

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

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Belfast Area	Carol Diffin	<p>Referrals to the Family Support Hubs for emotional health and wellbeing support continue to be high, particularly in respect of children awaiting assessment for ADHD/ASD. The BAOG is planning to hold a dedicated workshop in June to consider the alignment of the different emotional health and wellbeing strategies and service developments.</p> <p>Work has continued on developing our co-produced integrated working approach through further pooling of budgets by BCC and BHSCT and staff time from BCC, BHSCT and LPGs to provide a flexible and bespoke approach to meet the needs of families experiencing significant financial pressures via a voucher scheme. The model developed through covid of flexible and timely distribution of these vouchers via our locality partners was successfully implemented again.</p> <p>The Trust has successfully recruited a Locality Planning Co-ordinator who has recently taken up post. This will hopefully be a significant support for the LPGs.</p>	<p>Range and scale of unfolding pandemic impacts continues to pose significant challenge to the minimal infrastructure available to support BAOG coordination activity as agenda and potential opportunities for significant delivery reform become more apparent.</p> <p>BAOG continues to have no representative from the PSNI.</p> <p>There is a need for other statutory bodies outside of the Trust and BCC to engage more fully in the pooling of their resources, budgets and staff time to support the delivery of the workplan and progress a more fully integrated approach.</p>
Northern Area	Maura Dargan	<p>Priority 1 – Children’s metal health & emotional wellbeing Planning ongoing for full day conference showcasing and celebrating services that contribute to developing good emotional and mental health of children and young. The morning session will focus on 0-3 years and the rest of the day on 4-18 years, therefore covering the full journey of the child in line with the NAOG Action Plan.</p>	<p>Poverty remains a significant challenge, speciality Food and Fuel.</p> <p>Continued Increase in referrals and longer waiting lists for stat and voluntary services. varying themes around financial hardship anxiety, DV, parental MH,</p>

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		<p>Suite of podcasts development by the NHSCT with respect to Autism. Useful resource for Statutory /Voluntary sector and families/Carers/Teachers.</p> <p>Priority 3 – Support to children whose wellbeing is being affected by disruption to their education</p> <p>Focus groups being held in 5 schools in Ballymena and Antrim to ask children how to celebrate school staff. Plan to roll out in year with these schools and next year roll out to more schools. Survey Template for teachers in development. Research paper currently under development `Understand the effects of disruption to education on children’s wellbeing”. Report will include data with respect to implications of school closures due the pandemic on children and young people’s education, incorporating the views of parents, teachers and the young people. Report will also highlight the digital divide, safeguarding and child protection issues resulting from these closures.</p> <p>LPGs have remained active with high levels of attendance and continue to delivery a range of initiatives. 13 new members have joined the Northern LPGs since beginning of 2022.</p> <p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the children family support programme (offering practical financial support for vulnerable families across all LPG areas) running from January 2022 to the end of March 2022 in the Mid Ulster locality. Programme involved 175 families (314 children). • In partnership with local councils/NHSCT provided 250 Grow Your Own Vegetable kits and recipe booklets to primary school aged children across the area to encourage CYP to be physically active outside, connect with nature, learn or develop a new skill, learn about where food comes from and improve nutrition. 	<p>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> <p>Significant workforce pressures associated with COVID, absences and vacancies in the system.</p> <p>Significant number of Ukrainian refugees coming into province - will impact on universal services and required Social Services supports.</p>

