

Northern Outcomes Group held on the 12th October 2021 via Zoom

Name	Organisation	Present/Apology
Statutory Sector		
Maura Dargan	Director NHSCT (Chair)	Present
Tracy Magill	NHSCT (Family Support)	apology
Sharon Crawford	NHSCT (Disability)	present
Ciara McKillop	NHSCT (CHDEWB)	present
Susan Gault	NHSCT (Public Health Nursing)	present
Hugh Nelson	NHSCT (Planning & Modernisation)	present
VACANT	NI Housing Executive	
Nicola McCall	(MEA) Community Planning/Council	present
Alison Keenan	(A&N) Community Planning/Council	
Elizabeth Beattie	(CCG) Community Planning/Council	
Fiona Surgeonor	(MEA) Community Planning/	
Martina Totten	(MU) Community Planning/Council	present
Michael Simpson	PSNI	
Maurice Meehan	Public Health Agency	present
Kate McDermott	Health and Wellbeing Manager	present
Grainne Keane	Youth Justice Agency	Apology
Jenny Adair	Childcare Partnership	present
VACANT	LCG Link	
Deirdre Hasson	Education Authority	
Voluntary Sector		
Pamela Sweeney	Action for Children	Present
Pamela Kirk	Barnardo's	Present
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	Apology
Muriel Bailey	Parenting NI	present
Community Sector		
Zoe-Kernohan-Neeley	Early Year Organisation	
Karen Graham	Carrickfergus YMCA	
VACANT		
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BME Sector		
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Locality Planning Group Chairs		
Mervyn Rea	Antrim LPG	
Gerry McVeigh	Ballymena LPG	present
Roy Beggs	Carrickfergus LPG	
David McAllister	Larne LPG	

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Ursula Marshall	Magherafelt & Cookstown LPG	Present
Locality Planners		
Represented by Kate McDermott		
In Attendance		
Maxine Gibson	CYPSP (Professional Advisor)	Apology
Una Casey	CYPSP (Business Support Manager)	present
Valerie Maxwell	CYPSP (Information Manager)	

Welcome and Apologies – Maura welcomed members to the meeting and acknowledged apologies. At the meeting in June Valerie Maxwell had provide a comprehensive overview of data which will assist LPG work and the Task and Finish Groups to bring forward the 4 priority areas.

Presentation: – Emergency Response for Families and Children at Home – Save the Children - Kate McDermott.

Overview of support outlined in shared presentation. Completed end of March 2020 - data captured demonstrated the need for the service and the success of it utilising existing infrastructure. Discussion ensued around how this or similar supports could be sustained moving forward given poverty will continue to be a significant factor moving forward. Maurice Meehan to follow up on `warming up packs` 28 thousand to be disseminated through the region and link in with the FSH around this resource. Ciara McKillop noted that Tracey Sproule HOS (NHSCT) is currently working on how additional funding for the FSH can be used to provide support to families and discussion had been ongoing around the governance framework around this, seems from presentation given by Kate McDermott that this issue has been resolved and Tracy will link with Kate to discuss the governance arrangements around this. Hugh Nelson acknowledged Kate's work on this project and noted that Save the Children continue to work with Trust, utilising what is already in place. It was reflected that

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engagement with Antrim & Newtownabbey council, their additional investment and working through the advice centres has reached a different cohort of people, may be something that could be progressed, elsewhere, a similar approach to get councils involved in a partnership arrangement. . Pamela Sweeney concurred that financial assistance is paramount to provide this practical level of support.

Actions: T Sproule, K McDermott and P Sweeney to progress discussion outside of this forum. H Nelson to progress work around influencing further investment from councils. M Meehan to follow up re Warming up packs. It was noted that this work would sit well within the Poverty T & F Group.

Plan on a page

Una Casey noted that work is ongoing on the development of CYPSP regional plan, due for sign off in December. Outcomes Groups one page plans will feed into the overarching plan and work is ongoing to ensure consistency across all groups, with priorities underpinned, for example by the voice of children and young people. Full OG plans will be accessible via link in main regional document. Draft plan on a page shared for discussion/feedback. First page will outline the 4 priority areas for the NAOG highlighting actions to be progressed by each T &F group, second page with include infographics and baseline data. All groups to review statements and confirm with Una if revision is required, general consensus that statements/actions on first page need to be deliverable, measurable and capture the key aim of the groups, as well as ensuring synergy across the T&F groups and reflect local and regional work taking place. Further meeting of T&F Groups to be scheduled to review and agree statements. Chairs to be appointed for School Disruption, Poverty and CWD T&F group, EMHW have a rotating chair arrangement in place. Sharon Crawford confirm that she will take on the chair of CWD group. Una Casey confirmed

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the requirement of the chair is to keep the group active with support from herself in the first instance, however if a chair can provide their own admin support this would be welcomed. Design/layout agreed, further work to be progress with respect to content.

