

## CYPSP Meeting (Virtual)

23 August 2021

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
<b>Statutory Sector</b>			
Shane Devlin	Southern HSC Trust (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharon Gallagher	Health & Social Care Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brendan Whittle	Health & Social Care Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Una Lernihan	Health & Social Care Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Geraldine Teague	Public Health Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Deirdre Webb	Public Health Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Una Turbitt	Education Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rory McLaughlin	Education Authority Youth Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Diffin	Belfast HSC Trust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maura Dargan	Northern HSC Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Campbell	South Eastern HSC Trust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Morgan	Southern HSC Trust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Cassidy	Western HSC Trust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adele Faulkner	NI Housing Executive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aideen McLaughlin	Probation Board NI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melanie Jones	PSNI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Martin	Youth Justice Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gerry Campbell	Council for Catholic Maintained Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marie Ward	SOLACE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Helen McKenzie	Safeguarding Board for NI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Donnelly	Dept. of Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Brush	Dept. of Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>			
Pauline Leeson	Children in Northern Ireland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lorna Ballard	Action for Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paddy Mooney	Include Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amanda Jones	Action Mental Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michele Janes	Barnardo's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Celine McStravick	National Children's Bureau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gary McMichael	ASCERT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Dallas	Bytes Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Sector</b>			
Brenda Macqueen	Dry Arch Children's Centre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marie Cavanagh	Lower Ormeau Residents Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Jacinta Linden	Bolster Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alix Crawford	Mae Murray Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>BAME Sector</b>			
Paul Yam	Wah Hep Chinese Community Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>In Attendance</b>			
Maxine Gibson	CYPSP (Professional Advisor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VACANT	Regional Family Support Hub Co-Ordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valerie Maxwell	CYPSP (Information Manager)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Una Casey	CYPSP (Business Support Manager)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sharon McMinn	CYPSP (Planning Support Officer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kori Gault	CYPSP (Planning Support Officer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yvonne Neill	CYPSP (Information Officer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maurice Leeson	HSCB (Transformation Manager Children's Services)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Heaney	Youth Justice Agency obo Stephen Martin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Martin Short	Council for Catholic Maintained Schools – obo Gerry Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Paul Wright	Dept. of Education – obo Paul Brush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Teresa Geraghty	National Children's Bureau	Attended only for agenda item: 6.3	

**Note of Meeting**

Agenda Item		Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	<p>Shane Devlin welcomed all and specifically Rory McLaughlin who was attending his first Partnership meeting (new EA Youth Services rep on the CYPSP).</p> <p>Paul Morgan's upcoming retirement was noted with Shane thanking Paul on behalf of CYPSP and acknowledging the huge loss for CYPSP - "CYPSP is better because of you".</p> <p>It was noted that the focus of the meeting was around CYPSP's regional priority on food and fuel poverty.</p> <p>Apologies were noted as above.</p>	
2.	Note of Previous Meeting & Review of Actions	<p>Note of previous meeting on 6 May 2021 was approved and signed off as an accurate record.</p> <p>All actions were noted as complete with the exception of those listed below:</p> <p><b>2.1 Chair to write to statutory organisations reaffirming commitment to CYPSP</b> Instead of writing to statutory agencies, CYPSP Chair will formally write to the new Head of NICS who is soon to take up post to introduce CYPSP and reaffirm commitment (attendance and involvement) of the statutory sector in CYPSP. The important/key role the Partnership could play in a Recovery Plan for NI will also be highlighted.</p>	<p>1 – CYPSP Chair to write to new Head of NICS to reaffirm statutory sector commitment to CYPSP</p>

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		<p><b>2.2 Review of Locality Planning Groups</b> Review is underway and near completion. Review has been delayed due to the summer period and the redeployment of staff member during August.</p> <p><b>2.3 Children's Health Partnerships SIG linkage with CYPSP</b> Maxine Gibson noted a meeting had taken place with the Royal College of Pedestrians to present the Youth Wellness Web, which potentially overlaps with the Children's Health Partnership agenda and the request from James Devlin around linkages SIG linkages with CYPSP through membership or potential reference group. The CSP Team attended a meeting with SIG in April to outline role and establish and maintain links with SIG.</p>	<p>2 – An update on the review of Locality Planning process will be provided at the November meeting – Una Casey</p>
3.	CYPSP Annual Report 2020/21 & Children's Services Plan	<p>CYPSP Annual Report was tabled for noting (Paper 2).</p> <p>Maxine Gibson acknowledged the considerable work undertaken by the Partnership in 2020/21 which is highlighted in the Annual Report and noted limited narrative within the report on the work around the BAME community. Maxine assured members that more in depth information will be provided in the Children's Service Plan. Maxine advised members of ongoing discussions between herself and Paul Yam about the potential for the establishment of a BAME Regional Subgroup.</p> <p>Michele Janes highlighted 'us' as being the audience for the report but the need to be mindful of the children and young people and ensuring that it meets their needs also.</p>	<p>3 – Slot to be provided on November agenda re BAME Regional Subgroup update – Sharon McMinn</p> <p>4 – Executive Summary to be produced, highlighting key messages / achievements from the Annual Report. Members who have any suggestions or wish to be involved in this piece of work should contact Maxine Gibson / Sharon McMinn. The summary will then be used as a means of</p>