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South Eastern Area	Barbara Campbell	<p>SE Outcomes Group are facilitating a workshop in May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desired Outcome: Co-create a draft high-level action plan for 2022-24 based on the regional priorities • Aims: Reconnect with each other and our purpose; refresh our way forward <p>Children’s mental health and emotional wellbeing SET Outdoors - To improve health & wellbeing via engagement in purposeful outdoor nature based and /or animal facilities activates /therapy. Programme 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>Family Support Continue to coordinate and deliver family support across SET Area in partnership with providers.</p> <p>Support to children whose wellbeing is being affected by disruption to their schooling This will be discussed at the workshop.</p> <p>Contribution to strategic cross Departmental actions in response to food and fuel poverty, as well as locality based service responses Additional funding secured via County Down Rural Network ensured additional support to families identified to be in fuel poverty. Feedback from referrers and families who benefited from the funding is being collated.</p>	<p>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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Southern Area	Colm McCafferty	<p>Despite the challenges in the Trust regarding staffing and unallocated cases, the Family Support Hubs and voluntary services are working extremely well, providing a valuable service. Gateway is now in a somewhat better position at present, and new cases referred to the service are being allocated for an initial assessment, which has led to an increase in referrals going through the FSHs and community service for support. It is hoped FSHs will be back to full functioning in May/June.</p> <p>An area of unmet need was identified in regard to services available to teenage children, and the Trust have agreed funding for a Youth Worker through the Newry Hub to provide a service to these young people and their families.</p> <p>100,000 Youth wellness web wallet cards have been printed and will be shared and disseminated widely to children and young people promoting the resource. The group are looking at how the Youth wellness website can be promoted further and endorsed widely by partner agencies.</p> <p>The Southern Area Outcomes group endorsed the New Migrant Minority Ethnic Needs Assessment report at our meeting on 7th April and it is on the agenda here today. This is an excellent comprehensive assessment of need and it will remain as a standing item on the Southern outcomes group agenda with a view to taking an incremental approach with partners through the outcomes group and the Ethnic Minority Task group locally with regard to delivering on some of the issues identified.</p> <p>Our Journey through Disability Task group have now met twice with a lot of enthusiasm from members – a terms of reference, code of conduct and comprehensive action plan have all been agreed and signed off at their</p>	<p>It is expected that the FSHs will see an increase in Ukrainian families presenting, If we are being asked to increase capacity there will be resource implications which will need to be considered regionally.</p> <p>New chair to be identified for the Ethnic Minority Task Group as current chair has moved on to new post.</p> <p>Poverty remains a significant challenge for many families in the locality.</p> <p>Demand for all preventative services continue to increase.</p>

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		<p>second meeting – and we are delighted to have 13 parents actively involved in this group alongside statutory, community and voluntary members. The Group has agreed their new Chair from Barnardo’s (Disabled Children & Young People’s Participation Project which brings the voice of young people to the table) and a Parent as vice-chair.</p> <p>Now that our action plan is fully completed and it will remain as a live document as we work through it – we would like to work with local children and young people through the CYPSP young people’s participation network to produce a youth friendly version of the plan and strengthen links locally with the network in respect of feedback and delivering on our plan.</p> <p>Chairs have been secured for all 3 Locality Planning Groups that were reported vacant at the last CYPSP for Armagh, Banbridge and Dungannon.</p> <p>Dungannon Locality Planning Group members in partnership with Mid-Ulster Locality Planning Group have produced a School Uniform Recycling Toolkit to support schools in running an initiative in the Mid Ulster Area with 7 Schools already signed up.</p> <p>“Portadown Gets Active” Easter Programme took place from Wed 20th to Fri 22nd April and again it was a great success with over 100 children and parents benefitting from the programme. This is part of the Holiday Hunger campaign.</p>	

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Western Area	Tom Cassidy	<p>Contribution to strategic cross Departmental actions in response to food and fuel poverty, as well as locality based service responses.</p> <p>2021/22 funding distributed through 6 LPGs with charring organisations taking the lead in managing this. (£15,840 each) Still waiting on all monitoring reports to be returned but some examples: 434 families received support in Waterside for food/fuel vouchers. 155 parents and 248 children received food/fuel vouchers in Strabane. Support in Limavady included; crockpots and 6 weeks of ingredients and nutrition and parenting programmes, food parcels, electricity top-ups, oil fills and bedding.</p> <p>One quote from a LPG organisation involved in managing this funding really hard hitting: “Many Families have struggled in terms of deciding to heat or eat as well as electricity meters screaming. This has a huge impact on Children as well as Parents. Many Young People spoken of the sound of the electricity meter haunting them in their sleep as it makes them feel “poor”. The stigma of this has caused an increase in school refusals”</p> <p>Feedback received: “this grant for practical support for Families has enabled a more cohesive, holistic approach to providing Family Support, supports to Children and Young People’s, and strengthening Family Functioning as well as reducing the impact of mental health and supporting emotional wellbeing”</p> <p>“this funding was a god send at a really difficult time”</p> <p>Task and Finish groups meeting to work on proposals for in-year funding. Permanent LPG coordinator now in post to support LPGs in the North West.</p>	<p>Currently no social care tendering is being undertaken by BSO as regional social care procurement group is focusing on regional priorities and also due to staffing constraints. This is having an impact on how the WAOG will be able to progress work. WAOG had hoped to move away from small grants to commissioning a longer term service.</p> <p>Difficulty in Omagh and Fermanagh in relation to the Food/fuel support funding due to lack of infrastructure.</p> <p>Task and Finish Groups are working in proposals for in-year approach to the funding now.</p> <p>Workforce pressures in all sectors ongoing</p> <p>Difficulty getting chairs and commitment to attend and contribute to task and finish groups.</p> <p>Missing representation from some statutory representatives on WAOG e.g. PSNI and Housing Executive.</p>