

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

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| Belfast Area | Carol Diffin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of workshops and other activity under way with Locality Planning Chairs and broader membership in a reflective practice approach to the impact of the past two years upon organisations, local structures and capacity. With a commitment to embed any actions as a matter of urgency. • Practical help initiatives particularly to support working families seeking support with financial pressures continued until June, using aligned spend approaches. • Initial explorations on collating learning and the potential to enhance practical response mechanisms for families as the winter approaches has taken place and will accelerate in the next month or two. However, Governmental level actions will be needed to energise potential responses with resources as current services already under acute pressure. • Joint Outcomes Group workshop on the EHWP early intervention phase one actions of both the HSC and EA EHWP framework documents is in active preparation as part of assisting in responses to the continuing increased demand for EHWP interventions and supports in Belfast. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community & Voluntary partners report continuing issues, with workforce challenges, particularly with recruitment and retention as rebuild continues. This is a challenge in terms of both sustaining and developing early help capacity. • Sense of tiredness across the partners remains evident. • There is a continuing sense of urgency around embedding innovative and bespoke activity e.g. aligned spend models undertaken across the pandemic period into the 'new normal' going forward. <p>Sits alongside an obvious determination, particularly amongst community and voluntary partners not to 'slide back' into the 'old normal' ways of doing business re funding periods etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational and workforce disruption amongst key statutory partners both within and outside the HSC at Outcomes Group level remains at levels that put at risk the concrete benefit realisation of more collaborative working models even though the need for such approaches is acknowledged by all. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BAOG workshop organised for end of August to develop next steps and stretch goals, particularly in relation to activity on delivering an integrated working model for 0-8 yr olds in Belfast. <p>This workshop has Belfast City Council as a key stakeholder as further defining objectives in this regard is a key Belfast Agenda/Community Planning theme as well.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite the challenging financial position, the opportunities offered, highlight the need for urgent, modest infrastructure investments available to enhance BAOG capacity to support the potential service developments outlined above. Continuing rise in (unmet) need around ASD and CAMHS related early help supports in Belfast. |
| Northern Area | Maura Dargan | <p>Priority 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Northern Area Outcomes Group and NHSCT Infant Mental Health Strategic Group co-hosted a conference on <i>Contributing to Developing Happy, Healthy Children and Young People on the 15th June. This was a full day event showcasing and celebrating how services in the Northern Area contribute to developing happy, healthy children and young people.</i> Suite of podcasts developed by the NHSCT with respect to Autism. Useful resource for Statutory /Voluntary sector and families/Carers/Teachers now available on Apple and Spotify – see Paper 4.1 for details | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poverty remains a significant challenge, specifically Food and Fuel. 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. Significant workforce pressures associated with COVID, absences and vacancies in the system. Significant number of Ukrainian refugees coming into province continues to impact on universal services and Social Services supports. |

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| | | <p>Priority 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOG funding used to establish the Northern Outreach project due to cease December 2022, work ongoing around retendering of service. <p>Priority 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing on 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. | |
| South Eastern Area | Barbara Campbell | | |

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| Southern Area | Colm McCafferty | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 3 Southern Area Family Support Hubs presented at the FSH Celebration Event at end of June which was very well received. • Southern Area LPGs have all commenced face to face meetings over the past couple of months. • New school uniform recycling toolkit and inventory completed through partnership work with Mid Ulster Locality Planning Group (Northern Outcomes area) – now launched and shared with partner agencies and across CYPSP social media. • “Summer is Coming “ LPG Document launched and shared providing a directory of local activities for summer across the SHSCT area, • “Portadown Gets Active” summer programme run for 1 week during July and 1 week during August. • New Poverty Task group has been set up with first meeting agreed for 24th August – will link with Community planning forum and action plan. • A new section has been developed and added to the Youth Wellness Web providing information on Free Mental Health and Wellbeing Training programmes for Adults and children across all Trust areas. | <p>Hubs:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in number of families presenting to Hubs that are on waiting list with ADHD; • 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. • Significant longstanding and recurrent staffing challenges in statutory social work services <p>LPGs:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the emerging needs reported is in relation to young people “vaping” and the lack of information/ guidance. • LPG’s currently identifying the format of meetings for the rest of 2022 and beyond, taking consideration of travel time and costs, meetings will likely alternate between face-face and Zoom until reviewed in 2023. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following launch of Migrant Minority Ethnic Needs Assessment Report a workshop is being arranged to take forward local action planning in relation to delivering on recommendations identified. We welcome that CYPSP Chair Aidan Dawson is taking forward and raising the recommendation on the roll out of NINEs across all Trust areas with SPPG and DOH. • There are 2 Ukrainian Assistance Centres across SHSCT area, 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 to deal with emerging issues. • The “Our Journey” (CWD) sub- group ran a number of training sessions for parents and professionals on Disability Awareness raising through Barnardo’s and PPI via the Trust during July – all were well attended with excellent feedback. The group met on 15th August to start designing an information pack by parents for parents in respect of newly diagnosed children and young people with a disability. • We were delighted to have Professor Ray Jones joins us and observe the last Southern Area Outcomes Group and to facilitate discussions at the end with members. | |

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| Western Area | Tom Cassidy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Task and Finish Groups are established and meeting regularly. Currently focusing on funding for next 2 years. These over arch several of the regional priorities. - Priority 1: All CYP have best start in life and are emotionally and physically healthy – funding will focus on Hope and emotional wellbeing. Lead organisations in each LPG area will be identified to deliver a co-designed programme on priority topics identified by young people to help them feel hopeful about the future. Opportunity for young people to become peer champions. Parallel with this School of Hope T4T training will be made available for those working with young people to provide consistent language to change the narrative to hope and resilience. To start in September. - Priority 2: All CYP are safe and their welfare is promoted in their homes and communities. This priority is also including cost of living pressures. Lead organisations identified by LPGs will coordinate and deliver health promoting families model. This will be co-designed by attendees, who will be targeted through a referral process from LPG members and hubs. Will include elements such as cook-it, (to include ingredients), personal development etc. To start in September / October. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of living crisis, specifically food and fuel remains a significant challenge and associated parental stress how this will impact children. • Work force issues, recruitment, retention and burnout across all sectors. • Community sector is increasingly dealing with greater need and services are at full capacity in many instances. The increased costs associated with the delivery of services is causing considerable difficulties. For example, increased utility prices for running centres and venues are being borne directly by the service providers and were not budgeted for in financial planning due to the exponential rise in energy and cost of living prices. • ASD Waiting lists. • High levels of Domestic Violence |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Priority 3: All CYP are supported to thrive and achieve their potential. The Task and Finish Group are currently finalising what will be funded for this priority, this will focus on ASD. • Additional to the funded projects the task and finish groups are working on other priorities. • Unicef child friendly cities and communities work is still ongoing. The action plan is now finalised and will be signed off by EA senior managers and WAOG by the end of August. • Poverty in West research paper is in progress and LPG members contributing to regional cost of living guide to locality based resources and practical support for families and children • Engagement with SBNI's new online safety coordinator. • Western Area Funding Report Card 2021/22 – See Paper 4.2 | |