


**CYPSP OUTCOME GROUPS
UPDATE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2023**

OUTCOME GROUP	CHAIR	ACHIEVEMENTS / ACTIVITIES	ISSUES / CHALLENGES
Belfast Area	Kerrylee Weatherall	<p>Locality Planning A high level of activity is under way with Locality Planning Groups and Chairs to embed revised Action Planning priorities in line with pandemic and other experiences.</p> <p>Impact of the past few years upon organisations, local structures, capacity still profound. With the changed landscape locally, LPG's wrestling with the impact of an inertial pull back to 'business as usual' by agencies, particularly in terms of funding priorities and governance processes such as monitoring, which are struggling to catch up with rhetoric of things are very different now. Shifts in demand volumes and patterns increasing focus of response discussions in Belfast.</p> <p>European Social Fund finance ending has large numbers of V and C capacity in the city on protective notice with impact increasingly noted as of late</p> <p>Family Support Hub Network The knock on effects of the funding uncertainties and reductions in terms of the availability of appropriate volumes of service, as described above, remain the predominant theme in hubs. BAOG is predicting 25-30% increases in service requests to hubs in Belfast 22/23 based on activity to Q3. This is from a baseline which already saw the BAOG FS hub network deliver around 30% of total regional activity around hubs 21/22.</p>	<p>C and V partners report systemic issues, with workforce challenges, particularly with recruitment and retention. This is a challenge in terms of both sustaining and developing early help capacity within current contracting frameworks.</p> <p>Sense of frustration across the partners on the perceptions that statutory bodies are not leveraging the potential for positive change that the pandemic showed and risk slipping back into business as normal mode remains evident.</p> <p>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> <p>Organisational and workforce disruption amongst key statutory partners both within and outside the HSC at Outcomes Group level remains.</p> <p>Despite the challenging financial position, the opportunities offered, highlight the need for</p>

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		<p>This demand pattern appears to broadly track the in year increases in referral to BHSCT's Gateway service 22/23 which are also 20+% higher in year by Q3.</p> <p>Emotional Health and well Being issues among pre and primary school age children, alongside developmental pressures eg. (Speech, socialisation) and families presenting as struggling with routines and behaviours appear to be the most salient features of this cycle. This aligns with reports from Child Health colleagues in BHSCT and other mainstream services.</p> <p>These increased demand trends add to the pressures on response capacity in Children's Services, CAMHS and CWD early help/ step 1 services across the Outcomes area.</p> <p>This demand adds to the existing workforce pressures with the impact of, lengthening waiting lists, shifting thresholds and displaced demand adding to the complexity and risk in the hub environment.</p> <p>A strong continuing need for practical help initiatives, particularly to support (Low paid) working families remains an ongoing pressure, with v little central funding to tap into.</p> <p>BAOG</p> <p>The four regional priorities set by CYPSP in differing forms present the main agenda pressures for the BAOG. Which the O/G delivers practical support to through the LPG/Hub network and commissioned services initiatives.</p>	<p>urgent, modest infrastructure investments available to enhance BAOG capacity to support the potential service developments outlined above.</p> <p>Continuing rise in (unmet) need around ASD and CAMHS related early help supports in Belfast.</p>

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		<p>BAOG delivers an effective platform to identify through discussions ways of progressing more refined responses to the pressures identified via hubs and LPGs relevant to the four regional priorities.</p> <p>Members report space for having more developed conversations is growing in Outcomes, reflecting the developed relationships.</p> <p>Maximising the effectiveness of increasingly limited, siloed spends to best support positive outcomes is a clear priority for BAOG to assist in addressing the sustained demand increases within the context of the 4 CYPSP priorities.</p> <p>The Outcomes Group is the delivery and implementation partner to the Community Planning structures in the city in relation to Early Help and Early Years.</p> <p>Following a series of engagements and collaborations, the Belfast Agenda refresh will include a 'strategic intent' developed via Outcomes as a Community Planning commitment for the city.</p> <p>This is the development and implementation of a single integrated 'pathway' for all 0-8 yr olds in Belfast has been signed off With the BAOG focus shifting to initial steps and process design and mapping in support of this agreed objective. (See attached informatic)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>CYP 21.10.22 - FINAL wording - MISSION</p>	

