

**CYPSP OUTCOME GROUPS
UPDATE REPORT – JANUARY 2022**

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Belfast Area	Carol Diffin	<p>Children’s mental health and emotional wellbeing BAOG integrated working activity has seen workshop presentations on the EHWB frameworks to Outcomes as part of an increasing focus by the Outcomes Group on the emotional health and well being of children. Large scale increases on demand for CAMHS services are reported with demand also growing via hubs. Maximising community based responses to complement established initiatives such as take five and TIP as part of pandemic response is increasingly urgent. Frameworks are well developed but the associated and required funding arrangements less so.</p> <p>Early intervention support for children with disabilities and their families Planned work by BAOG has seen the redirecting of available core resource to both expand early intervention supports, particularly via the hubs and build understanding of local presentation of need. Growing demand and historic underinvestment mean that until the full realisation of the phase one EHWB actions by HSC and DE in Belfast the reality is that without additional investment, demand far outstrips supply for early help supports across this sector and seems likely to continue for at least the next financial year.</p> <p>Support to children whose wellbeing is being affected by disruption to their schooling Co design work with LPGs and partner agencies has seen a growing focus by BAOG on the importance of improving alignment and coordination of activity delivery and strategy for 0-8 yr olds in particular. Play related</p>	<p>Tiredness and exhaustion is evident among very many of the key players who have created and sustained pandemic responses both in statutory and Community and Voluntary partners in BAOG. As a rebuild phase moves closer, supporting people and organisations with this issue is ever more important.</p> <p>Range and scale of unfolding pandemic impacts is posing significant challenge to the minimal infrastructure available to support BAOG coordination activity as the agenda and potential opportunities for significant delivery reform become more apparent .</p> <p>The broad community and voluntary sector have been instrumental partners in supporting families and communities across the pandemic period. Building on the partnerships and relationships developed across the last two years would be greatly assisted by addressing some of the long running issues around funding cycles etc that impact this sector.</p>

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		<p>activity in particular, is growing in importance as a delivery vehicle for this agenda.</p> <p>Contribution to strategic cross Departmental actions in response to food and fuel poverty, as well as locality based service responses Engagement at Outcomes Group Level on both need patterns at a city level and the impact of funding responses from Central and Local Government continues. There continues to be a high level of activity on aligned inter agency spends in response to co produced priorities with LPGs and FS hubs. In Q4 an additional £90k of targeted practical supports has been made available to families via FS hubs using this approach.</p>	<p>There is an urgency in better embedding the creativity and energy around a lot of the aligned spend/CSCA approaches BAOG has been piloting in normal business practice. However disruption to leadership teams and capacity across agencies and organisations puts this new way of working at some risk.</p>
Northern Area	Maura Dargan	<p>Work ongoing by established Task and finish groups (EHWB, CDW, School Disruption, Poverty) to implement identified actions and recommendations to improve outcomes for children and families.</p> <p>Work to be progressed by EHWB task and finish group re development of video diary which will identify local best practise, gaps and identified target of delivery – funding sourced to support.</p> <p>Successful bid through Children in Need for funding to provide star programme to children in Ballycraig, Parkhall and Sixmile primary will focus on anxiety, resilience and wellbeing.</p> <p>Year 2 of the Emergency Response Programme (Save the Children) targeted in Newtownabbey & Antrim –supported and extended by additional funding provided by NHSCT £45k and Newtownabbey Council £33k. Referral partnership established with FSHs to distribute Early Learning Packs, Vouchers, toy bundles, family resource packs – Poverty</p>	<p>Poverty remains a significant challenge.</p> <p>Ongoing issue re limited access to support services, including GP surgeries. Increase in CYP presenting and requiring intensive social work support, including care placements.</p> <p>Continued Increase in referrals and longer waiting lists for stat and voluntary services. varying themes around financial hardship anxiety, DV, parental MH, increased demand for parenting programmes and a significant increase in self-referrals, with significant increase in referrals to FSH and statutory services for level 3 intervention</p>

