortnight

Further discussion took place regarding employers bringing large groups of foreign nationals into an area without proper integration infrastructures in place. It was highlighted that ideally consultation should take place with employers prior to the same. It was also

remarked that the Home Office has previously issued work permits without consultation with education, housing, health. Kieran remarked that the Syrian VPRS model has been positive. Jacinta recommended a piece of research work that has already been undertaken, entitled: 'We asked for workers, but human beings came.' Which may feed into the needs assessment work.

6. Emotional Health & Wellbeing Network

There is an existing sub-group which has extended from the SHSCT Protect Life Implementation Group and which has multiple representation from the CS&V sectors. It was noted that there are a number of groups currently looking at Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing with a suggestion to establish a new Network. The main purpose of the group is to utilise existing networks to make better connections, i.e. it's primarily a communications network, focusing on awareness raising and information sharing. Draft Terms of Reference circulated by Martina, who advised that organisations will also be invited to join the respective trust initiative where there is a relevant need emerging. It was suggested that a better member balance regarding community & voluntary representation is needed. From a governance point of view, clarity would also be required in terms of accountability. Valerie advised that the group aims to avoid duplication and will be making links by adding value to individual groups. The group will also be focusing on delivering on corresponding Action Plan priorities identified within the Southern Outcomes Group Plan. A review is planned for six months after implementation.

Action 8:

Martina to update EMH&WN Terms of Reference, to state how the group connects locally as well as making various other amendments, as discussed

7. Update from Locality Planning Groups

Darren provided an update on Locality Planning Groups, referencing reports and scorecards provided.

Valerie highlighted that the 'Our Journey Through Disability' event has been able to impact the Children & Young People's Strategy.

Martina also flagged that 'FYI' has been an extremely positive and welcome initiative for the southern trust area.

Darren advised that a new LPG information leaflet and supporting promo video is pending.

8. Update Family Support Hub

Donna advised that additional admin & outreach workers are now in place and they are seeing increased numbers going to the FSH, as well as an increase in services being delivered. A previous query from the regional group suggested that referrals were being rejected as they were above Level 2, but this was checked and isn't the case, so the corresponding data returns info. is pending relevant amendment. Unmet needs: poverty, increase in number of teenage children being referred. The hub is continuing to meet needs, but they might not always be the initial needs which families were referred. The FSH will be unable to meet demand, if transformation monies don't come through. The positive work being carried out by the hub and its members was highlighted. However it was also flagged that resources are extremely stretched and that goodwill is being severely pushed at present.

Kieran flagged that some families are still refusing to be referred (as they see the hub as being a statutory service). Awareness raising RE: the FSH needs to be ongoing.

9. Peace IV Update/ Community Planning

No representatives from council were in attendance, so deferred until next meeting. It was acknowledged that there is a positive engagement with council through locality planning.

Action 9:

Valerie to link with council members, to encourage attendance at the next SAOG meeting

10. Agency Updates/AOB

Laura advised of the consultation on proposed update to nutritional standards for school food which is now open and will run until Friday 27th March. Laura also advised that the PHA have just confirmed an early years obesity-targeted programme to be rolled out in the SHSCT area in due course.

Dara circulated Regener8 programme flyer, advising that open referrals are also applicable.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 10am, Good Space Office, 5-7 Marcus Street, Newry.