

Southern Area Outcomes Group
Minutes of Meeting held on Wed 26 July 2023 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 [Mark Irwin attending]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (Public Health)	Gerard Rocks (Promoting Wellbeing)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (CAMHS)	Denise Carroll		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (CYP – Health Improvement Specialist)	Jacqueline Masterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Education Authority	Kieran Shields Sarah Muldoon Donna Weir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PSNI	Karen Ross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Public Health Agency	Collette Rogers Kelly McCartney Laura Taylor Danny Sinclair Dr Amanda McCullough		
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		
Other Partnerships	Martina McAloon, GP Federation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Voluntary Sector			
Early Years Organisation	Anne Rice/Stephanie Elliot		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MENCAP	Mikhaila Woods		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barnardo's	Monica McCann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

	Pat McGeough Gillian McKeown (Chair of Disability Task Group)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NIACRO	Ciara Corrigan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clanrye Group	Dara O'Hagan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bolster	Jacinta Linden (Also LPG chair)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (Inequalities & Inclusion)	Robbie McCague (Chair of Ethnic Minority Group)	<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	Michael Mac Cionnaith (Youth Action)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
South Armagh LPG	Annie Clarke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Newry LPG	Jacinta Linden (Bolster) Allison Slater		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Banbridge LPG	Lucinda Love-Teggarty		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dungannon LPG	Loraine 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 Louise Dickson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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"/>
Referral Coordinator for EHWP Framework	Ann O'Hare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Locality Programme Support	Joanne Patterson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. Introductions & Apologies

Colm McCafferty welcomed everyone to the Forum and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (01.02.23)

Agreed as accurate reflection of last meeting.

3. Matters Arising

Action points from Previous Meeting:-

Education Authority (EA) representation at FSHs – Bronwyn and Maxine have met with EA, some work is ongoing. Kieran offered to follow up internally in relation to EA representation.

ACTION: Valerie will check with Bronwyn where this is at and come back to Kieran. This will be kept on the Agenda.

Development Day (April 23) – Colm thanked Valerie and colleagues for pulling together salient points from the Development Day, which provides a framework in terms of direction of travel, highlights deficits, and identifies priorities going forward.

4. Family Support Hubs (FSHs) Update

Report cards for the Southern Area FSHs and Annual NI FSHs, have been circulated to the group. Valerie gave a brief overview of the information captured in the Report Card for the Southern Area. She also referenced the work with Robbie's group in relation to Translation services.

5. Locality Planning Groups (LPGs) Update

Darren shared a brief overview of work ongoing by the LPGs in the Southern Area, and his report has been circulated. The School Uniform Recycling Toolkit was highlighted, and infographics have been shared. Darren hopes to provide a Scorecard on data collated for the next meeting.

Darren advised that he and Lucinda are being interviewed by Cool FM/Downtown Radio later today, in relation to vaping, highlighting awareness and prevalent issues amongst young people.

An Inter Agency meeting was held recently to look at the rapidly growing crime of Sextortion, and consider strategies to address this. Karen advised that PSNI regularly go into schools to speak to young people, making them aware of the dangers of posting images and how to keep safe online. Darren reported that short online videos are being prepared for young people on TikTok, to help educate young people and parents on the dangers.

6. Ukrainian Refugee Resettlement and Contingency Accommodation Proposals for Asylum Seekers (for information)

Colm reported that significant numbers of refugees have come into this locality. There have been increasing referrals to the FSHs, which impacts on all services and Agencies represented here, and

brings multiple challenges in relation to health, housing etc. A DOH Regional Steering Group has been established, and the first meeting is due to take place tomorrow.

Gerard reported under Integration and Health & Wellbeing Support for refugees, they had submitted a proposal to the Executive Office for additional resources. They have been successful in obtaining funding to appoint a Community Inclusion Worker for a period of 2 years. Colm advised he had received confirmation on some additional resources for one year, and that Donna Murphy (CYP link) would liaise with Gerard to agree how best to use this.

Robbie attended a meeting with Mears Head of Operations, in Belfast yesterday, and had the opportunity to visit their Help Clinic and also one of the Hotel sites being used to house asylum seekers. Robbie shared some of the difficulties/ challenges Mears were facing with regard to housing issues, and some refugees being reluctant to move to more rural settings. There are currently a number of refugee families, and some male HMO sites, in the Southern area. Bronagh Mulholland, Ethnic Minority Specialist Nurse, is usually the first point of contact. There is talk of an initial hotel type accommodation site somewhere in the Southern area, though Mears are unable to confirm as yet when this might happen. Concerns were raised about the lack of information/ coordination coming from Mears in relation to refugees relocating to the Southern area.

A Welcome Centre is being re-established in Newry, open to all ethnic minorities regardless of whether they are here under the refugee scheme or asylum seeker dispersal. This is being coordinated via MDT SW Teams and PHWB. ABC Council is also involved. Kieran advised that EA would also welcome involvement in coordinating/ planning for families coming.

Colm chairs the cross Directorate VPRS Trust Steering Group, which has been broadened out to include all refugees, not just Ukrainians. The Regional Steering Group is due to have its first meeting tomorrow, and Colm and Gerard will provide feedback to the Trust VPRS Group. It was felt it would be useful for Robbie to be involved in the Southern Trust VPRS Group, to share information/intelligence.

