

Southern Area Outcomes Group
Minutes of Meeting held on Wed 29 June 2022 at 10:00 am
Via Zoom

Agency/Sector	Statutory	Present	Apology
HSCT (Chair)	Colm McCafferty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (Family Support; Hub Lead; Safeguarding)	Leanne Spratt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (Disability)	Elaine Mooney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (Public Health)	Gerard Rocks (Promoting Wellbeing)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (CAMHS)	Shirley Dennison		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (CYP – Health Improvement Specialist)	Jacqueline Masterson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Education Authority	Kieran Shields Sarah Muldoon Aileen O’Callaghan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
NI Housing Executive	VACANT		
Community Planning/Council	Patricia Gibson (PCSP) Gary Scott (ABC/NMDDC) Alison Beattie (ABC) Allison Clenaghan (ABC) Celine O’Neill (MU)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PSNI	Barbara McNally		
Public Health Agency	Collette Rogers Kelly McCartney Laura Taylor Dani Sinclair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Parenting Coordinator	Martina McCooley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Youth Justice Agency	Michael Heaney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Childcare Partnership	Kevin Duggan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
LCG Link	VACANT		
Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership	Gary Scott Safeguarding Co-ordinator, ABC &NMD Council		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Partnerships			
Voluntary Sector			
Early Years Organisation	Anne Rice/Stephanie Elliot		
MENCAP	Mikhaila Woods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Barnardo’s	Monica McCann Pat McGeough Gillian McKeown (Chair of Disability Task Group)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NIACRO	Ciara Corrigan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Clanrye Group			
Bolster	Dara O'Hagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Jacinta Linden (Also LPG chair)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BME Sector			
Craigavon Intercultural Programme	Stephen Smith		
Locality Planning Group Chairs			
Craigavon LPG	Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craigavon)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Armagh LPG	Micheal Mac Cionnaith (Youth Action)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
South Armagh LPG	Taucher McDonald (NMDDC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Newry LPG	Jacinta Linden (Bolster) Allison Slater (<i>attending for Jacinta</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Banbridge LPG	Lucinda Love-Teggarty		
Dungannon LPG	Lorraine Griffin (COSTA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
In Attendance			
Locality Planning Officer	Darren Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Planning & Information Support	Valerie Maxwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
CYPSP	Maxine Gibson Una Casey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Administrator for Outcomes Group	Ruth Alexander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Family Support Hub Co-ordinator	Bronwyn Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lead Reviewer for the Independent Review of Children's Social Care Services (NI)	Professor Ray Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

1. Introductions & Apologies

Apologies noted as above.

Colm welcomed everyone to the Forum, and introduced Professor Ray Jones, Lead Reviewer for the Independent Review of Children's Social Care Services (NI).

2. Minutes of previous meeting (07.04.22)

Agreed as accurate reflection of last meeting.

3. Matters Arising

N/A

4. Family Support Hubs (FSHs) Update

For the next meeting, Bronwyn was asked to bring some statistics/information specific to the Southern Locality to help members understand trends, and assist with planning.

Bronwyn provided a brief overview of the FSH Annual Report, which has been circulated to the Group. Since recording started, there has been a steady increase in referrals to the Hubs. Last year the biggest priority was the rise in financial support requested. There has been a rise in the number of BAME families, mostly European. All Hubs are seeing an increase in the number of families on the waiting list with ADHD as the presenting issue.

There were presentations from all 3 Southern Trust Hubs at the Celebration Event last Friday. The Southern area FSHs continue to be a positive and motivated group of people. Bronwyn reported they are trying to anticipate what the challenges are in order to build solutions into their Action Plan going forward. Concerns noted included:-

- Lack of services as more referrals are received, leading to an increase in waiting lists;
- Staffing issues across the Community & Voluntary Sector;
- Increased demand for support due to the rising cost of living and poverty issues;
- Cases becoming more complex.

Kevin raised a query from Sure Start, South Armagh in relation to facilitating transport for a Ukrainian family, travelling to and from services. He was advised to link in with the FIT/Gateway Teams, to see what they would reasonably be able to do.

