

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 31st March at 9.30am

Via Zoom

Agency/Sector		Present	Apology
Statutory		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (Chair)	Paul Morgan		
HSCT (Family Support; Hub Lead; Safeguarding)	Donna Murphy		
HSCT (Disability)	Elaine Mooney		
HSCT (Public Health)	Gerard Rocks (Promoting Wellbeing)		
HSCT (CAMHS)	Stephen Rogers Denise Carroll		
Education Authority	Kieran Shields Donna Weir Sarah Muldoon		
NI Housing Executive	VACANT		
Community Planning/Council	Patricia Gibson (PCSP) David Patterson (NMDDC) Allison Beattie (ABC) Allison Clenaghan (ABC) Martina Totten (MU)		
PSNI	Wayne Johnston		
Public Health Agency	Collette Rogers Kelly McCartney Laura Taylor Dani Sinclair		
Parenting Coordinator	Martina McCooley		
Youth Justice Agency	Michael Heaney		
Childcare Partnership	Kevin Duggan		
LCG Link	VACANT		
Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership	VACANT		
Other Partnerships			
Voluntary Sector			
Early Years Organisation	Peter McKinney		
MENCAP	Mikhaila Woods		
Barnardo's	Monica McCann Pat McGeough		
NIACRO	Tracey Gillen Ronan Garvey attended		

Community Sector			
Clanrye Group	Dara O'Hagan		
Bolster Community	Jacinta Linden (Also LPG chair) Alison Slater attend for Jacinta		
BME Sector			
Craigavon Intercultural Programme	Stephen Smith		
Locality Planning Group Chairs			
Craigavon LPG	Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craig.)		
Armagh LPG	Aileen O'Callaghan		
South Armagh LPG	Taucher McDonald (NMDDC)		
Newry LPG	Jacinta Linden (SPACE)		
Banbridge LPG	Colette Ross (EA Youth Service)		
Dungannon LPG	Jacqueline Masterson (SHSCT)		
In Attendance			
Locality Planning Officer	Darren Curtis		
Planning & Information Support	Valerie Maxwell		
CYPSP	Maxine Gibson Una Casey		
Administrator for Outcomes Group	Margaret Gibney		
Family Support Hub Co-ordinator	Helen Dunn		
	Pauline Leeson		

Summary of Actions

No actions from meeting.

1. Welcome to Aberdeenshire/Moray, Scotland Observers

Paul welcomed Susan to meeting

2. Introductions & Apologies

As noted above.

3. Minutes of previous meeting (13.01.21)

4. Matters Arising

Paul thanked Jacqueline for her work in relation to translation hub alongside Valerie to promote vaccine uptake within BAME community. Highlighting that this was an excellent piece of public health work which emanated from this group.

YJ CAMHS pilot – Paul noted that Darren Hughes presented to Trust Board, presentation was very well received with positive outcomes. Question now is how do we get growth and spread of this across the region, Paul reiterated that the pilot is a credit to those involved namely Michael & Peadar YJA & CAMHS.

5. Update Family Support Hubs

Donna provided a brief update on Family Support Hubs noting that overall the Hubs continue to be fully operational, services continue to operate out of Hubs, face to face work is more focused than previously however Hubs still offer an element of remote working. Donna advised that Hub referrals had gone down in the latter part of 2020, however, they did increase Jan & Feb, March has seen a significant increase. Hubs have done some promotional work, challenge will be as demand increases and restrictions decrease. Key areas remain the same, poverty big issue, mental health parents and young people, impact of COVID on our young people.

Jacinta advised that referrals remained constant throughout; overriding sense poverty evident at Christmas remains, a lot of work, same issues as noted above i.e. mental health, impact of lockdown on teens. Jacinta noted that parents have been asking for family support for teens very specific in relation to boundaries and working together. Jacinta also noted an increase in referrals to MD teams eg community paed, unmet need, parents mental health, Jacinta commented that adult services only support the adult not the children adding that she is flagging this at this level as she feels they need to look wider.

Paul commented that this is the beauty of the Hubs i.e. can see how families impact on the interfaces, type of referrals, multi-agency work via hubs reiterating that it is an excellent service. Some of the issues coming through are interesting and do require further discussion which can be picked up through task and finish groups.

Donna noted that due to of return of YPP to an in Trust service they are currently looking at how to bridge any gaps, currently reviewing YPP services. Paul added that it may be helpful to bring youth service round table.

Valerie commented that monitoring from Hubs has been very useful and as a result COVID monitoring has been extended into April, Valerie added that annual reports should be available by May. Valerie noted that some information in terms of learning from COVID has also been provided; i.e. what has worked well, challenges, boundaries, emerging needs/gaps, Valerie advised that his will be included in action plan.

