

CYPSP Meeting (Virtual)

3 February 2022

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Statutory Sector			
Shane Devlin	Southern HSC Trust (Chair)	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Geraldine Teague	Public Health Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deirdre Webb	Public Health Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Campbell	South Eastern HSC Trust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colm McCafferty	Southern HSC Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Donnelly	Dept. of Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Brush	Dept. of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voluntary Sector			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gary McMichael	ASCERT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Dallas	Bytes Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Sector			
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"/>
Jacinta Linden	Bolster Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alix Crawford	Mae Murray Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAME Sector			
Paul Yam	Wah Hep Chinese Community Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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In Attendance			
Maxine Gibson	CYPSP (Professional Advisor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bronwyn Campbell	Regional Family Support Hub Co-Ordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valerie Maxwell	CYPSP (Information Manager)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Una Casey	CYPSP (Business Support Manager)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
Revathi Elayat	CYPSP (Information Officer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maurice Leeson	HSCB (Transformation Manager Children's Services)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Heaney	Youth Justice Agency obo Stephen Martin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Joanne Gibson	PSNI – obo Melanie Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Deirdre Ward	PHA – obo Deirdre Webb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
John Peacock	YMCA	Joined from 3pm for agenda item 10	

Note of Meeting

Agenda Item		Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	<p>Maurice Leeson Chaired the meeting in Shane Devlin's absence and welcomed Bronwyn Campbell to her first Partnership meeting since taking up the role of Regional Family Support Hub Co-ordinator. Apologies were noted as above.</p> <p>Shane Devlin was unable to Chair his last meeting as planned and on behalf of CYPSP Maurice formally thanked Shane for the all the work he undertook on behalf of CYPSP since taking on the role of Chair in September 2019 and wished him well in his new role in England.</p> <p>It was noted that the primary focus of the meeting was around CYPSP's regional priority on mental health and emotional wellbeing.</p>	
2.	Note of Previous Meeting & Review of Actions	<p>Note of previous meeting on 23 August 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, as an update was unavailable due to the last minute change in meeting Charing arrangements:</p> <p>2.1 Chair to write to statutory organisations reaffirming commitment to CYPSP / identifying CYPSP as a vehicle to facilitate recovery plans going forward.</p> <p>2.2 Chair to write to Chief Executives of statutory agencies re discussion around funding of 0.5wte CSP Information Officer.</p>	<p>1 - Update to be sought from Shane Devlin on the progress of outstanding actions – Maxine Gibson / Sharon McMinn</p>

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3.	Family Support Hub SCIE Review	<p>SCIE NI Family Support Hubs Interim Review Report was tabled for noting (Paper 2).</p> <p>Maxine Gibson updated Partners on the SCIE Review of Family Support Hubs which was commissioned by DoH. Maxine noted that the report was very positive and evidenced positive developments and activities across the regional Hub Network since the last review in 2016.</p> <p>SCIE met with Hub Co-ordinators to share the report and to also look at phase 3 of the work. This final phase involves Action Learning Sets which will look at key areas. It was noted that the report and recommendations were positively received by Hub Co-ordinators, who are keen to share their own knowledge and skills to progress the recommendations.</p> <p>Carol Diffin welcomed SCIE's recommendation around BAME communities as access for these families is a particular issue within the Belfast area.</p>	<p>2 - SCIE Review Report to be submitted to the Review Team for Children's Services – Maxine Gibson / Bronwyn Campbell.</p> <p>3 - Action Plan based on report recommendations will be produced and shared at the next meeting – Bronwyn Campbell</p>
4.	CYPSP Charing Arrangements	New Charing arrangements have not yet been formalised.	
5.	DE Children & Young People's Strategy	<p>Paul Brush advised that the Delivery Plan for the Children & Young People's Strategy is currently out for public consultation and welcomed all input and comments via the online survey which can be found on the NI Direct website. Consultation period ends on 11 March 2022 and Partners were asked to promote through their networks.</p> <p>Maxine Gibson advised that the Children's Services Planning Team had worked with DE to align the Strategy priorities with CYPSP's key priorities. Work is also ongoing to align some CYPSP and Strategy information/data that is required to identify outcomes.</p>	

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<p>6. Children & Young People's Participation Network / Youth Wellness Web Update</p>	<p>Children & Young People's (CYP) Participation Network Kori McLaughlin gave an overview of the Terms of Reference (ToR) (Paper 3) of the CYP Partnership Network and advised that membership of the CYP Partnership Network builds on CYPSP's relationships with existing youth groups which ensures meaningful and direct contribution from children and young people to CYPSP's strategic planning and review process. Projects currently underway with the CYP Partnership Network include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of the Youth Wellness Web (YWW), including wallet sized card and other merchandise; • NICCY Still Waiting Report – working with Paul Millar (HSCB) re the development of guidelines for children and young people accessing CAMHS and their right to complain; • The voice of young people with regard to GP Federation and MDTs and ensuring easy access to resources of the YWW by MDT's and GP Federation; • Assisting with uptake of Covid vaccine for 13-17 year olds – survey currently out with a number of the youth groups. <p>CYP Participation Network ToR, actions logs, minutes, consultations etc will be available on CYPSP's website.</p> <p>Partner organisations who wish to utilise the CYP Partnership Network in upcoming consultations/projects should contact Kori or Valerie Maxwell.</p> <p>Youth Wellness Web (YWW) Update Valerie Maxwell provided a brief update on the YWW's reach since its launch in August 2021, including visitor numbers, most popular/visited sections and feedback from the YWW survey which was launched in October 2021. (Paper 4) Link to YWW - https://cypsp.hscni.net/youth-wellness-web/</p> <p>Partners should contact Valerie or any other CSP Team member if they have any additional resources which they would like added to the YWW.</p>	

