

## Notes of South Eastern Area Outcomes Group held on Tuesday 30 May 2pm at Ards Blair Mayne Wellbeing and Leisure Complex

Name	Organisation	Present/ Apology
<b>Statutory Sector</b>		
Lyn Preece	SEHSCT (Chair)	Present
Lynda Vladeanu	SEHSCT & Down LPG chair	Present
Patricia Mackey	Ards & North Down Council	Present
Ed Sipler	SEHSCT	Present
Bronwyn Campbell	SPPG, CYPSP	Present
Una Casey	SPPG, CYPSP	Present
Louise Dickson	SPPG, CYPSP	Present
Jason Caldwell	SEHSCT	
Julie Kilpatrick	SEHSCT	
Bernie Mooney	Education Authority	
Lorraine Campbell	NI Housing Executive	
Catherine McWhirter	Lisburn Castlereagh Council	
Janine Hillen	Newry, Mourne & Down Council	
Stevie Lavery	Belfast City Council	
Brian Kee	PSNI	
Barbara Porter	PHA	Apology
Kelvin Doherty	YJA	
Evelyn Curran	SPPG, Childcare Partnership	
Maxine Gibson	SPPG, CYPSP	Apology
Kate Fleck	LCG	Apology
Kelly Andrews	Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnership	
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>		
Joanne Neil	Bryson	
Wendy McKimee	Action for Children	
Dearbhla Holohan	Barnardos	Apology
<b>Community Sector</b>		
Annie Armstrong	Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	Present
John Hunsdale	ASCERT	
Pauline McMullan	Lisburn YMCA	Apology
Vacant		
<b>BAME Sector</b>		
Vacant		
<b>LPG Chairs/Reps</b>		
Noelle Hollywood	SEHSCT	Present
David Simpson	Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	Present
Mabel Scullion	Early Intervention Lisburn	Apology
Cathy Polly	Ards and North Down LPG	

<p><b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>Lyn Preece welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies where noted.</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>
<p><b>2. Update on review on Children's services</b></p> <p>Lyn Preece gave update on Prof. Ray Jones, he is currently finalising his review and will it be launched on 21 June. Recommendations could include an Arm's Length Body specific to children similar to the Tusla model from the South of Ireland. Discussions took place on concerns about an Arm's Length Body approach and Lyn explained it has advantages and disadvantages. Consultations have taken place widely and SPPG and Directors have had site visits to Tusla. The Directors are meeting Prof. Ray Jones this Friday. Progress on his recommendations may be limited without a functioning Executive.</p> <p>Bronwyn Campbell explained she will be attending the launch event on 21 June along with the Family Support Coordinators.</p> <p>Lyn Preece explained there is currently 25% vacancies in Children's Services within South Eastern Trust and 45 students are taking up job roles which is very positive.</p>	
<p><b>3. CYPSP Regional Update &amp; Regional priorities</b></p> <p>Una Casey gave update from the last Partnership meeting on discussions regarding meeting formats and frequency of meetings. The next Partnership meeting will be in Autumn. Una outlined the Workforce subgroup, this group's next meeting is scheduled for 12 June. The LPG review is on-going, the final draft will be completed this week and will be shared at the next partnership meeting. Lynda Vladeanu said it would be beneficial to know how ICS aligns with locality planning.</p> <p>The launch of a new regional guide for parents "Guide to help YOU on your journey through disability/ additional needs" took place on 22 May at the Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings.</p> <p>Una Casey discussed figures from the previous LPG members survey, the response rate within the South Eastern Trust Area</p>	<p>Una to send Guide to help you on your journey through disability/ additional needs to all members.</p>

<p>was low and overall the response rate was lower compared to 2 years ago. In total there is 1552 members and 600 members regionally.</p> <p>Una Casey gave update on Cost of Living guide, she highlighted that over the last few weeks less information has been received to promote, which could be down to funding cuts within organisations. Members agreed that this was a concern.</p>	<p>Una to send LPG report to all members.</p>
<p><b>4. SE Outcomes Action Plan 23/24</b></p> <p>Priority areas from action plan are; Emotional health and wellbeing, Children with disabilities, School disruption and Poverty.</p> <p>Some progress made with EHWPB and poverty task and finish groups but this has stalled due, in part, to the lack of OG meeting. Discussion took place about the Task and Finish groups approach and if going forward smaller working groups to focus on individual actions might work better.</p> <p>Annie Armstrong explained the importance of the School disruption priority, particularly in light of the extended school's funding cuts. Some schools were providing breakfast/snacks to young people, however this is now impacted.</p> <p>Group discussion on Children with disabilities, SET has the highest number of unallocated case load. Una Casey explained in the Western Area Autism Cafes where set up for those children and families who were on waiting lists to raise awareness of available services. A total of 6 were held. These are currently being reviewed, for a second phase as they have worked well. Noelle scoping this with her LPGs.</p> <p>Bronwyn Campbell shared data from FS Hubs, on average 25% of young people referred have a disability. In Q3 (22/23) 62% recorded with a disability in SET. There is currently significant need and one Hub was closed so are unable to see the unmet need for that period. Young People awaiting diagnosis is 7%.</p> <p>Ideas discussed on a "Knowledge College" similar to the Recovery College delivered by parents.</p> <p>Ed Sipler explained how to make resources accessible and a mapping exercise was completed with the Recovery College. Feedback from parents said they would support.</p>	<p>Bronwyn to share SET Hub report.</p> <p>Ed to link in with Lorraine.</p> <p>Noelle to carry out scoping exercise.</p>

