

Northern Outcomes Group held on the 15th June 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	Apology
Nicola McCall	(MEA) Community Planning/Council	Apology
Alison Keenan	(A&N) Community Planning/Council	Apology
Elizabeth Beattie	(CCG) Community Planning/Council	Apology
Fiona Surgeonor	(MEA) Community Planning/Council	Apology
Martina Totten	(MU) Community Planning/Council	Apology
VACANT	PSNI	
Maurice Meehan	Public Health Agency	Apology
Kate McDermott	Health and Wellbeing Manager	Present
Grainne Keane	Youth Justice Agency	Present
Jenny Adair	Childcare Partnership	Present
VACANT	LCG Link	
Deirdre Hasson	Education Authority	Present
Voluntary Sector		
Ruth-Anne Delija	Action for Children	Apology
Pamela Kirk	Barnardo's	Present
Maria Heron	Parenting NI	??
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	Apology
Muriel Bailey	Obo Maria Heron	Present
Pamela Sweeney	Obo Ruth-Anne Delija AfC	Present
Community Sector		
Zoe-Kernohan-Neeley	Early Year Organisation	Apology
Karen Graham	Carrickfergus YMCA	Present
Andrea Knocker		Present
VACANT		
VACANT		
BME Sector		
VACANT		
VACANT		
Locality Planning Group Chairs		
Mervyn Rea	Antrim LPG	??
Gerry McVeigh	Ballymena LPG	Apology
Roy Beggs	Carrickfergus LPG	Apology
David McAllister	Larne LPG	
Ursula Marshall	Magherafelt & Cookstown LPG	
Locality Planners		
Represented by Kate McDermott		

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In Attendance		
Maxine Gibson	CYPSP (Professional Advisor)	Present
Una Casey	CYPSP (Business Support Manager)	Present
Valerie Maxwell	CYPSP (Information Manager)	Present

Welcome and Apologies – Maura welcomed members to the meeting and acknowledged that November was the last Outcomes Group meeting with the exception of the workshop in February. Apologies as noted above.

Warm welcome to Deirdre from Education Authority joining the meeting today.

Presentation: Northern Area Needs Analysis – Presentation from Valerie Maxwell. All data presented is available on CYPSP website (note that some 20-21 data has not yet been made available and the data presented is as up-to-date as possible). 4 overarching priorities have been identified by CYPSP as a whole- 1. Children’s Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing, 2. Early Intervention Support for Children with Disabilities and their families, 3. Support to Children Impacted by School Disruption and 4. Response to Food and Fuel Poverty. The Northern Family Support Hub Report card will be ready for publication soon. The information presented today has been discussed at the workshop in February and the needs identified are being actioned by the relevant Task and Finish Groups.

Valerie provided an overview of the data which will be sent to all members.

Information from Young People received through surveys is now being used to create an EHWPB Web Page as designed in co-production with young people. This is hoped to be launched soon. This will be a useful resource for children and young people to access themselves based on what they have requested. This is part of CYPSP response to Emotional health and wellbeing and early intervention. There was a problem recording information on school attendance in 2019 and given the

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disruption to schools due to Covid, the 2020 attendance rate not be recorded.

Action Plan – feedback from Task and Finish Groups

Una has resent the working document of the action plan. T&F groups have met over the last few months and have been productive. Appeal to everyone in outcomes group to come forward or nominate someone appropriately to T&F groups as attendance is low. Contact Una regarding this, particularly for EHWB T&F group. T&F groups have all taken feedback from the workshops and worked through a logic model to identify short, medium and long term outcomes under each priority and identify an action plan against these. There is some overlap with each priority. Una provided an overview of the working document that has been circulated. Education Authority is also to have a presence in all T&F groups.

Action: T&F groups to agree a Chair if this has not already happened. They will continue to meet and work through the agreed actions. Feedback to the outcomes group thereafter.

Action: Deirdre to find representation from EA for these groups as appropriate. Some members within T&F groups have already reached out to EA reps.

Grainne Keane has volunteered to be involved in the EHWB T&F group. Sharon Crawford noted that the Children with Disabilities group spent a lot of time talking about ASD- we need to find services that are inclusive as well as specialist. Tracey Sproule from Early Intervention may be helpful within this T&F group (Sharon has emailed). Jenny Adair has also volunteered for the CWD T&F group.

ASD was a prevalent issue in all T&F groups. It was agreed that this issue is appropriate across all T&F groups as opposed a standalone issue.

Ciara McKillop highlighted that we do not want to separate children with ASD as a group on their own because they have issues across the

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platform- they are not a homogenous group and support differs with need.

Maxine Gibson agreed that it is an evident issue across all regional groups and meetings. The outcomes group action plan will avoid duplication while still discussing the issue of ASD in all relevant groups. Ciara suggested that we look at the discussion of children with disability as a whole and not allow the conversation to be focussed on ASD if possible.

Susan Gault noted that in EHWB group, mapping is still needed as new services have been produced and we need to work out when they will start, what they are focussing on and where money is being spent.