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<p>7. Strategic Challenges Discussion – e.g. capacity / workforce issues, Children’s Services Review</p>	<p>Capacity / Workforce Issues Partner’s recognised that the system is currently under pressure, and this pressure extends across the vol/com sector.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that there are potential opportunities for agencies to work better together and it was agreed that a more focused conversation will take place between interested parties to look at ways to improve collaboration and support. Discussion points to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategically is there a position for the vol/com sector to focus attention and resources on early intervention family support, which may release some pressure on statutory services? - EWO/Youth Services are big players in supporting vulnerable families/vulnerable young people and should also be part of the conversation <p>Update on discussion will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Engagement with Children’s Services Review Carol Diffin advised that Trust Children’s Directors had an initial introductory meeting with Ray Jones, where they highlighted the importance of early intervention work and the work of the Family Support Hubs.</p> <p>Pauline Leeson advised that CiNI has been commissioned to carry out the engagement with parents.</p> <p>Partners were in agreement that the Partnership should be involved in the review and have an opportunity to comment, particularly around collaboration and early intervention.</p> <p>Maxine Gibson advised that Shane Devlin had agreed to write directly to Sean Holland to highlight the importance of including early intervention and CYPSP interfaces in the review, although she was unsure if this had been actioned and will seek an update.</p>	<p>4 – Meeting to explore potential Partnership approaches to capacity/workforce challenges to be arranged – Maxine Gibson / Sharon McMinn</p> <p>5 – Review of Children’s Services to become standing item of the agenda – Sharon McMinn</p>

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8.	Children's Services Plan Update	<p>Maxine Gibson advised that the Draft NI Children and Young People's Plan 2021-2024 (the Plan) was developed following consultation with CYPSP stakeholders, inclusive of children, young people and parents. It is now at the final phase of the consultation process which focusses on the content of the draft Plan and the Partnerships views will be sought via a short consultation survey which will be issued within the next few days.</p> <p>The Final Plan will be ready for publication by the end of the financial year.</p>	
9.	Proposal to Re-establish CYPSP Offending Reference Group	<p>Michael Heaney (YJA) on behalf of Stephen Martin, sought support for the re-establishment of the CYPSP Offending Regional Subgroup which has not met since 2019. Due to the length of time passing since the Subgroup last met and changes in personnel, YJA proposed a new Terms of Reference for the Subgroup (draft circulated along with meeting papers) and new membership via CYPSP member organisations and other organisations working in the youth sector.</p> <p>PSNI and PBNi expressed interest in continued involvement with the Offending Subgroup.</p> <p>The Partnership endorsed the re-instatement of the Subgroup.</p>	6 – Partners to forward nominations for the Offending Subgroup to Sharon McMinn
10.	Bytes Project/YMCA/Youth Initiatives Research – Supporting Children & Young People's Mental & Emotional Wellbeing	<p>Stephen Dallas (Bytes Project) and John Peacock (YMCA) provided a short presentation on research findings from a scoping exercise commissioned by Bytes Project, YMCA and Youth Initiatives, which looked at the role voluntary youth work providers play in supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The research concluded that the voluntary youth work sector is making an important contribution in supporting young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing and are well placed to respond to young people requiring different levels of support and interventions for their mental health and emotional wellbeing.</p> <p>Full report and recommendations is available to read here (Paper 6).</p>	

