

Meeting Wednesday 26 June 2019

**Present:**

Kevin Duffy	WHSC
Shauna Houston	PHA
Deirdre McDaid	MACE Project
Monica McIntyre	DFC
Muriel Bailey	Parenting NI
Paul Sweeney	Extern
Kim McLaughlin	FODC
Priscilla Magee	WHSC
Teresa Sweidan	RISE NI
Linda Watson	CNDAG
Alison Wallace	WNP
Claire Lynch	DCSDC
Aileen McGuinness	BBMF
Carrie Tracey	Rainbow Child Family Centre
Liz Kavanagh	Strabane LPG
Paul Kellagher	Action for Children
Joanne Sweeney	Mencap
Bronagh Donnelly	WHSC

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Ms Deirdre Mahon, Director of Women & Children's Services, WHSC (Chair) Chief Inspector Jonathon Hunter, PSNI Mr Maurice Lesson, Professional Advisor for CYPSP Ms Maura Mason, Western Childcare Partnership Ms Josephine Deehan Ms Ann McDuff, Assistant Director Community and Public Health, Western Health and Social Care Trust Ms Angela Wade, Business Manager for Women and Children Services Ms Brenda MacQueen, Director, Dry Arch Childrens Centre Ms Colleen Heaney, Assistant Director, Youth Justice Agency Ms Helen Dunn, Regional Family Support Hub Coordinator, Health & Social Care Board Mr Robert Gibson, Director of Community Health and Leisure, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Ms Sheena Funston, Acting Head of Service for Health Improvement Equality & Involvement Department, WHSC Ms Una Casey, Business Support Manager, CYPSP
<b>2</b>	<b>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 1 May 2019</b> Approved.

<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Mr Duffy invited members to give a brief overview of their programmers and any issues that needed highlighting. (see appendix for updates)</p> <p>Ms Lynch suggested there is a need for website/Social Media based platform concentrating on additional support, what is currently available and where. The question was posed can CYPSP pull budgets to encourage use of existing online services? Or can there be further develop of Family Support NI Website. Ms Watson had suggested a virtual hub idea were all services can be accessed under one single point.</p> <p>Ms Mc Laughlin added that there was potential to look at urban/rural in relation to service provision</p> <p>Ms Mc Intyre suggested that we need to look at how we know were successful in targeting the hard to reach. Need to delve further into how we can capture this.</p> <p>Ms Magee raised the issue and growing need for interpreters particularly with the growing number of refugees in the Omagh/Fermanagh area. Mr Duffy gave an overview of his involvement with the Syrian refugees settled in Derry and highlighted the ongoing support provided by Extern and Barnardos. Mr Duffy advised Ms Magee to link in with Neil Mc Kittrick at Barnardos and Mr Sweeney offered support from Extern.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation on Regional Parenting Survey [attached]</b></p> <p>Presentation from Ms Maria Rogan from Parenting NI on the findings of Parental Participation Project regional survey 2018/19.</p> <p>The purpose of the process is to engage parents in CYPSP process and encourage partner organisations to involve parents in their services. Full presentation and findings of the survey were distributed to members and members were invited to help inform the next steps of the project and how Parenting NI could engage with parents here in the West in the follow on survey to take place later this year.</p> <p>Mr Kellagher raised the issue of rurality and asked if it would be possible to delve deeper into the statistics, to determine the % of respondents who were from rural areas and who had identified access to services as an issue, as he believed it would be greater than the 3% of respondents who raised it as an issue. Ms Rogan agreed and suggested a deeper in-depth analysis would be useful and she would be keen to explore further.</p> <p>Ms Magee raised the point that 13% who responded that they didn't live in a SureStart, area as a barrier to accessing service, is not a true reflection of the issue as SureStart is only available to families with children 0 – 3 years and therefore this services is not representative of the whole child/young people population. Ms Rogan stated that the questionnaire was open to all</p>