Maura agreed that autism should not be separated and while this is challenging for the members and chairs, it will have reach across a broader spectrum. Maura also noted that T&F groups should have a specific timeframe for work and then come to an end and the current action plan does not match this outlook.

Valerie responded that the process in place is designed to be a group for the 3 years of the plan on the actions identified. Groups are expected to take forward all actions identified and deliver on them over the 3 years and then the group will close when these outcomes have been achieved.

Maxine noted that it would be helpful for a T&F to meet for 1 year and sign-off on that work and then review that in the next year, potentially with new members for other pieces of work identified in year 2 and 3. We may need to rename these groups to reiterate a time focus. Maura agreed that this would be more helpful in terms of engagement and commitment.

Una noted that these groups have been designed to share the work across everyone to ensure we progress better.

Maura highlighted that we will commit to each other and to delivering outcomes with the intent of getting the work done and having responsibility for this work. Keep communication open and have representation from all sectors. If there is a lack of engagement we will discuss during outcomes group meetings.

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Review of minutes from November meeting- Maura queried an update from Maxine on Regional funding bid for the Youth Justice Agency and CAMHS project.

Maxine explained that her understanding was the funding was not available to take it forward on a regional basis but the funding has been made available to pilot the YJA and CAMHS partnership in the West. A scale and spread model will be carried out which has been effective in the Southern area. They are hoping then for opportunity for better funding going forward.

Grainne also added that while there is enthusiasm from the board, there are issues around 1 year budgets. YJA also looking also at a Regional Lead post then to further develop the project beyond this year.

Update on ADHD post-diagnostic support- Susan provided update that the contract with Barnardo's was due to complete at the end of August. There was no communication from finance around funding which prevented the contract going out to procurement. Feedback from finance now confirms this funding was original ADHD parenting funding and it is permanent funding. Contracts meeting with Barnardo's where they agreed the contract will be extended now for 6 months and following that we will see how the contract will then look going forward. Engagement with service users will be carried out to find out gaps and what a new service might look like before procurement. This will also allow Barnardo's and other services to discuss what the needs are, what works, what doesn't work, evidence base and demand. Funding was originally focused on early years and so the contract has been written to focus on the point of diagnosis which didn't consider the complex cases being diagnosed through CAMHS or co-morbidity. It was a very specific service looking at non-complex cases. Going forward we will look at what can be achieved with funding. Susan also highlighted that this funding is only £40,000.

Maura noted that it was positive to have clarification over what this funding was for and that it was non-recurrent. Good to know the contract is extended for 6 months and that work will then be done to ensure there is good value for what is contracted.

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Sharon queried funding for the Cedar project which has been a fantastic project. Where did that come from and will there be more coming?

Una explained that this funding is from the £100,000 given to the outcomes group from the Board annually and the ADHD money is from a separate contract. Maxine highlighted that this £100k is allocated as part of the Trust allocation and Outcomes Group Chairs decide how it is allocated within outcomes groups. Maura confirmed that the outcomes groups should be collectively discussing the use of this money and that it should be used for new and emerging pressures and test areas to give something a review with the hope that it attracts funding from other areas to sustain it. The Cedar project remains a priority and we are committed to maintaining it. We do need to look at how we can mainstream these projects.

Sharon noted that the money currently doesn't cover the whole trust area. This project has been in place for at least 3 years.

Maxine- this contract is potentially then up for review.

Una- the purpose of this money was the hope that other statutory services would put money in and it would act as a magnet but this hasn't happened.

Maxine- annual report is finished and with Shane Devlin as Chair of CYPSP. There is a breakdown of that £100k by trust area included in the report. This will be available in July and Maxine happy to discuss at the next meeting. Each outcomes group has used the money differently, e.g. Western has issues small grants. Underpinning this is the desire to provide and look for services that meet CYPSP priority. Maxine identified need to potentially develop a more consistent approach regionally.

Hugh Nelson- the intent was to attract a more collaborative approach for funding- we could try this while reflecting on the priorities that the outcomes group has now, compared to the priorities at the time the funding came in. This is a multi-agency group so how can we look at how we use funding to maximise the collaborative nature, extending what we do and reaching more children and families?

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Maura- there is no immediate plan to remove services. We need longer term conversations but agree with Hugh that this money should be starting things and attracting money from elsewhere. A more focussed conversation may be needed with certain people on the group, e.g. council, voluntary.

Sharon- this is also tied into old legacy contracts. This service couldn't be replicated if it was stood down.

Maxine- agree with Hugh. As part of the development of the next children's plan, we have developed a report card for ourselves which includes a desire to explore the strategic question with the partners at the top around this funding before it comes down into the streams.

Action: To look at the above in more detail and discuss the best way to move forward with this outcomes group funding.