<p>Annie Armstrong explained Community Navigators and Lyn Preece discussed a Carers Forum app from a Lisburn Group. Challenges discussed and how to get people to access help at a much earlier stage.</p> <p>Group discussion on the increase in alcohol admissions and the increase in teenage pregnancies. Vaping is also causing problems. Discussed Fatal Alcohol Syndrome and the similar characteristics to ADHD.</p> <p>Members agreed that school disruption and children with disability were significant priorities and that there was a thread running through all the priorities.</p>	
<p><b>5. Way forward to implement the action plan / update on task &amp; finish groups</b></p> <p>It was decided that all members need to be in attendance to move forward on priority areas. Annie Armstrong asked Lyn to contact members individually as this would be beneficial moving forward.</p>	<p>Lyn, Lynda &amp; Una to contact absent members.</p>
<p><b>6. Family Support Hub update</b></p> <p>Bronwyn Campbell gave update; regionally referrals have increased again this year. The top 3 requests are for parenting programmes, emotional wellbeing services and financial support. The top 3 referrals sources are self-referrals, GP's and Schools.</p> <p>Bronwyn Campbell explained work that she is taking forward on services that are being lost due to financial cuts. Bronwyn has asked FS Hub members to provide her with this information as this will give an overview of how many children can't access a service. Currently working on a regional referral form and the FS Hub Collective Day took place on 25 May. Bronwyn explained the day went well and looked at the 10 standards to update going forward. There is an increase in demand and Lisburn FS Hub was previously closed however all Hubs are now open.</p>	
<p><b>7. Locality Planning Update</b></p> <p>David Simpson (Colin LPG)- Meetings have started again and have more engagement from local schools. Action Plan areas-</p>	

<p>Speech &amp; Language, Outdoor play, Mental Health and Poverty. The current funding cuts are creating problems with the loss of extended schools and possibly the Urban Villages Scheme. David explained they are able to fund 6 school counselling services for this year and possibly next year. 70 children engaged in the wrap around service. Speech and Language support is provided in partnership with the Trust in schools and will maintain this service in the next school year, however there is no slippage funding this year within the Trust. Lisburn area carrying out Talk Boost and David is meeting Mabel Scullion regarding review and webinars. David Simpson discussed the Changing Lives Initiative (2017-2021) Early Intervention programme for children displaying behaviours consistent with ADHD. The project supported 2000 families across the 3 SEPUPB funded sites; the Colin team supported 1100 of these families. If successful with more funding through EU Peace Programme it will provide building a neurodevelopment pathway. There is a joint bid with Northern and CAWT which is at pre-application stage and will hear a decision by early 2024.</p> <p>Lynda Vladeanu gave update on LPGs; Lisburn LPG- Meetings taking place and focus on Speech and Language, Talk Boost and current cuts within the area. Ards and North Down LPG - hasn't met since 2020, however has a poverty sub group, but actions and meeting minutes etc are not shared. Down LPG- Meets every 3 months and have an action plan.</p>	<p>Una to follow up on supporting letters from LPG groups.</p>
<p><b>8. Member Updates</b></p> <p>Noelle Hollywood explained she is delivering Incredible Years and Roots of Empathy in schools and schools are now contacting her.</p> <p>Lyn Preece gave update on additional funding for a Family Support Worker which are all in post in SET Area and are reviewing Family Support service.</p> <p>Ed Sipler gave update on the draft of services, draft of commissioning's- meeting children's needs and independent review for Family Support Services. Ed discussed the prevention report on how to raise healthy kids and the Step to Cope Project has 2 workers to deliver the service. Ed Sipler explained Barnardo's staff completed training on engaging those who are hard to engage.</p>	<p>Ed to circulate report to group for collective response.</p>

<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023, 2pm Cloona House, (31 Cloona Road Belfast BT17 OLG)	