

## Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 9.30am  
Via Zoom

Agency/Sector		Present	Apology
<b>Statutory</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>HSCT (Chair)</b>	Paul Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>HSCT (Family Support; Hub Lead; Safeguarding)</b>	Donna Murphy		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>HSCT (Disability)</b>	Elaine Mooney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>HSCT (Public Health)</b>	Gerard Rocks (Promoting Wellbeing)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>HSCT (CAMHS)</b>	Shirley Dennison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Education Authority</b>	Kieran Shields Donna Weir Sarah Muldoon Aileen O'Callaghan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>NI Housing Executive</b>	VACANT		
<b>Community Planning/Council</b>	Patricia Gibson (PCSP) Gary Scott (ABC/NMDDC) Alison Beattie (ABC) Allison Clenaghan (ABC) Celine O'Neill (MU)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>PSNI</b>	Barbara McNally	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Public Health Agency</b>	Collette Rogers Kelly McCartney Laura Taylor Dani Sinclair		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Parenting Coordinator</b>	Martina McCooley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Youth Justice Agency</b>	Michael Heaney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Childcare Partnership</b>	Kevin Duggan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>LCG Link</b>	VACANT		
<b>Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership</b>	VACANT		
<b>Other Partnerships</b>			
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>			
<b>Early Years Organisation</b>	Anne Rice/Stephanie Elliot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>MENCAP</b>	Mikhaila Woods		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Barnardo's</b>	Monica McCann Pat McGeough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>NIACRO</b>	Tracey Gillen		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Community Sector</b>			
<b>Clanrye Group</b>	Dara O'Hagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Bolster</b>	Jacinta Linden (Also LPG chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>BME Sector</b>			
<b>Craigavon Intercultural Programme</b>	Stephen Smith		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Locality Planning Group Chairs</b>			
<b>Craigavon LPG</b>	Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craig.)		
<b>Armagh LPG</b>			
<b>South Armagh LPG</b>	Taucher McDonald (NMDDC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Newry LPG</b>	Jacinta Linden (SPACE)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Banbridge LPG</b>	Colette Ross (EA Youth Service)		
<b>Dungannon LPG</b>	Jacqueline Masterson (SHSCT)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>In Attendance</b>			
<b>Locality Planning Officer</b>	Darren Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Planning &amp; Information Support</b>	Valerie Maxwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>CYPSP</b>	Maxine Gibson Una Casey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Administrator for Outcomes Group</b>	Margaret Gibney		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Support Hub Co-ordinator</b>	Vacant		
	Pauline Leeson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## 1. Introductions & Apologies

Apologies noted as above

### **Presentation re Parental Participation Project:**

Elaine Hanna from Parenting NI provided a brief background to the Project then referenced presentation for today's meeting agreeing to share presentation with members.

**Action 1:**

**Presentation from Elaine Hanna re Parental Participation Project to be shared with members**

## 2. Minutes of previous meeting (30.06.21)

Agreed as accurate reflection of last meeting.

Paul commented that at DV Forum he noticed that the membership for Outcomes continues to have vacancy for representatives from; Housing Executive, Locality Commissioning Group, DV&SV Partnership.

Gary Scott advised that in relation to DV&SV Partnership for the Southern Area he does sit on this group, has discussed with Donna Murphy and agreed that he would be happy to be the link between two groups moving forward.

Paul commented that he appreciates that Gary is relatively new to Outcomes Group, advising that when developing current action plan, DV and poverty were reoccurring themes so as a group, members questioned; how do we make those connections and progress actions. Paul noted that as the plan develops, things may become clearer and Gary may come back to group seeking clarity about specific areas; emphasising the need to make these connections and work together where we can. Gary agreed to link in and support the forums in southern area commenting that presumably he would also bring any emerging themes or issues from Partnership to Outcomes group.

Paul stated that in relation to Locality Commissioning Groups he is unsure how this links, commenting that at the moment they are moving through migration process and may be stood down.

Maxine advised that she did try to do some work in relation to getting representation from LCG group to join Southern Outcomes; a further meeting is planned for next week and she will raise this again at meeting. Paul commented that it is important that if LCG is going to change, Outcomes Group need to be influencing what is being commissioned and how they spend, from our perspective and ensure funding is targeted at those most vulnerable families.

**Action 2:**

**Maxine to look into representation from LCG and provide feedback at next meeting**

**Action 3:**

**In relation to representation from Housing Executive it was agreed that Outcomes will write again asking them to come on board**

Paul suggested that membership of Outcomes Group is reviewed to ascertain if any other key people who may benefit from the working of this group are missing. It was agreed that members would give this some consideration and feed any suggestions back to Valerie.

**Action 4:**

**Members to consider any additional membership and feed any suggestions with Valerie.**

### 3. Matters Arising

#### Plan on a Page

Valerie shared screen with members; advising that this remains in draft at present. Once actions from workshop have been identified she will formalise the plan and share with members.

Valerie asked if members had any recommendations or changes they would like to make or do members feel this reflects what Outcomes are doing, any comments, are members happy with layout?

Martina noted that she has received communication in relation to the term BAME and the suggestion that this should now change to Ethnic Minority Families. Jacqueline advised that she did bring this to Newcomer Family task and finish group to ask what they wanted to be called, they are recommending Ethnic Minorities is the more appropriate term and agreed that the task & finish group will remain as newcomer families, Jacqueline noted that feedback suggests the word Black may be found to be offensive

Paul asked if people take offence at the word minority. Jacqueline commented that this has not been referenced adding that there are a lot of other minority groups noting that it is difficult to get a collective agreement. Valerie will make necessary amendment.