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		<p>Maxine informed members that work on the new Children's Services Plan document is underway. All Outcomes Groups have been working to priorities identified, in the development of their 2020/21 plans. The aim is to begin the consultation process in the winter to inform the completion of the written plan by March 2022. The newly formed Children and Young People's Reference Group will be consulted to ensure that the Plan meets their needs and a child/young person friendly version will also be produced. Further update will be provided at the November meeting.</p>	<p>promoting the work of CYPSP. How this is done will be explored once summary has been produced.</p> <p>5 – Draft Children's Service Plan will be shared with the Partnership once complete – Maxine Gibson / Sharon McMinn</p>
4.	Family Support Hubs Annual Report Card 2020/21	<p>Maxine Gibson noted the following key findings from the Family Support Hubs Annual Report Card 2020/21 (Paper 3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information and evidence around the increase in responses to food and fuel poverty and requests for financial help and Covid related referrals. Separate Covid related data will no longer be collected, but will be included in the generic monitoring information in recognition of the ongoing medium/long term impact of Covid.</li> <li>• Ongoing increase of referrals year on year since 2012. 8,405 families referred to Family Support Hubs in 2020/21 – just over 10% increase from 2019/20</li> <li>• Food and fuel poverty was the highest reason for referral closely followed by request for financial assistance, emotional behavioural difficulties of children, Covid related anxieties, children with disabilities – correlate with CYPSP's four key priorities.</li> </ul> <p>Maxine also noted Paper 4 – FSH's response to the impact of Covid, which will form part of a reflections series which DoH are taking forward in respect of Family Support. Maxine highlighted the importance of identifying how Family Support Hubs pulled together, utilised resources and worked collaboratively</p>	

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	<p>with other community and voluntary organisations during Covid and acknowledged the incredible work the Hubs and Hub Coordinators have undertaken.</p> <p>The ongoing SCIE Audit was also noted and Maxine advised that once complete a celebration/learning event with the Hub Coordinators will be arranged. The event will highlight the richness of the Hub information and achievements.</p> <p>Jacinta Linden stressed the need to recognise the extra work the Hub Coordinators undertook at a time when 'many others left the stage', along with the collaboration of the private sector which has resulted in the building of strong relationships with this sector.</p> <p>Other areas highlighted by members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need to raise awareness for those families whose are still struggling but their needs may become less visible due to the easing of lockdown and furlough ending.</li> <li>• The need to embed learning so it is not lost as we move forward.</li> <li>• The need to bolster those who can provide the immediate support on the ground and ensure they are still able to deliver it.</li> <li>• The need for security around the funding and resource of some organisations – eg food banks who have been around for years but are now struggling to keep up with demand.</li> </ul>	<p>6 – Explore the potential for CYPSP to issue a formal thank you letter to all Hub Coordinators acknowledging the work they have done during the last 18 months, which they could in turn share with the private sector agencies which they collaborated with – Maxine Gibson</p> <p>7 – Explore how CYPSP can influence policy decisions around food/fuel poverty agenda. Discussion with Trust CX's/DoH/Reform Management Board agenda – Shane Devlin</p> <p>8 – Maxine Gibson will address other areas highlighted by members at the Regional FSH Steering Group.</p>

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5. Outcomes Groups Updates / Locality Planning Update	<p>Outcomes Groups achievements and issues / challenges since the last meeting were noted as per the update report (Paper 5).</p> <p>Outcome Group Chairs provided a brief verbal update highlighting key pieces of work / learning / challenges.</p> <p>Carol Diffin (BAOG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working closely with Belfast Community Planning Partnership (CPP) to ensure alignment of OG work with City agenda.</li> <li>Belfast CCP has delegated to BAOG the design and delivery of a fully integrated inter agency approach of early intervention/early years/family support programmes in the City.</li> </ul> <p>Barbara Campbell (SEAOG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing work within in SEHSCT to achieve the quadruple aim, which pulls together high level outcomes of children, young people, adults who use their services. Population health is one aim, which has a – corporate focus on how issues such as poverty, deprivation, and environment will be addressed. The work of CYPSP and the SEAOG is included in SEHSCT's Corporate Plan, making visible the work of FSHs which show how early help makes a difference to long term population health outcomes.</li> <li>Hardship fund work (food and fuel poverty) – now extended to both Councils areas (Down and Newry area).</li> </ul> <p>Paul Morgan (SAOG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The need to continue to grow and reach out to communities to deliver commitments.</li> <li>Challenge – Information Team sitting behind CYPSP &amp; OG's needs supported to ensure it is well enough resourced to continue doing the</li> </ul>	<p>9 - Shane Devlin to write to Chief Executives of statutory agencies re discussion around funding of 0.5wte CSP Information Officer.</p>