Action: Una Casey to revise content following feedback from the T&F groups and issue for feedback/agreement to NAOG members in advance of the November regional meeting. Consideration to be given to rotating the roles and responsibilities within the groups as part of the annual review process.

Action Plan – feedback from Task and Finish Groups

As outlined above, Sharon Crawford will take on chair of CWD task and Finish group, Maura Dargan noted from a partnership perspective it would be useful for a rep from one of the voluntary agencies to take on chair of one of the groups, to be discussed further at upcoming T & F Groups.

4 priorities under each area to be progressed throughout the year, as a staged approach. Build in annual review would be helpful, therefore once action completed this can be reflected. Chairmanship could rotate over the 3 years.

CWD – work ongoing re the development of Trust strategy and vision which will inform work to be progressed, Sharon Crawford highlighted the significant pressures across the service and the impact the past year has had on families. CWD task group discussed a potential workshop whether to do in person or virtual, felt that the virtual would have a better reach, and links being made with regional colleges/unis to make some videos for the event, if this is not doable, may be a cost involved.

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School Disruption - further date of meeting to be arranged, small numbers of members noted, need additional input from EA, Deirdre Hasson agreed to join in the first instance.

EHWB – met last Friday updated and refined actions. One action is produce a video on the journey of a child, highlighting support and information at each stage of life. M Meehan may be able to provide funding for this. ToR were agreed for this group.

Action: Una Casey to arrange further dates for the T & F groups. All NAOG members to consider staff within their organisations who maybe interested in joining one of the groups as part of their own professional development or if they have a specific interest.

Poverty – further date of meeting to be arranged.

CYPSP annual report -

Copy of Annual report shared, poster and animation developed to be shared outlining work by CYPSP over the last year.

Action: Una Casey to forward to Julie Scobie to circulate.

CYPSP Outcomes group funding

Una Casey noted that £100k was committed by HSCB to NOGs, (£75k allocated to Cedar and £25k to Health and Wellbeing team) in the hope that this would be a magnet for other partners to put money in, however this never happened. This money was never viewed as forever funding to support a project.

ADHD project – Confirmed funding does not sit with this group

Cedar foundation – delivered through NAOG funding of £75k over the last 3 years. Consideration to be given to sourcing mainstream funding for the project to allow NAOG funding to be released to fund other potential pilots. Sharon Crawford noted that this project has been a lifeline to families, this was acknowledged. Maurice Meehan

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noted that unfortunately there would be limited funding via his commissioning line, as being utilised to consolidate the early intervention service across the region. Mr Nelson confirmed that there would be nothing suitable available from other partners.

Action: Sharon Crawford to ensure that this project is included in strategic discussion around financial support in relation to the development of services under the CWD strategy or any other avenues partners can suggest rather than tying up NOAG monies. Sharon to have a conversation with Cedar re alternative funding stream.

NHSCT update report to CYPSP – noted

Family Support Hubs update- Pamela Sweeney advised that FSH are experiencing a steady referral rate, varying themes around financial hardship anxiety, DV, parental MH, increased demand for parenting programmes and a significant increase in self-referrals. Staff have attended promotional events over the summer including the Balmoral show, which has resulted in the signed up of new services. Two new full time staff appointed and regional FSH coordinator has been appointed and will take up post January 2022, Bronwyn Campbell, welcomed appointment as will give an overview of FSH throughout the region, highlighting potential trends/themes.

Update from LPGs/ feedback from Configuration subgroup - Kate McDermott- Detail in shared report

Configuration completed, chairs to meeting in the Spring time. Work ongoing to identify a Chair for the Causeway LPG, Kate McDermott leading on this.

Muriel Bailey, Parenting NI acknowledged the significant increase in referrals to FSH and statutory services for level 3 intervention. Noted successful bid through Children in Need for funding to provide Star programme to children in Ballycraigy, Parkhall and Sixmile primary

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schools, this will focus on anxiety, resilience and wellbeing, referrals will come via schools, may capture some of those families referred to FSH, to commence January. Service is seeing an increase in work with dads, separated couples parenting and work with parents around teenage issues `parenting your teenager programme`. Muriel Bailey noted a number of organisations that were successful in gaining additional funding under the Mental Health Award – larger grant, Muriel to share list as there would be regional organisations that could be access by Northern Area services. Jenny Adair noted additional funding secured for expansion of Surestart across specific geographical areas, unfortunately, Ballymena did not meet the criteria for this.

Action: Muriel Bailey to provide list of organisations who gained additional funding under Mental Health award and Julie Scobie to share.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting confirmed for the 17th January 2022 at 2pm via Zoom