Michael suggested that one line is added at the beginning which defines what Southern Outcomes Group is and what they are about before moving into plan and objectives.

**Action 5:**

**Valerie to make agreed amendments and sign off.**

### 4. Update Family Support Hubs

Paul asked if members had received a copy of the Southern Area Annual report and asked if there was anything anyone wanted to draw attention to. Paul commented that he noted the biggest referrals continue to come from the 5-10yr age range.

Paul noted that the number of child referrals fell between quarter 3 & 4 not sure of reason for this as parents referrals have remained fairly steady.

Paul drew member's attention to page 3 of report highlighting figures in relation to autism and ADHD and also noted that very low numbers did not take up the service.

Paul commented that he believes the Hubs are a fantastic development and the work they do is an amazing support to families. Paul acknowledged that funding is now a bit more secure, adding that he is very conscious of COVID and the impact it has had on systems.

Paul then asked if any of the Hub Leads had any additional comments. Jacinta advised that 46 referrals were received in the months July & August which is a 26% increase, 20 referrals have been received already for the month of September. Jacinta noted that emerging themes from referrals are; autism and in particular, families with children awaiting diagnosis is a continuous theme, continually trying to find services while families await diagnosis, extended big lottery programme to include siblings. Jacinta also noted that there is a continuing lack of services for adolescents who do not meet the threshold for CAMHS.

Jacinta noted that poverty continues to be a reoccurring theme for referrals noting that poverty for parents with a cancer diagnosis has been noted; with a heightened ask for material items such as white goods etc, requests have also been noted from families where parents have separated meaning there is a co-parent situation which requires a need to furnish two houses.

Jacinta also highlighted the impact a terminal diagnosis has on the income to a household. Hubs continue to provide practical intervention such as transport support through this difficult time alongside financial and emotional support to families.

Paul commented that in relation to the autism issue, numbers to our own services within the Southern Trust have risen significantly which has been reflected in Hubs. MDT Team has been established in Newry, Martina & Jacinta have met regularly with Alison and continue to work closely with Hub Leaders. Elaine added that referrals to CWD have also increased relating to autism.

## **5. Update Locality Planning**

Paul referenced report provided for today asking if members have had sight, members stated that they had. Paul acknowledged the significant amount of work that is going on across the LPGs, the range and diversity of what they are doing with little to no resource, is a credit to all those involved and should be commended.

Darren thanked Paul for his comments, he then referenced reports provided for today's meeting before giving a brief overview of work carried out by LPGs and the suggestions for action plan moving forward.

'Our Journey' Darren advised that following feedback from workshop he spent some time during the summer months attempting to recruit more parents; adding that he has managed to recruit at least a

dozen more. Darren noted that further Workshop is due to be held next week 30<sup>th</sup> September, a pre-workshop meeting has been held with 6 parents 4 of which were new. These parents admitted that they did not know who CYPSP were or what they do. However, by the end of the meeting those parents were very positive about the work of CYPSP. Valerie noted that a new task group will be established at next SAOG following on from Workshop.

Paul noted that the one page update provided from Darren does not do justice to the work that was carried out, he thanked Darren and those involved in progressing this. Darren also stated he would like to thank his colleague Joanne Patterson for her work and involvement in this.

## 6. Updates from Task & Finish Groups

**Emotional Health & Wellbeing** Martina advised that the key activities of the group have included the development of the Young Wellness Web which was launched in mid-August. Martina noted the fantastic work carried out by Valerie and others in relation to the development of the group and indeed the young people themselves. Martina stated that it is her understanding that there have been significant hits on the website, recognising the wealth of work involved in this. Martina advised that the group met this week and had some discussion re webpage, the data, and how this is processed/managed. The group also discussed the development of a wallet card in consultation with the young people, Martina stated she hoped to have a further update at next meeting.

Martina noted that at present the group are without representation from Education due to long term sick leave, hoping to go back via Kieran Shields. Martina advised that she was due to liaise with Gerard in relation to the possibility of a representative from local council or community planning however has been unable to do this as yet. Martina asked if members had any other thoughts or suggestions to contact her directly. Paul acknowledged the difficulty faced by Southern Area as we straddle 3 council areas and suggested that Martina have discussion with Gerard who can then liaise with Directors with a view to getting position in terms of representation.

**Ethnic Minority** Jacqueline commented that she would echo what Martina is saying in terms of representation from Council. Task and Finish group are now working on co-production work with ethnic minority families which will start in September, Valerie has provided an engagement information pack.

In relation to GP registration, Jacqueline advised that since Outcomes meeting a presentation was delivered however it was felt that this did not clarify issues from T&F Group. Jacqueline advised that the group have drafted a letter to share issues, seeking engagement and clarification.

In relation to Translation Hub the communication sub group have met over the summer months and continue to progress work.

**Voice of young People** Dara provided the following update; The CYPSP are committed to the voice of young people across all of its infrastructure and are seeking to set up a regional reference group to

the partnership to provide support both regionally and locally – regionally connections will be made with a number of youth groups to look at mechanisms on acting as a reference group. It has also been noted that regionally Education Youth Service are setting up a Youth Voice network across each council area that will allow Outcomes Groups to link in locally including Newry, Mourne and Down Youth Service that have already had young people involved with the Southern Area T&F group . The T&F group will monitor SAOG needs and ensure Voice of young people is included as actions are taken forward.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 10 am via zoom