

BELFAST OUTCOMES GROUP MEETING
Via MS Teams
Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Ms. Carol Diffin (Chair)	Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
Statutory Sector			
Mr. Paul O'Neill	Early Years, Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
Ms. Edel McKenna	Safeguarding, Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
Mr. Gerry Largey	Hub Lead, Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
Mr. Brian O'Kane	NIHE, Belfast Area		✓
Ms. Caroline Karayiannis	Education Authority	✓	
Ms. Barbara Porter	PHA	✓	
Ms. Cate Taggart	Belfast City Council	✓	
Mr. Declan Davey	Youth Justice Agency		✓
Ms. Marie Cavanagh	HSCB Belfast Local Commissioning Group	✓	
Ms. Natalie Killough	Parenting Coordinator, BHSCT		✓
Ms. Wendy Pollock	Chief Inspector, PSNI		✓
Community Sector			
Ms. Nicola Verner	West Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Natasha Brennan	South Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Julie Jamison	North Belfast Community Rep.		✓
Ms. Tracey Wilson	East Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
LPG Chairs			
VACANT	East Belfast LPG		✓
Ms. Deirdre Walsh	West Belfast LPG	✓	
VACANT	South Belfast LPG	✓	
Ms. Jenny Potter	North Belfast LPG		✓
Voluntary Sector			
Mr. Peter Bryson	Save the Children	✓	
Ms. Caroline Rutherford	Extern		✓
Mr. Martin Walls	Guide Dogs	✓	
Avery Bowser	AFC	✓	
Partnership Sector			
Ms. Roisin McCooley	Belfast Childcare Partnership		✓
Mr. Jackie Redpath	Belfast Strategic Partnership		✓
In Attendance			
Ms. Una Casey	CYPSP Support		✓
Mr. Martin Sloane	Locality Planning Group Coordinator		✓
Ms. Maxine Gibson	CYPSP		✓
Ms. Nichola Creagh			✓

Summary of Actions:

	Topic	Action	Responsibility
1.	Regional Interpreting Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpreting Paper to be circulated – Members to forward any comments. 	Trisha McDonald
2.	Disability Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gerry Largey to arrange first meeting before next Outcomes Group, to begin to scope out priorities – He will circulate an email re: same next week. 	Gerry Largey
3.	Anti-Poverty / Survey Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gerry Largey to circulate Ms. Wilson's information. Mr. Bowser to send his information to Mr. Largey for circulation. 	Gerry Largey / Trisha McDonald
4.	Research Papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be discussed offline re: how best to share/members to access as and when, i.e. via Teams / shared folder. 	Carol Diffin / Gerry Largey / Cate Taggart / Trisha McDonald
5.	Integrated Working – Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated Working Group to meet to consider further the questions posed in the paper and update the next meeting a proposal regarding how a design group could be established and the resources required to support the work. Agenda Item at next meeting- Further discussion at next meeting re: individual and joint pieces of work that support this agenda. Share paper on the Motion presented to BCC with Integrated working subgroup for consideration and bring back to outcomes group in August. 	Gerry Largey Carol Diffin Cate Taggart
6.	Family Support Hub Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All members to read and forward any comments or queries. 	All
7.	CYPSP Parental Participation Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share email and paper from Elaine Hanna. Invite Elaine Hanna to August meeting and extend next meeting by 30 mins. 	Trisha McDonald

<u>Action</u> <u>by:</u>	
	<p>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Ms. Diffin welcomed everyone to the meeting, a round of introductions were made and apologies were noted, as above.</p>
	<p>2. Minutes and Matters Arising from last meeting of 15th April 2021</p> <p>The previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>The following matters arising were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Interpreting Service – Discussion Paper is currently being collated by Lorraine Brennan based on activity from the last quarter and will be circulated following today’s meeting. Mr. Largey discussed some of main topics arising from this piece of work re: those families (47) with limited or no knowledge of English, wide range of languages involved, Belfast data different to rest of region, equality and consistency issues, impact on service delivery, to identify gaps and raise with Ms. Gibson with potential solutions. <p>Action: Interpreting Paper to be circulated following the meeting and members to forward any comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education – Nicola Topping was not available for today’s meeting but will be invited to attend the next meeting in August. Ms. Karayiannis agreed to check Ms. Topping’s availability. • CYPSP Disability Sub-Group – Ms. Gibson sent an update to Ms. Diffin. This sub-group will be reconvened. The Chair is Kieran McShane and Co-Chair is to be confirmed. Terms of Reference and Membership will be reviewed and there will be a focus on CYPSP priorities. They will also be responsible for the regional oversight of the recommendations from the ‘Journey through Disability’ Paper. Following a query, Mr. Largey confirmed that the BAOG working group in relation to same is still in progress and has not yet been set up. <p>Action: Gerry Largey to arrange first meeting of the Disability Working Group before next Outcomes Group, to begin to scope out priorities – He will circulate an email re: same next week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Poverty/Survey Results – Ms. Wilson has just sent this information to Mr. Largey for sharing. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerry Largey to circulate Ms. Wilson’s information. • Mr. Bowser to send his information to Mr. Largey for circulation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSH Discussion Paper – on agenda.

