

**Minutes of South Eastern Area Outcomes Group, held on
10 October 2019, in Training Room 2, Downshire Hospital,
Downpatrick, Co Down.**

Present:

Casey Una	CYPSP/HSCB.
Corrgian Kathie	Barnardo's.
Curran Evelyn	Child Care Partnership/HSCB.
Dunn Helen	CYPSP/HSCB.
Garrett Joanne	Health Development Specialist for Early Intervention.
Gibson Maxine	CYPSP/HSCB.
Lewis Julia	Assistant Director, Children & Young People's Healthcare.
McConnell Linda	Assistant Director Children & Young People's Family Support and Safeguarding Services.
McKimmie Wendy	Action for Children.
McMinn Sharon	CYPSP/HSCB.
McMullan Pauline	YMCA, Lisburn.
Mongan Bria	Chair, Director of Children's Services and Executive Director of Social Work, SET.
Mooney Bernie	Education Authority.
Otley Karen	South Eastern Trust.
Polley Cathy	Ards Community Network.
Quinn Mary	South Eastern Trust.
Scullion Mabel	Resurgam Trust.
Vladeanu Linda	Health Development Manager, SET.
White Jason	Assistant Director, Health and Well-Being.

Apologies:

Armstrong Annie	Belfast Women's Aid.
Ciok-Giertuga Monika	North Down YMCA.
Doherty Kelvin	Assistant Director, Youth Justice Agency.
Hollywood Noelle	Community Health Development Practitioner.
Hunsdale John	Ascertainment.
Kelly Margaret	Mencap.
McWhirter Catharine	Lisburn and Castlereagh Council.
Millar Paul	Barnardo's.
Neill Joanne	Bryson Care Children & Young People Service.
Porter Barbara	PHA.
Sipler Ed	SEDACT.

In Attendance:

Elaine Hanna	Parenting NI
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1.	<p><u>Welcome, Apologies and Introductions.</u></p> <p>Bria Mongan introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted and a round of introductions followed.</p> <p>Bria referenced World Mental Health Day today and emphasised the importance of coffee and connect.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising.</u></p> <p>The minutes of 4 December 2018 were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>The matters arising were reviewed and agreed.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Regional Update – CYPSP</u></p> <p>Bria advised that Mr Shane Devlin, Chief Executive, Southern Health and Social Care Trust, has been appointed Chair of the Regional CYPSP.</p> <p>Maxine Gibson has replaced Maurice Leeson as the Professional Advisor for CYPSP and also on the South Eastern Area CYPSP Group (SEAOG). Maxine advised that the regional CYPSP plan for consultation was completed at the end of August. A large number of responses were received from the consultation and the plan is currently being reviewed based on the responses. The plan will be presented at the CYPSP meeting in December.</p> <p>Each Outcomes Groups ‘plan on a page’ will be included in the CSP along with a link to their local action plan to the high level areas.</p> <p>Una Casey explained that the regional CYPSP plan runs from 2019 – 2021 and the SEAOG</p>	

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	<p>plan runs from 2017 – 2020. Una asked if the SEAOG plan could be extended to 2021 to ensure the local and regional plans are co-ordinated. The group agreed to extend the plan to 2021.</p>	
4.	<p>Locality Planning Group Updates – eeeeeee Hollywood, Mabel Scullion and David Simpson</p> <p><u>Early Intervention Lisburn</u></p> <p>Mabel Scullion gave an update on the work of the group (see attached update).</p> <p><u>Colin Early Intervention</u></p> <p>David Simpson, who was unable to attend today’s meeting, provided an update on Colin Early Intervention Community (see attached update).</p> <p><u>Down Locality Planning Group (DLPG)</u></p> <p>Lynda Vladeanu advised that the DLPG action plan is due for review in March 2020. A workshop has been planned to review the action plan.</p> <p>Lynda explained that SC3 Solutions completed a needs assessment. 262 children and 144 parents completed the consultation. The needs assessment is currently in draft and will be circulated when the recommendations are agreed. The main themes from the needs assessment are mental health, suicide, drugs and alcohol, bullying and exam stress. The focus group themes were similar ie mental health, stress, relationship issues, peer issues and bullying.</p> <p>A meeting has been arranged with the multi-disciplinary teams and County Down Rural Network, to work in partnership to co-ordinate and deliver programmes and initiatives in the Down area.</p>	

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	<p>The workshop will strive to align community planning, locality planning and the work of the multi-disciplinary teams to improve the outcomes for young people.</p> <p>Bria gave a brief overview of the remit and function of the GP multi-disciplinary team and the future roll out of this model across the region.</p> <p>Lynda advised that the OBA report cards on specific areas (see attached), will be disseminated to the group.</p> <p>As Noelle Holywood was unable to attend today's meeting, she provided an update on the 'Pre-loved School Uniform Scheme' (see attached).</p> <p><u>Ards and North Down LPG</u></p> <p>Cathy Polley advised that a needs assessment was also completed in the Ards area by SC3 Solutions.</p> <p>Cathy gave an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Poverty Forum • school uniform projects • Holiday Hunger • Universal Credit - a paper has been completed by Ards and North Down LPG which will be forwarded to all councillors and MLAs in the area. <p>Cathy expressed concerns about projects which are working really well but will be ending in December due to funding ceasing.</p> <p>Cathy stated that the Ards and North Down area is the second worst council area in terms of education under attainment. Cathy felt that this issue is not being addressed. She highlighted that there is no inter-departmental conversations between Education, Health Service and the Department of Communities (DofC). She advised that the DofC does not engage on the ground with the organisations that they are</p>	