	<p>parents regardless of their children age. Mr Duffy had emphasised the areas within the report such as mental health, domestic violence and financial concerns where the same themes identified in localities. Mr Duffy stated families not accessing family support services was an issue for all of us and agreed with Mr Kellagher that rurality and access to services is something we may wish to focus on.</p> <p>Mr Duffy thanked Ms Rogan for her presentation stated that the outcomes group and locality planning groups would happily assist Parenting Ni on the next steps.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Update from Locality Planning Groups attached (Ms Donnelly and Ms Magee to report)</b></p> <p>Ms Donnelly and Ms Magee referred to attached papers. Ms Donnelly highlighted the work ongoing with Derry Locality Planning group around the prevalence of the number of children on reduced timetables and informed members that this has been highlighted at the Strategic Partnership and with the Children’s Commissioner for NI. Ms Donnelly stated that once baseline information was ascertained and following the next LPG meeting she will be in a better place to provide the group with an update. Ms Donnelly also informed the group of the unicef training and dates for both young persons and adult steering group and invited any interested member to attend the adult steering group meeting.</p> <p>Ms Magee informed members that newly appointed chairs for both localities will be in attendance at the next meeting and they will be Adele Fox Omagh Womens Aid and Mark Rogers from extern. Ms Magee informed members that the MACE coordinator has now completed the needs analysis for Fermanagh and that good information from local groups on pressures and targets was presented in the report Ms Magee referred to attached report on Coolcullen Meadows and the focus of community cohesion and invited anyone interested to get involved at this early stage.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Early Intervention Programme</b> Mr Duffy stated that there was no specific update on EIP at this time</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Karen Treisman Training - Mrs Donnelly</b> Ms Donnelly had asked members to discuss whether we were going ahead with inviting Dr Karen Treisman back to follow up on the weeks long training she provided earlier in the year. Dr Treisman has proposed her availability but could not hold dates. The next stage to the training would be looking at TI organisations and how this looks, as well as importance of staff care and well being. Mr Sweeney suggested that this would be different for each organisation and therefore training would need to be more specific</p>

	<p>depending on where organisations are in relations to becoming TI. Ms McIntyre suggested that further discussions needed to take place as to the next steps and what exactly the training would contain. It was agreed that this would be tabled at the next meeting in August to discuss further and to be included within the funding options paper provided to Mr Duffy by Ms Casey and would be shared with all members prior to the next meeting#</p> <p><b>Action: Ms Casey to include costings for training into options paper and provide options paper for distribution with minuets prior to next meeting to discuss Dr Treisman training further</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Request by Mrs MacQueen to consider funding to support ASD Service</b></p> <p>Mr Duffy suggested as Ms MacQueen wasn't in attendance that this would be discussed at next meeting</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Community Planning</b></p> <p>Ms Lynch gave an update on the recent steering group meeting that was held in council were decisions were made about the data and information we would use to show the progress we are making. Ms Lynch informed members that there are currently 8 actions within the Children and Young Peoples thematic section within the strategic growth plan, we will have 3 overarching priorities that will encompass all 8 actions. It was agreed that Ms Lynch would meet with Ms Donnelly and develop 3 overarching priorities and present them at the next meeting for members comments.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>CYPSP Think family sub group/hidden harm</b></p> <p>Think Family worker has recently been appointed by the trust and will be based in Fermanagh.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Any other Business</b></p> <p>It was discussed at length about the funding available via the WAOG and the decisions that had to be made in relation to the funding. Ms Donnelly had stated that she had been contacted by a number of organizations enquiring as to whether there would be Holiday Hunger funding available this year. Ms Watson and Ms Tracey both stated that given the evidence presented at the last meeting on the benefits of small pots of funding can have on children and families over long summer holidays that the need was still there and services were more in demand. Ms Magee stated that Holiday Hunger wasn't presenting as an issue in Omagh or Fermanagh. Ms Donnelly did inform members that following discussions around the funding from the outcomes group, that CYPSP recommended that funding should be outcomes focused and that whilst small pots of funding were useful they cannot be measured using OBA framework and therefore we should be striving to fund longer term projects that could met the priorities within the action plan and be could be evaluated using OBA.</p>