CYPSP annual report - financial update- Some of this update has been discussed but Maxine would like to add thanks to those who responded to request for information for the report. This report contains specific performance profiles in each outcomes group area. Maxine has showcased a few pieces of work from the Northern Area for the report- the reconfiguration work, the mental health and emotional wellbeing locality work and the Newtownabbey locality planning group as a new start. Maxine is happy to discuss in detail this report at the next meeting.

CYPSP Outcomes group update report/NHSCT – information on this has been provided throughout.

Family Support Hubs update- Pamela Sweeney provided update. Rise in referrals in most areas, significant rise in Coleraine/ Larne/ Carrick areas in May. Promotional work has been carried out in Ballymena, Antrim and Coleraine area including sending info to GP surgeries and schools. The highest volume of referrals are from Trust services but this is within appropriate threshold. Good relationships with social services

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and CAMHS colleagues. Self-referrals continuing to grow across all 4 hub areas. The hubs partnered with Save the Children to deliver their emergency response programme. Jan-March 21 the hubs reached 158 families and ensured 341 children had access to essential items to support their social and emotional development and to protect and enhance their early learning. Nearly £52,000 went directly into family's homes through addressing identified needs. Action for children emergency fund continues to be made available to those families requiring financial assistance to meet basic needs including food, oil and electricity. In March, Claire and her team reviewed the hubs standards and there was some excellent feedback, suggestions for improvement and recognition of success over the last 12 months. Members have recognised the benefits of online meetings and have advised they felt it allows them to commit to more regular attendance at hub meetings as it eliminated travel time. Also felt the communication within the hub has been of an excellent standard and great resource to them particularly during Covid. Hubs continuing online has allowed for continuous networking so is something that will be looked at going forward. Covid money through from the board used to fund children's counselling. Covid money has now ended with one organisation and a small amount is left with the other. That will leave a gap in counselling and the demand for this continues to be high. Increase demand for Choices family support service- this is being managed to avoid long waiting lists. Some services have closed off referrals. Lack of early intervention family support services across the trust area. A service will always be offered to a child/family but it may not be the most appropriate service.

Maxine- reiterate that the Northern area FSH came in as meeting all their targets. Regional FSH steering group is to meet and discuss the regional annual report in detail. The Regional Family Support Hub co-ordinator is with recruitment at present to replace Helen Dunn who is retiring at the end of August. SCIE review will be happening in August also.

Maura- we pass on our thanks to Helen Dunn on behalf of the NAOG for her contribution to Family Support Hubs and we wish her well.

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Update from LPGs/ feedback from Configuration subgroup - Kate McDermott- LPG have been active and engaging over the last few months and focusing on action plans for 3 years. Current issues are: concerns over missing out on education due to pandemic, internet safety/ impact on mental health, mental health and emotional wellbeing particularly lack of counselling for aged 4-11, poverty (food, uniform, digital), anti-social behaviour, issues around rebuilding and reopening services after the pandemic, gaps in parenting support for young parents, FSH and others have expressed need for counselling and support for EBD, appropriate resources for BAME community, youth gambling issues (GAM care to carry out training)- Una noted that this is a regional issue and GAM care are delivering training across the region. Una can share the dates for September with everyone.

Kate- recent achievements for LPG have been a range of programmes delivered around emotional health and wellbeing through the sports network. These have been in demand across the Northern area. Feedback has been positive and encouraging. These are to be completed by the end of June. The 'looking after me' journals have been given to YP to promote them looking after their mental wellbeing. Co-ordinated and promoted 'Demystifying Disability Hate Crime' which was in high attendance. Gam care rolling out training. Learn, Talk, Do staff session on money management being delivered for parents of children aged 3-11. Antrim and Ballymena LPG has worked in partnership with council to fund the outdoor toy box in People's Park. Causeway young parents course- 7 young people participated and the feedback was very positive. Save the children initiative delivered by FSH was promoted by LPGs- this have been received extremely well with feedback noting that it was a lifeline to some and strengthened relationships. PANTS campaign completed and resources being sent out for promotion going forward.

Significant number of people still attending meetings. Newtownabbey is a new group but progress is good and collaborative working.

Upcoming events- Action Mental Health are running Healthy me Bitesize classes across Northern area. Supporting Children's artwork through

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dissemination of family workbooks. Gamcare sessions in September. Talk learn do sessions for late June.

20 new members registered on the database over the last 5 months. Jude Murphy is new chair for Newtownabbey come September. Great that all members are engaging in the groups. Moving forward in the recovery stage it is important that sharing and learning together, making things happen as quick and effective as possible continues.

Comment from Hugh- the Save the Children initiative was applying an investment on top of an existing infrastructure developed by Save the Children with the partner communities. The investment put in was alongside Antrim Newtownabbey investment and proportionately they put in a higher amount. This was a great scheme, targeted at addressing some of the key themes within poverty. This was great value for money.

Close

Maura wishes to acknowledge the work that has been ongoing in the midst of the pandemic. Everyone should be individually and collectively proud of what has been achieved and thanks are expressed. Maura wishes all a good summer.

Next meeting date is October.