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	<p>funding.</p> <p>Cathy highlighted that a much more joined up co-ordinated approach is needed and asked if this could be discussed at the workshop in December.</p> <p>Lynda Vladeanu advised that the Ards and North Down Community Planning group held a workshop to discuss children and young people and that there was limited representation from the community sector at this workshop.</p> <p>Cathy advised that this group has been running for years, funds are not provided and little is delivered on the ground.</p> <p>Bria advised that there has been discussions at the EMT with regard to participatory budgeting and that Newry Mourne Down District Council with the Southern Trust have signed up to participatory budgeting in a number of areas.</p> <p>Bria Mongan asked the group to consider the impact of poverty on families and what can influence change?</p> <p>Evelyn Curran referenced the 'Anti-Poverty Practice Framework' and agreed to forward the document for dissemination to the group.</p> <p>Action: 'Anti-Poverty Practice Framework' to be circulated to the group.</p> <p>As Ed Sipler was unable to attend today's meeting he provided an update on the 'Steps to Cope' project (see attached).</p>	<p>All members</p> <p>Ms Curran</p>
5.	<p><i>Family Support Hub Updates - Annual Report – Helen Dunn/Karen Otley</i></p> <p>Helen Dunn advised that the annual report for the region has been produced.</p> <p>Helen provided the following overview of the Regional and South Eastern Family Support Hubs.</p>	

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	<p>1,216 families have accessed the Family Support Hubs in the South Eastern area. This is an increase of 200 on last year.</p> <p>The highest number of referrals received are for children in the 5 – 10 years of age range. The main issues for referrals are debt, mental health issues, separation and Divorce.</p> <p>47% of referrals are received from GPs and Paediatricians, 12% from Education. Self-referrals has increased.</p> <p>21% of the children referred have a disability ie one-fifth of all referrals have a disability.</p> <p>Helen compared the local figures above with regional data.</p> <p>Helen advised that a core members survey is out and explained that if you are a core member of the Family Support Hubs to complete the survey</p> <p>Helen advised that additional funds were invested into the Family Support Hubs this year from the transformational funds. The money was to help increase the number of self-referrals and ensure that families are referred to the services they need.</p> <p>Work is currently being completed on thresholds.</p> <p>Helen will circulate the report.</p> <p>Karen Otley advised that due to a large increase in referrals to the Family Support Hubs, the waiting lists for parenting and behavioural support for the Greater Lisburn Hub only, have closed for twelve weeks. This will allow the current providers to process their current referrals and review their criteria. Karen explained that Joanne Garrett has developed a leaflet with tips for parents on parenting which will be sent out to parents who require support along with the link for the parenting programme</p>	<p>Ms Dunn</p>

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6.	<p>Presentation: Parenting NI Regional Parenting Survey –</p> <p>Ms Elaine Hanna, Parenting NI, presented the Parenting Survey. Elaine Hanna explained that Parenting NI surveyed 656 parents during the period November 2018 – February 2019. The survey asked parents for their views regarding family support services; barriers and difficulties and how to overcome barriers and difficulties (see attached survey).</p> <p>Bria asked if the survey information was broken down into sub regions and what mechanisms are in place to increase parents’ participation in this year’s survey.</p> <p>Elaine confirmed that 13% of parents completed the survey in the South Eastern area. She advised that this year’s survey can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completed online • sent out by CYPSP • distributed in parent focus groups • one-to one contact with parents • completed by telephone <p>Elaine advised that this should increase the uptake in completing the survey.</p> <p>A timeframe for the survey has not been set, it will roll on to reach a wider audience and cover all areas equally.</p> <p>Evelyn Curran pointed out that the survey does not clearly state that it is in respect of Family Support Hubs and that parents may complete the survey in respect of other services they have received. It was agreed that the introduction to the survey will be amended to state that the survey is in respect of services received from the Family Support Hubs. The introduction should</p>	

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	<p>clearly state that it is not about health services, health visiting, dentistry, child assessments, optometry etc. etc.</p> <p>Elaine tabled the survey and asked if it could be widely circulated and parents encouraged to complete the survey.</p> <p>Cathy advised that parents on the ground, who desperately need services, will not engage in the survey. She stated that resources need to be put on the ground, to engage with parents. She advised that parents are very frustrated, as when hard to reach families engage, the services are not available.</p> <p>Jonae Garrett advised that she has discussed with Elaine the possibility of setting up focus groups to share the Parenting NI survey with families who have availed of the Family Support Hubs.</p>	
7.	<p>Review of the Action Plan</p> <p>The group reviewed that action plan and it was agreed that the areas completed which are highlighted in green, will be removed and put into a separate document. This will allow the group to focus on the outstanding work which is highlighted in amber and red at the workshop.</p>	<p>Ms McMinn/ Ms Casey</p>
8.	<p>Next Steps Workshop.</p> <p>Una advised that evidence based programmes which are a useful resource to help with planning, can be accessed on the CYPSP website.</p> <p>The action plan will be reviewed and completed at the workshop on 19 December 2019, in Hillsborough Presbyterian Church.</p>	

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9.	<p>Any other Business.</p> <p>Bria advised that the dates for the South Eastern Area Outcomes Group have been agreed for 2019/2020 and asked members to ensure the dates are in their diaries.</p> <p>Bria brought the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for their support.</p>	
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>19 December 2019 at 2.00 pm in the Minor Hall, Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, 49 Lisburn Street, Hillsborough, BT26 6AA.</p>	