In relation to young people's group, Valerie reported that nominations have been received and at present meeting is being set up, hopefully within next 4/5wks.

Action 1:

Take forward proposals Donna & Jacinta link in with EA & youth service colleagues

6. Update from CYPSP – Maxine Gibson

Maxine provided the following update

Last meeting focus was on education, Shane had asked that CYPSP meetings focus on one of the four regional priorities agreed. Education was chosen for last meeting and there was a presentation from EA re SEND Strategic Development Programme. Education Authority have asked CYPSP for feedback as part of consultation process on the design of strategic development programme, some may have seen survey monkey.

Emotional wellbeing & mental health will be discussed at next CYPSP meeting; it is difficult to divide out regional priorities as they do overlap, however this will be reviewed at the end of the year.

Have established community/voluntary BAME online forum for current partners, this has proved quite helpful to ensure BAME have the ability to contribute to discussion. Maxine advised that she is currently reviewing regional sub groups with a view to putting together proposal, as it can be difficult to demonstrate outcomes and actions.

7. Report from Workshop held 09.02.21

Paul thanked Valerie and Darren for pulling report together. Commenting that it is very well aligned to CYPSP priorities and did affirm our own priorities as noted in report

Valerie added that the report helps to join the dots and ensuring we are all working together.

Paul noted that a number of actions were agreed at workshop and these actions are being progressed, hope to have first draft of plan for our next meeting.

Paul then asked if members were happy for Valerie and Darren to work on draft of plan and continue to work with task & finish group; members were in agreement.

8. Update Locality Planning

Darren provided an update on LPGs, referencing documents provided to members, highlighting that an emerging need that has been identified by all groups is that they felt emotional wellbeing and mental health priority needs to include the older age group of teenagers.

Darren commented that observations of LPGs over the last year have shown people feel limited as to what they can do at the minute; members continue to support & motivate each other. Darren continues to remind groups on how they add value through partnership working.

In relation to Youth Service, Darren advised that EA are represented on all groups with the exception of Dungannon and Craigavon; enquiries have made to address Craigavon. Darren noted that issues continue to be raised regarding anxiety from not only the young people, but their parents and even their schools. Concerns have been noted that if weather is good the potential for risk taking behaviours increases as young people want out to see friends.

LPGs continue to provide support for families waiting diagnosis of ASD/ADHD in relation to what is available for families. Darren added that attendance remains good at meetings with some new members also in attendance. Darren noted that there is limited knowledge of support available in some local areas and MD teams are appreciative of information provided.

Darren then referenced the 2020 Portadown Gets Active scorecard provided for today's meeting highlighting that poverty remains a theme. Darren added that Easter programme is due to commence next week through members of Craigavon Locality Planning Group. Groups are working towards face to face meetings however next week meetings will remain online; families have engaged very well.

Paul commented that the report card is excellent, showing high number of families and young people involved. Paul then referenced Holiday Hunger campaign asking if any other local businesses have come on board, have they been supporting or is this something that needs more consideration moving forward. Darren stated that there is always the need for funding emphasising that ALMAC have

provided considerable funding and an application for further funding has been made. Darren advised that ASDA have made a one off contribution. Local businesses have provided items at better price or donations. Darren added that if ALMAC funding ended this would leave a considerable gap.

Paul reiterated the importance of collaboration and having some way to be able to build on current links with local businesses to ensure it happens at local level

Jacinta noted some examples of corporate social responsibility i.e. Deli Lites & Norbrook have discreetly supported families directly from their canteen; Jacinta highlighted that there is a lot of good practise which could be built in Outcomes

Dara advised that local community have been working very hard to help in terms of food poverty; work is going on DFC and Council Welfare Reform Group.

Darren then provided brief update on Our Journey noting that workshop is to be held for those involved in planning group on 14th April. This will look at engaging with parents again, coming up with agreed actions and next steps. Darren added that at meeting held earlier in week, they looked at breaking down recommendations, looking at structure, suggested having smaller strategic group to ensure able to effect change

Valerie noted that there are a number of recommendations that can be taken forward by LPGs at local level, adding that she feels strategic areas can be taken forward by Outcomes group. Valerie suggested a small task and finish group that would link to LPG group. This group would then be able to provide feedback and identify outcomes and areas that could be delivered on over the next 3yrs. Paul agreed with this approach and asked if Valerie had given any thought as to who needs to be on group? Valerie stated initially representatives from health and education

Maxine commented that she had a meeting yesterday with Kieran McShane; and asked if Outcomes should consider a regional sub group for CWD which would do what Valerie is suggesting. Maxine added that it may be helpful to have task and finish group and make use of regional sub group which is already established.