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		<p>agenda.</p> <p>LPGs have remained active, with high levels of attendance and engagement. 22 new members from September-December '21 across the 5 LPGs. Newtownabbey, the newest LPG is now well established.</p> <p>LPGs have delivered a range of initiatives e.g. outdoor physical activity equipment for Surestart Antrim/B'Mena; the development of a members booklet to ease access to services in Newtownabbey; Autism themed meetings held in Larne/C'Fergus to raise awareness; 5 activities projects delivered in Causeway area; Barnardo's Young Carers funded to deliver a range of programmes such as Little Minds programme and Calm Kids in Mid-Ulster as well as the uniform exchange scheme.</p> <p>In addition Parent Plus/Solihull/Incredible Years training places offered to member organisations.</p>	<p>Significant workforce pressures associated with COVID, absences and vacancies in the system.</p>
South Eastern Area	Barbara Campbell	<p>SET Outdoors - To improve health & wellbeing via engagement in purposeful outdoor nature based and /or animal facilities activates /therapy</p> <p>Programmes delivered across Trust area in partnership with Trust staff , Sure Starts, Multi-disciplinary Teams & Community Partners Pre and post outcomes measures have been agreed for the programmes.</p> <p>Task & Finish group being established to discuss the possibility of young people being referred to the Wellbeing' Hub</p>	<p>Delivery of some services has been affected by Covid. Family support has been delivered by telephone, zoom and garden visits. Risk assessments in place for indoor visits to most vulnerable families.</p> <p>Capacity within organisations to respond to emerging needs / priorities.</p> <p>Organisations impacted by staffing issues – recruitment and those with Covid or self-isolating.</p>

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		<p>Family Support Continue to coordinate and deliver family support across SET Area. In Q2 56 children with a disability received family support interventions.</p> <p>Support to children whose wellbeing is being affected by disruption to their schooling No update as Covid in 2021 has not impacted as severely on school closures.</p> <p>Contribution to strategic cross Departmental actions in response to food and fuel poverty, as well as locality based service responses Working with community and statutory organisations (Co Down Rural Network, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership , Barnardo's, SE Trust Councils) we have developed referral criteria and pathways for families who have been identified needing support with food, white goods gas, coal, oil & electricity. Data from feedback forms will be available when the initiative is completed.</p>	<p>Funding identified, approved and needing to be spend in tight time frames.</p>
Southern Area	Colm McCafferty	<p>New Disability Task Group for Our Journey has been established with first meeting arranged for 8th February agreed to be co-chaired by parent and Children & Young people Participation project will also be represented. Funding for Disability Support post aligned to Bolster in Armagh & Dungannon has been secured for another year.</p> <p>Locality Planning Development Officer to attend connections event at Killeavy Castle at beginning of February 2022 to link with parents across the local area for family support.</p>	<p>Increased autism referrals coming into local family support hubs - particularly those awaiting referral or diagnosis.</p> <p>Missing housing executive representative on Outcomes Group</p> <p>Missing 3 chairs in relation to locality planning groups – currently trying to recruit.</p>

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		<p>Locality Planning Group action plans have been completed across all 6 groups in the Southern area and are currently being signed off at each planning group meeting for action.</p> <p>Locality Planning is strengthening links with loneliness networks across the 3 council areas with a first meeting arranged 4th February to open discussions in the Newry and Mourne area.</p> <p>Work has commenced to produce a school uniform recycling toolkit in the Mid Ulster area jointly with Northern Locality Planning Officer due to crossover of boundaries – to be ready for April 2022.</p> <p>Ethnic Minority task group are currently finalising a Newcomer Needs Assessment document with recommendations in relation to unmet need and gaps – this document will be shared widely across CYPSP infrastructure with a view to it being presented at next CYPSP May meeting – the document will also be shared at next Southern Area Outcomes Group for endorsement and multi-agency action planning on taking forward recommendations.</p> <p>Regional Youth Wellness Web promotional cards are being co-produced by young people for young people with quick link QR code and key contacts - these will be disseminated widely once printed.</p> <p>Facilitated a strengthening links meeting between local family support hubs and Councils in relation to DfC funding and poverty.</p>	

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Western Area	Tom Cassidy	<p>Funding for Food and Fuel poverty distributed through the 6 Locality Planning Groups.</p> <p>Next Outcomes Group meeting focusing on funding.</p> <p>Task and Finish Groups have been established and have all met several times, working through actions and linking to LPGs.</p> <p>Continued linkage with DCSDC with Unicef work – progress ongoing to become a Child Friendly City and Community. Recent presentation given to OG about this work.</p>	<p>Workforce pressures across all sectors.</p> <p>Challenges with the poverty funding in some of the areas. Highlighting differences in infrastructure and networks in each area.</p> <p>Difficulty getting chairs for the task and finish groups.</p>