3. Aligned Budgets

Mr. Largey provided a verbal update. Work has been ongoing re: summer activity and use of aligned spend. There is an upcoming round of LPG meetings. £50k approximately has been reserved to meet local need which will be identified at these LPG meetings. This work has been going well.

Mr. Largey advised that there is another piece of work ongoing which is linked to this, e.g. NISRA and Community Planning – common language re: need, configuration of statistics, trial of initial stats based on ward/age profile, mapping into BCC language and making more readily understandable, volume of need versus numbers of children. This information will be very helpful for the aligned spend.

Ms. Diffin acknowledged these excellent pieces of work which have been a good indication of particular issues within specific areas which will enable us to prioritise our work. Mr. Largey explained that there are 3 or 4 datasets which have been aligned and fit well with BCC geography and there will be further discussions at future meetings. Ms. Diffin mentioned that there may be some level of data available from Education which we could also look at alongside the others. Ms. Karayiannis confirmed that finance work is ongoing and she would welcome the idea of shared vocabulary and shared conversations and would like to participate in these discussions.

Ms. Karayiannis enquired re: the previously agreed Sub-group re: Attendance which was parked due to Covid and if that information could be included. Mr. Largey agreed that he will trial 3 datasets and present at August meeting and can add others on an incremental basis.

4. Integrated Working Approach

Ms. Diffin provided an overview. The Living Here Board (LHB) has convened since our last Outcomes Meeting. Ms. Diffin presented to the LHB re: work ongoing during the Covid19 pandemic. A follow up meeting took place between BCC, DfC and members of the Outcomes Group to review how we can take this work forward. Mr. Largey has shared the paper re: integration with the group. There was acceptance at this meeting that the Belfast Outcomes Group work had played a key role in Early Intervention under the Belfast Agenda. The considerable locality level work and huge amount of effort by all was also recognised at this meeting. Building on this, it was suggested that a representative from the DfC join the outcomes group and this was agreed

Ms. Taggart endorsed Ms. Diffin's comments in that the LHB had been very impressed with the product of the Covid response from the Family Support Hubs and the Locality Planning Groups and also with regards the process, learning and relationship building linked to same. She added that it is important that we do not lose that new culture of joint-working which will be a good foundation for co-design. There was also an understanding that with things beginning to return to normal, more resources are needed along with a feasible Action Plan. Ms. Taggart confirmed that Nicola Creagh, DfC has joined this group, however, was unavailable for today's meeting.

Mr. Largey proceeded to provide a detailed overview of the discussion paper provided for today's meeting, including: background information (LHB, DfC, Community Planning, Inequalities etc.); summary of BAOG sub-group discussion points to date (4 from Belfast Agenda and focus on point 1 re: design and delivering fully integrated

approach, impact of Covid, reframing, good learning, aligned spends); key recommendations ('Define the Ambition'); underlying principles; tables re: sample building blocks for early support, integrated initiatives, spend by agency; suggested initial steps (4); and 3 key underpinning questions for consideration.

Ms. Diffin thanked Mr. Largey for producing this report which will be a good starting point for discussion towards 1. A bigger vision 2. How to begin to make manageable and 3. How to link with Belfast Agenda and CYPSP and align all of that.

Members mentioned different similar projects which may be of use to research for this work and Mr. Largey noted that there had been approximately 9 different research papers forwarded to him following the sub-group meeting. A discussion followed re: the best place to hold all of these papers and other reports etc. instead of sharing all in numerous emails, e.g. online library of some sort.

[Action: To be discussed offline re: how best to share reports and papers etc. / for members to access as and when, i.e. via Teams / shared folder.](#)

Members also shared their views of the paper and considerable discussion ensued re: joint working, putting child at centre, planning process, need for capacity / resource / additionality, need for cross-Belfast/regional approach, need to watch for discrete populations who may be missed, need to be aspirational but also achievable, build on what we have, staff groups are weary – need some time/space, geography – BCC not co-terminus with BHSCCT so need liaison with SET, role for the new LPG Coordinator, involve LPGs and bring in at earlier stage.