Elaine noted an increase in numbers of referrals re autism, in CWD. Bronwyn reported there is an unmet need in terms of service, which is a long standing issue. Elaine will link in with Bronwyn outside of this meeting to get some figures for a paper she is writing.

ACTION: Bronwyn was asked to provide a summary and overview for the next meeting.

Colm wants Hubs to consider was there any potential for upscaling capacity in the C&V sector? He would like to explore the potential to increase capacity/targeting some resources into some C&V sectors and consider if some additional resourcing can be identified.

5. Locality Planning Groups (LPGs) Update

Darren and Joanne are responsible for developing six LPGs across the Southern area in terms of sharing information and action planning. Meetings have now moved from online, to face to face, which has reinvigorated the Groups, resulting in really productive meetings.

One of the emerging needs reported is in relation to young people “vaping” and the lack of information/guidance. Colette noted the impact of young people getting expelled from school because of vaping. Help and support is needed to help with this addiction, and Colette is keen to work collaboratively to look at providing some creative solutions, for introduction in September.

Michael referenced Vaping Awareness Training provided by PSNI to JYA, for young people and their parent/guardian. Michael is happy for Darren and Colette to link in with him.

Darren referenced a number of documents, which he has circulated to the Group:-

School Uniform Recycling Toolkit & Uniform Inventory – hoping to get this endorsed by the SAO Group and put on the CYPSP website. Darren reported when talking to schools in Mid-Ulster, there was some stigma attached. Only 2 schools are planning to take this forward. This is a very practical resource, which they are trying to look at in a strategic way, to see how best to support schools. Members were asked to look at the Toolkit and provide comments back to Darren.

‘Summer is Coming’ Document – a directory of local activities. Darren reported they have had 3 online sessions and produced a paper on CYPSP website. There aren’t as many summer activities running as last year.

FYI Newsletter – how can we improve? Trying to measure how much of a difference it is making.

The Portadown Gets Active, summer programme is from 26-29 July and 2-5 Aug. We are keen to work in partnership and support this.

ACTION: Members were asked to share the Directory of summer schemes and ensure families have the information. Members were also asked to look at the School Uniform Toolkit and provide comments back to Darren.

6. Ukrainian Refugee Resettlement (for information)

Colm reported there is a fairly well established process for new entrants/refugees coming to NI on a planned basis. However the Ukrainian Refugee Resettlement scheme is different, as it is not planned. Presently there are not huge numbers but it is expected this will change in the months ahead. It is anticipated around 3-3.5k individuals will arrive into NI. Ukrainian families will be afforded the same supports and services, as any other families. Where there are child protection or adult protection issues, all normal pathways will apply. There are a number of processes in place to ensure access to services takes place, and critical to this is registration.

There are 2 Assistance Centres, one in C&B Council area and the other in N&M Council area. It is essential Ukrainian families are signposted to these Assistance Centres, so they can register with GPs etc. It is important there is representation from key agencies at these Centres, to deal with emerging

issues. Colm sits on the Trust Oversight Group, and will keep this group updated in the coming months. This will remain a standing agenda item.

7. Poverty and Family Support

- Short Term Inter-Agency Planning

Following discussion with Maxine and Valerie, Colm proposed setting up a Task Group comprising of members from this Group. The ethos/focus will be to provide support to vulnerable people in the community. Due to rising costs, people will struggle to heat their homes etc this winter and we need to plan for this. The group will look at creating some type of financial process to deal with issues. It is proposed this will be a very short term, immediate response to difficult cases.

Valerie said she was happy to set up and get the first meeting organised. Anyone interested in sitting on this Task Group, let Valerie know.

ACTION: Valerie will contact Community Planning, Hub staff and Council staff, to be involved. Colm also suggested reaching out to key charities such as St Vincent de Paul and the Vineyard Church, Dungannon. Colm asked Valerie to draft a one page TOR, looking at how we can plan a short/ medium term response to cover the winter months.

Colette thought that a scoping exercise had been done previously and she agreed to ask the two Community Planning Partnerships to share this work. It was noted the bureaucracy of allocating funds is challenging. Ruth Allen, HOS, may be able to be involved. Colm asked that he be informed if there is anything he can do from a Trust perspective.