	<p>Given the time constraints and the process on getting applications out and assessed and funding awarded it was impossible to facilitate Holiday Hunger funding this year.</p> <p>Ms Mc Intyre made the point that the WAOG has always piloted short term programmes but that we have never moved forward with lessons learned and looked at longer term sustainability and this is where we should be focusing our funding.</p> <p>Mr Duffy had informed the group that whilst the funding sub group were unable to meet on several occasions, communication was open via email and members were able to present an options paper that needed to be discussed in more details at the next meeting. Whilst he recognized members concerns particularly in relation to Holiday Hunger he was unable to approve funding due to the issues highlighted above.</p> <p><b>Action: Funding would be placed in agenda for next meeting to discuss in detail going forward</b></p>
11	<p><b>Date time and venue</b> 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 10am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency.</p>

## New service updates

Mr Duffy welcomed Ms Deirdre McDaid, who is the newly appointed manager for the MACE Project and invited her to give an update on the progress of the project. Ms Mc Daid informed members that they were seeking an extension on funding due to time delays with the project. The project would focus on Early Intervention models on a Cross Border remit and look at establishing cross border community networks linking in with the existing networks such as locality planning. Ms McDaid said the project would have a focus on legacy and look at sustainable services and a trained work force. Ms McDaid advised the members that they are currently looking at the development of a toolkit that will be used across the 5 hub areas. Finally Ms Mc Daid informed members that the procurement phase of the project will be open by September 2019 for 18 months of service.

Ms Wallace asked have themes been developed/identified. Ms Mc Daid informed that they will be thematically based. Meetings will be held with anyone interested in applying for funding. Emphasis will be on training/as well as meeting gaps/and testing new ideas and scaling up current services. Ms McDaid stated she is happy to meet with anyone who wants to discuss further.

Ms Sweidan was representing the Waterside Locality planning group and also RISE NI. She informed members that regionally , the categories for access to RISE for individual assessments has changed which will result in the WHSCT RISE team being unable to accept children who only have a SEB (Social, Emotional and/or Behavioural) need. This will result in many children being signposted to the HUB and associated partners, e.g. EISS, Parenting NI, Surestart, EA, Early Help Team etc. and possibly many children not even being referred in to RISE in the first instance. RISE will attempt to record this unmet need throughout the academic year but anticipates that at a certain point in time referrals for only SEB needs will dwindle as the criteria becomes embedded. It may be useful for other services to also monitor any impact following this change on referral numbers and unmet need for these children with social, emotional and/or behavioural needs.

RISE however can still provide universal and targeted (non-referred) work for these children , their parents/carers and education staff and therefore would encourage education staff to contact us for a consultation in the first instance. If professionals working with these children have any queries then they are advised to contact RISE too to discuss options. [info.riseni@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:info.riseni@westerntrust.hscni.net)

Ms Sweidan noted that as of the academic year 2019/2020, specific individual referrals to RISE NI will be limited to children with difficulties across at least 2 of the following 4 areas of need- listed below with the associated therapist:

- Social , Emotional and Behavioural (SEB practitioner)

- Speech, Language and Communication (Speech and Language Therapist)
- Fine Motor , Sensory, Visual Perception and Independence Skills (Occupational Therapist)
- Gross Motor Skills (Physiotherapist)

Mr Duffy has asked Ms Sweidan to come back to group at the next meeting and present issue re number of children this may affect. Members reiterated their concern and the possible impact on services children can access.

Ms Kavanagh was welcomed by the chair as the newly appointed chair for Strabane Locality Planning group.

Mr Kellagher has informed members that AFC programmes were all going well and all running to full capacity. He maintained that mental health remained the main reason for referral to many services. He did ask when the additional funding for Family Support Hubs could be drawn down as promised by Ms Dunne at the previous meeting. Mr Duffy said that no letters of additional funding had been received by the trust as yet and that he would follow up with Ms Dunne. Mr Kellagher highlighted the issue with organisations on the ground being able to deliver effective service provision when funding was so uncertain.

**ACTION – Kevin will contact Ms Dunne re letter.**

Ms Mc Laughlin suggested the need for a sub group to look at taking forward and cross mapping of the 3 community plans and the WAOG plan and identify the common themes and how we could work together to achieve outcomes. Ms Lynch said this has already been carried out with DCSDC community plan and WAOG action plan. Ms Mc Laughlin stated that she was willing to lead on the group and bring/highlight plans together. Members would express their interest in taking this forward.