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11. Outcomes Groups Updates	<p>Outcomes Groups achievements and issues / challenges since the last meeting were noted as per the update report (Paper 7).</p> <p>Outcome Group Chairs provided a brief verbal update highlighting key pieces of work / learning / challenges.</p> <p>BAOG (Carol Diffin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing demand across all FSHs re additional new referrals and new families specifically around poverty. • Not all Task & Finish Groups are currently up and running, but have plan in place. • Work undertaken around alignment of referral rates of FSHs and referral rates of Autism/ASD. This piece of work has reflected the growing demand on the FSHs in respective areas due to growing waiting lists for services within Trusts – findings to be shared with Locality Planners in a bid to influence conversations. • Working on co-designing an integrated approach re children's mental health and emotional wellbeing. <p>NAOG (Maura Dargan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to funding streams remains an issue. • Covid has impacted on a number of workstreams, resulting in not all Task & Finish Groups meeting to date and difficulty in securing Chairs. • Poverty and workforce pressures are ongoing issues. • Emergency response programme linked with FSHs ensured good distribution of funds. System worked well to identify those families who are in need. • Good involvement and attendance at Locality Planning Groups despite Covid pressures. <p>SEAOG (Barbara Campbell)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment and retention issues along with providing support to acute services over the last few months has resulted in OG meetings been stood down. • Increase of those in poverty, including HSC staff. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation and delivery of family support areas SET area – 56 children with a disability received family support interventions in Q2. • SET Outdoors - To improve health & wellbeing via engagement in purposeful outdoor nature based and /or animal facilities activates/therapy. Task & Finish group being established to discuss the possibility of young people being referred to the Wellbeing Hub. <p>SAOG (Valerie Maxwell on behalf of Colm McCafferty)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Disability Task Group for Our Journey – first meeting planned for next week. Group will be co-chaired by a parent and hopefully chaired by com/vol sector rep. • Locality Planning – Darren Curtis attended a connections event re linking parents from local area to family support, YWW, Translation Hub and ParentLine. • Locality Planning Groups action plans are complete across all 6 southern area groups. • Locality Planning are working on strengthening links with the loneliness networks across the three council areas. First meeting is due to take place tomorrow. • Work commenced to produce a school uniform recycling toolkit in mid Ulster areas jointly with the Northern Locality Officer due to crossover of boundaries. • Ethnic Minorities Task Group - y finalising a Newcomer Needs Assessment document with recommendations in relation to unmet need and gaps - document will be shared widely across the CYPSP infrastructure with a view to it being presented at next CYPSP meeting. • YWW – promotional cards being co-produced by children and young people. These will be disseminated regionally. • Facilitated a strengthening links meeting between local FSH Co-ordinators and Council re DfC funding and poverty. • Increased autism referrals coming into local family support hubs - particularly those awaiting referral or diagnosis. • Missing housing executive representative on Outcomes Group. • Difficulty recruiting chairs for Locality Planning Groups. 	

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	<p>WAOG (Tom Cassidy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and fuel poverty still remains a big issue, therefore trying to ensure any funding that is available goes to community groups who can have an impact. • Challenges with poverty funding in some of the areas. Highlighting differences in infrastructure and networks in each area. • Next OG meeting will focus on funding and look at medium to long term funding arrangements going forward and moving away from short term funding. • Task & Finish Groups established, working through actions and linking with LPGs. • Difficulty in recruiting Chairs to Task & Finish Groups. • Continued linkage with DCSDC with Unicef work – progress ongoing to become a Child Friendly City and Community. • Workforce pressures noted across all sectors. 	
12. EHWB Task & Finish Groups	<p>Una Casey and Valerie Maxwell provided a brief update on the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Task & Finish Groups planned activities – each Outcomes Group have established a Task & Finish Group to undertake the work at local level.</p> <p>The following activity was highlighted:</p> <p>Northern Area – focusing on producing a video which will include narrative on developments from the HSC and DE EHWB Frameworks. The video will also spotlight good practice within schools and community groups.</p> <p>Western Area – keen to raise awareness through locality planning networks around community courses available through NW Regional College.</p> <p>Belfast Area – focusing on integrated spend on EHWB.</p> <p>South Eastern Area – focusing on ensuring families have access to timely information and support for their emotional health and wellbeing.</p>	

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	<p>Southern Area - focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing access to the relevant/appropriate mental health information for children and young people; • Children, young people, families, carers are better informed about looking after their emotional wellbeing; • Enhancing agency awareness of available support services. <p>Paper 8 provides a written summary of activity across each OG area.</p>	
13. AOB	<p>Covid Vaccination for 5-11 Year Olds in Clinical Risk Groups Deirdre Ward requested help in promoting vaccinations for this group of children and young people.</p> <p>Locality Planning Locality Planning update will move to twice yearly on meeting agendas, due to the volume of other business requiring discussion at quarterly meetings.</p> <p>LPG Report Feb 2022 (Paper 9) for information only.</p> <p>Regional Subgroups / Regional Task & Finish Groups Maxine Gibson advised that the Regional Subgroups have been renewed and refreshed to align with CYPSP priorities for the period 2021-24.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offending Subgroup – being re-instated as per earlier discussion. • SEN Task & Finish Group - strengthen links between the SEN Transformation agenda, EA's Strategic Development Programme, Dept of Education's New SEN Framework, and the CYPSP Voluntary/Community/Youth Sector partners as well as those with lived experience, to ensure these perspectives are integrated in the development of SEN policy and services. 	7 – Deirdre Ward to share promotional poster via Sharon McMinn for onward dissemination / promotion via social media.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHEWB Subgroup – Formerly EBD Subgroup. • BAME Subgroup – work is ongoing to scope what groups are currently in place to support BAME children and young people and gaps, before progressing with the establishment of a specific CYPSP Subgroup. PHA Ethnic Minority and Migrants Advisory Group have agreed to act as a CYPSP Reference Group. A specific Action Plan will be pulled together detailing how CYPSP plan to support BAME children and young people. <p>Una Turbitt noted the need to prepare for the Afghan Refugees.</p>	
14.	Date of Next Meeting	The Partnership will meet again around May time – date to be confirmed.	Sharon McMinn to arrange