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Northern Area	Maura Dargan	<p>Can we talk? conference organised jointly with mid Ulster LG and Dungannon LG held in Cookstown to increase awareness of mental health & emotional wellbeing issues for children & young people and highlight support services available across the Mid Ulster Council area. 93 people from across statutory/community/voluntary sectors attended with 26 information stalls present. NI Children & Young People's Commissioner Koulla Yiasouma was keynote speaker.</p> <p>Runner up in NHSCT Chairperson's Award- Population Health and Wellbeing for Northern PANTS Campaign (a simple conversation to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse.</p> <p>In partnership with MayWe created and co-ordinated 1000 Children's Christmas Creativity Arts Booklets given to Northern CYPSP members organisations service users.</p> <p>Carrickfergus Youth Fair took place on 1st February in Oakfield Community Development Centre. Over 300 Year 10 pupils from Carrick Post primary schools attended and 15 organisations were represented at the Youth Fair.</p> <p>Save the Children Family support initiative – with commitment from local council from October 2022 the programme has received 189 family applications and supported 389 children to date within the Northern area.</p>	<p>Cost of living crisis including fuel poverty.</p> <p>Long waiting lists for CAMHS or counselling support.</p> <p>Lack of in home ASD Support.</p> <p>Lack of in home parenting support.</p> <p>Lack of translation services.</p> <p>Significant increase in referrals to FSH and lack of available services to provide support to increased complex situations.</p> <p>Significant workforce pressures associated with absences and vacancies in the system.</p> <p>Significant number of refugees/asylum seekers and relocation of Afghan families coming into the province continues to impact on universal services and Social Services supports.</p>

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South Eastern Area	Lyn Preece	<p>Children’s Disability Services Children’s Disability Services within the Trust has made a number of achievements relating to its capacity to deliver an increased continuum of Residential placements for young people requiring medium to long term residential care placements. Notably the care trajectory has increased by more than 100% in the last year where by the Trust has to accommodate 11 young people within residential care. This involved repurposing an existing Short Breaks Home to accommodate a number of young people.</p> <p>Additional finance of £500k was secured through a business to the SPPG to augment the staffing compliment of the home to ensure a robust permanent staff team with appropriate skills mix can be recruited.</p> <p>The COVID response witnessed the development of an outreach support model to support young people remaining in their homes through the deployment of support staff to the communities.</p> <p>Children’s Services is undertaking a structural review of services to determine which sub directorate the service best sits under and hoe connections with the broader primary health provision can be strengthened.</p> <p>Additional funding has been received to enhance the accessibility of AHPs for Children within Special Schools and to develop a regional tiered model of service provision.</p>	<p>Children’s Disability Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trajectory of young people requiring medium to long term care placements. • Increasing demand for Short Break provision. • Early Help. • Transitions and the need for appropriate accommodation and support provision into adulthood. • Unallocated cases with the Children’s Disability teams.

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		<p>The Department of Education had issued an Emotional Health and Wellbeing Framework and funding has been secured to recruit Emotional Wellbeing teams in each Trust area to support schools in this area.</p>	
Southern Area	Colm McCafferty	<p>Action Planning workshop to identify priorities for final year of plan to take place on 5th April. Reviewed plan at last meeting – noted any outstanding actions will be delivered on during the 23/24 final year of plan.</p> <p>Initiatives for the year going forward based on identified need include:</p> <p>A Pilot in the Newry area in collaboration with MDT and partners linking services together, to look at gaps and provide support/service development/ pathways for young people aged 13+ across the Southern area, involved in antisocial behaviour, refusal to attend school, mental health issues etc.to be taken forward by the emotional health and wellbeing task group.</p> <p>Pilot an intensive 6 week course, with a group of Minority Ethnic young people (approx. 30) at pre-ESOL level English, to bring them to above ESOL Level 1. This would mean they could take part in the curriculum and progress into the next school year. The feedback and evaluation from this pilot would then be used to provide the CYPSP and EA with a model that works, to look at opportunities of additional investment.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing with the GP MDT Team in Newry about increasing access to GPs for ethnic minority and Irish Traveller communities who would previously have relied on the walk-in service,</p>	<p>The Hubs continue to be over their targets for the past year. Despite the pressures, the team remains stable, and the 3 Co-ordinators in the Southern area work extremely well together.</p> <p>Issue around the absence of Education Reps at the Hubs. They are an important stakeholder in providing services, particularly in relation to preventative services – work is ongoing to resolve this.</p> <p>Due to the increasing number of refugees and the associated dispersal, there are now plans for contingency arrangements to be established outside the greater Belfast area. The SHSCT has been identified for the establishment of contingency arrangements, which will lead to hotels or other multi-occupancy sites being identified for families to be housed. This may place additional pressures across all of Health & Social Care and Family Support Hubs. SAOG to keep aware of developments.</p>