7. Updates from Task Groups

Emotional Health & Wellbeing

Jacqueline reported the group has had a couple of meetings, since Outcomes last met. A Survey was carried out in March to identify what supports there were for aged 13-16 year olds, and in particular young people not engaged in other services. This information is being collated and will be shared with members. The scoping exercise has added great value to the EH&WB Forum with some new members joining and people are better informed. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

Valerie and Darren have met recently in relation to small funding opportunities and filling some gaps of unmet need. Darren will discuss with Jacqueline outside of this group. Jacqueline is aware of some members that have funding, and will discuss further how best to spend.

Alison advised ABC Council are starting consultation and engagement in relation to the Peace Plus application. Within Peace Plus, there is an opportunity for organisations to work together in partnership. Colm welcomes this opportunity and asked Alison to advise if the Trust can assist with supporting the application.

ACTION: Alison to take the lead and set up a meeting, inviting key people, within the next couple of weeks. Colm advised her to link in with Valerie, who will provide contacts. This will be kept on the Agenda, and supported by the Group.

Ethnic Minority

School Pilot Evaluation

Robbie shared feedback from the ESOL School Pilot, which was run across 2 schools, and the report has been circulated to the Group. This has been an excellent Pilot with positive outcomes noted for young people. Feedback from schools has been very positive. Some discussion followed in relation to pooling resources to try to replicate this approach. Kieran advised that EA will share the recommendations with Department of Education, to see how this could Pilot be replicated. Currently there is a Pilot running in Belfast looking at some of the barriers to qualifications. They are meeting with partners in Belfast, and Kieran will share findings as there are some common themes. Within the statutory sector, there will be significant cohorts throughout schools needing additional help with English. Colm advised that this issue will not go away, but will be a recurrent reality.

ACTION: Colm asked Robbie to progress with replicating the Pilot, and gave assurances from a Trust perspective that they will seek to deliver some support.

GP access for refugees, remains an ongoing issue across ethnic minority communities. Robbie is liaising with SPPG in relation to this. Robbie and Martina McAloon are at the initial stages of a GP Access Pilot, and are hoping to look at pathways and ease of access.

ACTION: Colm asked for some high level statistics in preparation for the newly established Regional Steering Group – GP Registration is on the Agenda. Robbie agreed to forward this information to Colm.

The Group is due to meet again on 3 Sept and will review actions/progress then.

Our Journey Through Disability

Valerie advised that the Launch of the Parent's Guide, in relation to children with disability (CWD), took place in Stormont in May. This was a very successful event. The Guide has been rolled out widely to GPs, Community Pharmacies, across SW Teams and sent to EA for sharing with schools. It has also

been sent out via social media, and to date has been downloaded over 5800 times. Feedback is very positive. Partners were asked to continue to promote when they have the opportunity to do so.

Valerie advised that following discussion at the recent Workshop, they are hoping to take forward some other initiatives. They will review the recommendations of Our Journey Report to see what else can be delivered on in the final year of this plan. The group are due to meet again in Sept/Oct.

ACTION: Colm referenced the Review of Children's Services, CWD Workstream being run in the SE Trust, and asked Valerie to link in with Elaine Mooney, and ensure the Parent's Guide is shared with Lyn Preece (SE Trust), and arrange for a presentation to the Workstream to raise awareness.

Poverty & Family Support

Valerie advised as the Councils already have the forums, they have linked in with them, to avoid duplication. A regional document, identifying initiatives happening across the Trust areas, in relation to the cost of living crisis has been produced and this is updated regularly. It has been downloaded 1000s of times, and feedback is excellent.

Alison referenced work ongoing work through the Council in relation to food and fuel. The Council works in partnership with the Food Banks and other voluntary agencies eg SVP, Salvation Army and Advice Services. They also have the Food Hub, a food storage facility, available for groups making meals for people running youth clubs etc.

Alison shared information on some current initiatives being run:-

- Debt management schemes are being run through the schools;
- Young Enterprise Centre – work around budgets;
- Financial and Debt Management Program with Advice NI;
- Working Group with Community Planning looking at Poverty and social inclusion;
- A new community advice facility has opened in the Banbridge area.

Alison advised they are in the process of writing up score cards for Community Planning, and she will share when available.

8. Brief Update on Parenting Programme availability

Parenting programmes have now been uploaded to the Parenting Support page on the Website, and are now available for people to register. Valerie agreed to share the link. Martina is hoping to have a leaflet ready within the next few weeks, for circulation.

9. AOB

- Children's Social Work Service Review Update

The Review concluded with the launch of Prof Jones' Report on 20 June 23. The report is now available, and Colm encouraged people to read it. The recommendation is that NI move towards the establishment of a dedicated Trust for the delivery of Children's Social Work services across the Region as opposed to the current configuration. Colm and his Executive Director colleagues are supportive of this recommendation. It will be going out for public consultation from end of August 23.

Colm referenced concerns in the greater Lurgan area pertaining to the impact of gang activity and drugs. There have been a number of high profile incidents and there are increasing concerns round the impact this is having on families and young people in that area. Colm has had a number of meetings with political reps. It has been added to the Agenda to raise awareness at this Group.

Colm thanked Group members for their attendance at today's meeting and also for all the work they deliver.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 27 Sept 2023 at 10.00 am – Virtual Meeting