Some discussion then ensued regarding regional sub-group verses merit of task & finish group in Southern area.

Paul commented that regional sub group has been developed around the regional strategy adding that he feels Outcomes have a personal responsibility to children in Southern Area and parents who produced that report and feels that there is a need for Task & Finish group who will in turn feedback to regional group. Paul concluded that Outcomes will establish our group and link back in with regional.

In relation to membership of group Valerie & Darren advised that Monica, Dara, Martina and Anne have indicated their interest. Darren added that representation from Education Authority would also be

a good addition. Kieran stated he would ask Una Turbitt as director to nominate someone. It was agreed that if any other members are interested they should contact Darren directly.

9. Updates from Task Groups

a. Emotional health & Wellbeing

Martina provided the following update:

Group met earlier in week and as Valerie stated she has started work on the logic model for this particular group, in terms of high level outcome for group the aim is to improve the emotional health & wellbeing needs for children & families across the southern area at levels 1 through 3 of family support model and in terms of identified outcomes for the group (work in progress that is currently out with the group for review) group are aiming to:

- Increase access to relevant and appropriate mental health information for children & young people
- Children & young people their families parent and carers are being informed about looking after their emotional well being
- Enhance multi-agency awareness of available support services

In terms of 'final product' of group it is envisaged as a result of group/work a web page and resource that clearly connects to the webpage will be devised and implemented.

In relation to membership of the group, Martina advised that there is good representation from organisations including; Family Support Hubs, CAMHS, Education, Outcomes, PHA and Locality Planning. However, one area that has not been progressed to date is a representation from Council Community Planning/Development; Martina added that the group will agree this membership/representation.

Martina advised that Deirdre McParland is Chair of the group and will be heavily involved in any group/work attached to this. Martina noted that the group have had significant feedback from young people involved e.g. fantastic feedback received from EA youth service, excellent feedback from Bolster in relation to webpage and a great willingness from the young people to be involved in webpage. Martina added that she is conscious that not only do they want views of young people but the group also want to get views of parents as well.

Martina then referenced the work Donna and Jacinta will be leading on in relation to possibilities and funding opportunities through MACE in particular aimed at age group 11-13yr olds. Paul concurred reiterating the importance of linking in. Valerie advised that the tender for MACE is out at the minute and the link can be found on CYPS website if anyone is interested.

b. BAME

Valerie provided the following update from Jacqueline;

- Translations hub is being used well, work has included the promotion of vaccine within hubs, census documents have also been added
- Pharmacy vaccine up and running trying to get communities registered with GP
- Focus groups have been challenging given current situation, developed an engagement pack on how things can be improved will assist with shaping group, hoping to sign off at next meeting.
- Executive office have been in touch and are coming along to next meeting re engaging with BAME communities, pleased group has been recognised

Paul commented that he feels there should be some way of collating data to show how many BAME families are currently registered with GPs. Valerie stated that that is part of 'big needs assessment' and agreed to look registrations and whether or not we are making a difference.

c. Voice of Young People

Dara provided the following update:

- Input from young people from planning group was fantastic, information was so rich, continuing with consultation and still awaiting a few responses.
- Young People have been invited to CYPSP, expand on regional perspective in process of being arranged.
- Designing a template to feedback to YP, plan to meet again after Easter to review logic model, encourage rest of T&F groups to utilise the Voice of YP please get in touch

Donna reiterated the importance of feeding back to young people.

Valerie advised that they have opened up the group wider than southern area include youth & NI youth forum reps young people 12-19 mixture male female

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Paul – referenced comment from Kieran in chat re consultation for response by 12th April

Michael then provided a brief update on YJA/CAMHS pilot advising that there are considerable challenges for all departments in relation to longer term funding for the pilot. All departments have given their commitment to funding 1 year which will mean a more scaled back roll out next year. Michael stated that it is likely the Pilot will only roll out to one other area (likely to be Western) and reassured members that alternative ways to continue are progressed.

Paul commented that CYPSP Chair is very keen that we lobby on back of pilot acknowledging the struggle this year and next year in terms of funding, Trust Board MLAs in attendance advocating that presentation on pilot should be brought forward.

Maxine congratulated Darren, Valerie and Una on their presentation which very well received, their poster in relation to the impact of COVID on young people won 2nd place.

Date of Next Meeting: 30th June 2021