8. Updates from Task & Finish Groups

Emotional Health & Wellbeing

Martina advised this group was set up to promote a local collaborative approach to improve outcomes for the emotional health and wellbeing of young people and their families across the SHSCT area. A service/support for young people, developed by them, to share information and knowledge.

Martina advised that work has now been completed with the young people, to develop the new Promoting Health & Wellbeing Page for the Website. The Wallet Cards, recently developed, have been shared with a number of Organisations. Jacqueline has recently taken over as Chair of this Group. The webpage will be continually quality assured and a set of guidelines was agreed at the last meeting, to help people understand how information should be formatted.

ACTION: Martina agreed to share the guidelines with the Group.

A new section has been launched on MHWB Training, on the website. This group is made up of representatives from CYPS, CAMHS, FSHs and other groups. Valerie presented the site at a Northern area Mental Health Conference, organised through the Northern Area Outcomes Group. The presentation was well received and feedback positive.

Ethnic Minority

A significant proportion of the population in the Southern Area is from an ethnic minority background. Valerie reported that the purpose of this group was to carry out a detailed needs assessment of ethnic minority groups living across the Southern Trust area. At the last meeting, Jacqueline presented the Migrant Minority Ethnic Needs Assessment Report, which came up with a number of themed actions. This Report was endorsed at the CYPSP meeting. The next step is to take forward the actions.

Some actions will be taken forward regionally. The CE of the PHA has agreed to take forward the roll out of NINES. Another area the PHA hope to take forward is in relation to GP Registrations. The group are organising a face to face workshop in September/October to look at action planning on key areas identified locally and regionally. It is planned invite a number of people from various organisations, ie PSNI, Housing Executive, Interpreting Services etc to this Workshop. Membership will be reviewed and refreshed, to take forward key actions identified. Anyone from this Group not currently involved, but feel they could contribute to taking actions forward, would be very welcome. After the workshop, we will be in a better position to take forward actions in the Southern Trust Area.

Voice of Young People

The Regional CYP Participation Network was launched in January 22 to ensure meaningful contribution from young people. This group of young people are available for any of the Task & Finish Groups to link in with.

Dara reported that the focus at present is on producing an easy read version of the SAO Group Plan. Dara will take forward with young people in the Clanrye group and once the draft is produced, will consult with some other young people participation networks, to ensure it is an easy read.

Our Journey Through Disability

This group was set up about 4 years ago, from the Newry & Mourne LPG, to share good practice with children with disabilities (CWD). It was felt it was important to engage with parents of CWD to identify the issues/challenges and look at working in partnership. An Event was held in 2017 to engage with parents and providers from Statutory and Community Sectors to look at barriers and how these could

be overcome through working in partnership. The Report has made it onto the Regional agenda and is being promoted with SPPG and DOH colleagues.

Gillian reported the Group has 32 members and 13 parents. They have met 3 times. A logic model and action plan have been developed. Training has been organised for next week. Parents referenced difficulty understanding some of the language and acronyms used. Family Support NI gave a presentation. Martina had given an update on the Parents Plus Special Needs Program pilot in ST Area and feedback is very positive. An information sharing network has been set up across the 32 members. They are in the process of establishing a sub group to design a generic information pack for parents. Bolster have a peer parents group set up in the Markethill area, and the task group are looking at opportunities to replicate across the Trust area.

9. Independent Review of Children's Social Care Services (NI) – Prof Jay Jones

Professor Ray Jones has been asked to carry out a review of Children Social Care across the Region in NI. He agreed to Chair the Review, alongside an Advisory Panel. Prof Jones provided an overview to group members.

Colm advised that Prof Jones attended the NISCC Workshop yesterday and gave a presentation.

ACTION: Colm will circulate the presentation to the Group.

Maxine advised that Ray was attending the Partnership Meeting in August and she would provide feedback at the next Outcomes Group.

10. AOB

Colette advised that the Communications Team have put together a 'one stop shop' in relation to Covid information – ie autumn boosters, vaccination programmes etc. They are trying to get the language translator up and running. Collette will let us know as soon as it is operational.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 28 September 2022 at 10.00 am via zoom