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		<p>which is no longer available as all GPs are Phone First. Not having English as your first language creates barriers, having to rely on someone else to make the call for you. The NINES service is planning a road show across GPs, within the Southern Trust. Learning to be captured and shared with CYPSP.</p> <p>New Sub-Group established to look at Interpreting/Interpreter issues to identify possible initiatives in respect of minority ethnic families accessing Community and Voluntary family supports.</p> <p>New disability guide/resource for parents by parents almost complete Information has been sent to EA and Health Trusts for quality assurance. Consultations with parents and young people to take place over next 2 months. New All About Me Passport for young people being reviewed and refreshed with Barnardo's PosAbility group. Official launch of resource to be organised Spring time.</p> <p>Funding has been secured for promotional merchandise for young people in respect of the Youth Wellness Web to be rolled out across outcomes groups and LPGs and Schools.</p> <p>In respect of Poverty and Cost of Living Crisis close collaborative working continues with the 3 local Councils including Information shared with FSH Coordinators on how to access different poverty programmes and Council resources. A number of initiatives are happening across the Council areas including Warm Spaces, and opening up venues for people to access and deliver specific programmes. There are a number of different initiatives being run through the Foodbanks and Fuel poverty schemes and the central</p>	

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		<p>Poverty resource continues to be updated and shared across key partners.</p> <p>LPG Update Can We Talk event, October 25th at Glenavon Court Hotel, Cookstown. Hosted in partnership between Mid Ulster and Dungannon LPG's, 93 practitioners and teaching staff attended to discuss the barriers and challenges facing children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health in Mid Ulster, and to learn of important work carried out in the area to support children and young people. Report Card can be accessed HERE.</p> <p>Southern Area LPG's, in conjunction with YGam, hosted 2 x Gaming & Gambling Awareness sessions for 32 practitioners in February to learn of the current issues and harm around gaming and gambling by young people.</p>	
Western Area	Tom Cassidy	<p>Very insightful presentation on poverty presented by Paul Kellagher (Action for Children).</p> <p>Fermanagh and Omagh Council and Save the Children donations to Family Support Hubs.</p> <p>Omagh Hub was featured as a great case study in the National Preparedness Commission publication.</p> <p>Autism Cafes have been extremely successful (organised by Health Improvement and LPGs).</p>	<p>Alarming impact of cold homes, particularly for children and the elderly, due to changes in the blood system.</p> <p>Concerns that aid from charities and statutory authorities was not sufficient and it was now the "working poor" being impacted.</p> <p>Reported that poverty was having a big impact on the criminal justice system and, for the first</p>

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		<p>Unicef work is ongoing.</p> <p>Autism Project (with match funding from WAOG and Autism NI) great example of pooled budgets and collaboration.</p> <p>Youth emotional health and wellbeing and health promoting families projects now underway in each LPG area.</p>	<p>time they were aware of a young person who had stolen food.</p> <p>Lack of support services for ASD in Fermanagh and Omagh.</p> <p>Referrals to ASD Service continue to rise month on month.</p> <p>Issues with workforce ongoing.</p> <p>Volume and complexity in Family Support Hubs reflected the pressures on Social Work Teams.</p> <p>Engagement with task and finish groups has been low and difficult to get chairs for each group.</p>