Mr. Largey thanked everyone for all of the rich conversations both here and at the sub-group meetings which involved considerable numbers of layers which he accepted may not easily be seen in the paper. The subject of poverty had been discussed heavily by the group but the issues of employment and housing would not be within our remit. With regards better connectivity and reframing the ask, in putting together the paper, it was agreed that the vision should be aspirational and child-centred, should be practical on the ground with aligned spend and response and an evidence base is critical to build common language and enable integration. Belfast Agenda should be re-framed at the same time and included. Resource and support to Locality Planning is a separate issue and we need to think on how to provide the level of support needed.

[Actions:](#)

- [Integrated Working Group to meet to consider further the questions posed in the paper and update the next meeting a proposal regarding how a design group could be established and the resources required to support the work.](#)
- [Agenda Item at next meeting – Further discussion at next meeting re: individual and joint pieces of work that support this agenda.](#)

Discussion followed re: additionality and resource and moving into the next financial year which will be difficult. Everyone and each organisation is under pressure currently. Ms. Taggart added that it will be useful to have DfC representation in future re: potential for resourcing and resource stability. We can use our mandate to go to those reps and ask for a contribution towards this work if they are in agreement, but we will need to agree what that contribution will look like. Mr. Bowser recapped some of their ongoing current difficulties, e.g. shortage of Social Workers, lack of resource, everyone working flat out, need for flexible tendering / scoping conversations etc.

Acknowledgements were made re: members undertaking considerable work over and above their substantive roles. Mr. Largey and Mr. Hontavilla were thanked for their work over the past year.

Motion to Council

Ms. Taggart raised this item and explained re: the BCC Notice of Motion process. She advised of a recent Notice of Motion with regards unrest in the city which was brought forward by a number of Councillors and went on to task Officer to look at how the BCC support Youth Service and to develop a young person led approach for the summer period. She advised that they now have to respond and advise how they will action this request. Timescale of this summer wasn't really feasible for a youth led response to civil unrest. The Councillor is working with existing partners currently, however as BAOG is a cross-city partnership for children and young people, Ms. Taggart felt it was appropriate to table this item here for discussion as part of our integrated working for next year. She would like to share the response for discussion with the Integrated Working Sub-group and take any views or comments.

[Action: Share paper on the Motion presented to BCC with Integrated Working Sub-group for consideration and bring back to Outcomes Group in August.](#)

5. Locality Planning Group Update

Mr. O'Neill provided an update.

The Family Support Hubs had asked for support in relation to the Play Summer Scheme work with BCC and BHSCT monies. Playboard have been asked to provide additional services.

East Belfast LPG has been re-established, however, a Chair has not been agreed. The Chair position will be appointed on a rolling basis in the interim and Tracey Wilson will provide any feedback from the group at the Belfast Outcomes Group.

It was suggested that each LPG also requires a Vice Chair. A Chair has been appointed for North Belfast LPG, Clair Allen. The LPG Coordinator Post has been advertised for recruitment.

The LPGs are still in the process of reviewing the sub-groups re: Poverty and Education. Further discussion is required with Belfast Outcomes Group in respect of the sub-groups and additional funding etc.

Ms. Walsh advised that she was approached at one of the FSH meetings with regards behavioural issue referrals etc. They are currently pulling together correspondence for raising with the Belfast Outcomes Group and she had agreed to mention today. Key issues have moved on from Poverty to children needing assistance. Ms. Brennan noted that work had been done re: emerging priorities and we now need to look at how to move forward to effect changes and tie into Early Integrated working. They have discussed themed meetings re: shared learning.

Ms. Diffin acknowledged all the work of the LPG Chairs and thanked them for all that they have done in the absence of the LPG Coordinator.

6. Family Support Hub Discussion Paper

Action: All members to read and forward any comments or queries.

Mr. Largey circulated the paper which was prepared by Ms. Lorraine Brennan, for the group's consideration. He advised it is fairly detailed and self-explanatory and that it highlights the increase in volume of activity and reflects the themes coming from the Hubs.

7. Any Other Business

- Ms Diffin advised that Ms. Elaine Hanna, CYPSP, had approached her in relation to the CYPSP Parental Participation Project and has asked to present to the Outcomes Groups.

Actions:

- Ms. Diffin to share the email and paper from Elaine Hanna.
- Ms. Diffin to invite Elaine Hanna to August meeting and extend next meeting by 30 mins.

8. Dates of Future Meetings

Date:	Time:	Venue:
Tuesday 31 st August 2021	2.30 p.m.	MS Teams
Tuesday 26 th October 2021	2.30 p.m.	MS Teams
Thursday 9 th December 2021	9.30 a.m.	MS Teams