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	<p>excellent work.</p> <p>Tom Cassidy (WAOG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task &amp; Finish Groups developed to undertake work around the WAOG priorities.</li> <li>• Similar poverty issues mirrored in the West.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Period poverty work - rollout of period products</li> <li>– Digital poverty, rural transport issues, support for young mums</li> <li>– A number of summer schemes rolled out, particularly ones in Foyle area aimed at keeping young people away from contentious areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ensuring local Council's community plans align with OG plan.</li> </ul> <p>Regional LPG Report (Paper 6) was noted.</p>	
6. Vol / Com / BAME Update	<p>Paper 7 – Vol/Com/BAME Summary Update was noted.</p> <p><b>6.1 Update re Poverty &amp; Disability Strategies</b></p> <p>Pauline Leeson referred to the Anti-Poverty and Disability Strategy Briefing (Paper 8) and highlighted the following key areas around the two reports:</p> <p>Anti-Poverty Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Living standard needs raised and living costs reduced.</li> <li>• Majority of people living in poverty are families who are working and have children.</li> <li>• Life stage approach taken.</li> <li>• Huge problem with rural poverty.</li> </ul>	<p>10 – Partnership will respond collectively to the Anti-Poverty Strategy and Disability Strategy (specifically children's section).</p>

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	<p>Disability Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial report focused on adults, therefore CiNI and Children's Law Centre requested a supplementary report which was commissioned by QUB.</li> <li>• CYPSP Regional Subgroup on Children with Disabilities could potentially use report as a basis of a workplan going forward.</li> </ul> <p><b>6.2 Youth Sector Update – Bytes Project</b></p> <p>Stephen Dallas updated the Partnership on work Bytes Project had undertaken with Central Good Relations Fund, TBUC and Antrim and Newtownabbey Council to redirect funding to support staff and young people to organise and distribute over 750 food parcels to address food poverty during the peak of Covid 19. Stephen highlighted an opportunity missed by EA in their distribution of food parcels and stressed the importance of making the best use of strategic links between vol/com/stat sectors when responding to food poverty and utilising the vol/com sector and their networks to support initiatives across the region.</p> <p>The considerable work undertaken by supporting agencies within communities during Covid 19 was acknowledged.</p> <p><b>6.3 NCB Report – Experience of SEND on Children &amp; Families During Covid / Update on 'Our Minds Our Future' Project</b></p> <p>Celine McStravick provided a short update on the progress of the 'Our Minds Our Future' Project and advised the charter is now at the implementation phase and encouraged all to attend the online event (held by the young people) scheduled for 30 September - invite was circulated along with additional meeting papers.</p>	<p>11 – Maxine Gibson to take forward proposal with Chair of Regional CWD Subgroup re use of QUB Report once it is available.</p> <p>12 – Review membership across Outcomes Groups to ensure full vol/com/BAME/youth sector representation across the region – Una Casey / OG Chairs</p>

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	<p>Teresa Geraghty followed by providing a short presentation on the key findings and recommendations from NCB's Report on the insights into the impact of Covid 19 on children and young people with SEND in NI. The report can be downloaded at <a href="https://www.ncb.org.uk/about-us/media-centre/news-opinion/insights-impact-covid-19-children-and-young-people-send-northern">https://www.ncb.org.uk/about-us/media-centre/news-opinion/insights-impact-covid-19-children-and-young-people-send-northern</a></p> <p>It was noted that the report reflects some of the key messages coming from other reports.</p>	
<p>7. Discussion What are agencies learning from this? Reset and recovery priorities</p>	<p>Shane Devlin asked members views on whether CYPSP is meeting their needs as it is (a space for sharing and taking away learning) or does it need to become slightly more advanced?"</p> <p>Reflections for consideration included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we continue curate and disseminate the knowledge from the Partnership?</li> <li>• How do we progress with joint commissioning?</li> <li>• How do we build on achievements of CYPSP, have a voice on the big issues and focus on collective connections and lobbying, influence and make visible the work?</li> <li>• Outcomes Groups have established thematic task &amp; finish approach. Consistency is needed across all in line with CYPSP agreed priorities.</li> <li>• There is evidence of scale and spread across a number of these priority themes.</li> <li>• The need to make children, parents, staff and vol/com groups central.</li> <li>• Could CYPSP be the home for the NI Recovery Plan for children, young people and their families? (see action 1 above)</li> </ul>	

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8.	CYPSP Youth Wellness Web Launch - Update	Maxine Gibson updated members on the successful launch of CYPSP's Youth Wellness Web on 11 August - <a href="http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/youth-wellness-web/">http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/youth-wellness-web/</a>	14 – Members are encouraged to share Youth Wellness Web information leaflet widely with all relevant audiences via email / social media / printing leaflets.
9.	AOB	None	
10.	Date of Next Meeting	Monday 8 November 2021, 9.30am-12.30pm	Members to note