

BELFAST OUTCOMES GROUP MEETING

Via MS Teams

Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 2.00 p.m. via MST

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Ms. Kerrylee Weatherall (Chair)	Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
Statutory Sector			
Mr. Paul O'Neill	Early Years, Belfast HSC Trust		✓
Ms. Edel McKenna	Safeguarding, Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
Mr. Gerry Largey	Hub Lead, Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
Ms. Charlene Mitchell	LPG Coordinator	✓	
Mr. Brian O'Kane	NIHE, Belfast Area		✓
Ms. Katherine Calvert	Education Authority		✓
Ms. Barbara Porter	PHA		✓
Ms. Cate Taggart	Belfast City Council		✓
Mr. Declan Davey	Youth Justice Agency		✓
Ms. Marie Cavanagh	HSCB Belfast Local Commissioning Group	✓	
Ms. Marie McAuley	Health Improvement Team, BHSCT	✓	
Ms. Wendy Pollock	Chief Inspector, PSNI		✓
Community Sector			
Ms. Nicola Verner	West Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Natasha Brennan	South Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Julie Jamison	North Belfast Community Rep.		✓
Ms. Tracey Wilson	East Belfast Community Rep.		✓
LPG Chairs			
Ms. Barbara Wallace	East Belfast LPG	✓	
Ms. Deirdre Walsh	West Belfast LPG	✓	
Ms. Natasha Brennan	South Belfast LPG	✓	
Ms. Claire Allen	North Belfast LPG	✓	
Voluntary Sector			
Mr. Peter Bryson	Save the Children	✓	
Ms. Caroline Rutherford	Extern	✓	
Mr. Martin Walls	Guide Dogs		✓
Mr. Avery Bowser	AFC	✓	
Partnership Sector			
Ms. Roisin McCooey	Belfast Childcare Partnership		✓
Mr. Jackie Redpath	Belfast Strategic Partnership		✓
In Attendance			
Ms. Una Casey	CYPSP Support		✓
Ms. Maxine Gibson	CYPSP		✓
Ms. Nichola Creagh	Department for Communities		✓
Ms. Bronwyn Campbell	Regional FSH Lead		✓
Ms. Kathy Watters	BCC	✓	

Summary of Actions:

	Topic	Action	Responsibility
From Meeting on 5th August 2022 (and historic):			
1.	Dentist Referrals for Newcomers / Refugees	Ms. Diffin to raise with Louise McMahon.	Ms. Diffin
2.	Interpreting issues / SCIE Learning Sets	- Learning Sets to be shared once finalised. - Carol Diffin to write to SPPG and raise this matter.	Ms. Campbell Carol Diffin
3.1	EHWB Framework	- Deferred to next meeting. Bronwyn Campbell to update. - Mark Conachy and Kris McKeever to be invited to future meetings.	Bronwyn Campbell Trisha McDonald / Carol Diffin
3.2	ASD / Autism Referrals	- Mr. Largey continues to liaise with Ms. Killough and colleagues, to scope out the figures and get more up to date information. - LPG data to be available by September - Ms. Diffin to liaise with Dr. Sarah Meekin initially. She will then organise a one-off focussed joint meeting re: EHWB Framework and interface to services. This meeting is deferred to a later date.	Mr. Largey Mr. Largey Carol Diffin
4.	Integrated Working	- Ms. Taggart will provide feedback to the Committee Paper - Ms. Diffin will raise with the Chair of the South Eastern Outcomes Group, Barbara Campbell re: linking to this work for areas such as Colin. - Barbara Campbell is also now leaving post. Ms. Diffin will liaise with Ms. Weatherall and Ms. Taggart and the new SE Director, Lyn Preece, and this can be picked up at a later date.	Cate Taggart Carol Diffin Kerry Lee Weatherall
5.	Mandatory Medical Examinations for recruitment (C&V)	Ms. Diffin and Mr. O'Neill to raise again with SPPG, the issues regards the mandatory medicals and lack of GPs to complete same.	Carol Diffin Paul O'Neill
6.	Integrated Working Paper	Paper to be amended following all feedback today and title changed.	Gerry Largey
7.	Community Planning / Action Plan	- Ms. Taggart agreed to feedback to Community Planning colleagues, re: our challenges and other high level pieces of work are ongoing (e.g. CS Review etc.) and to advise that work is progressing, workshop is planned and something will be produced. - Workshop to be convened with external facilitator. - Draft SPOC re: facilitation work to be shared for comment.	Cate Taggart Gerry Largey Cate Taggart
From Meeting on 15th September 2022:			
8.	Minutes	Minutes of 5 th August and Matters Arising to be discussed at next, full meeting.	Chair
9.	SAOG	Ms. Campbell to provide an update at the next meeting re: SAOG piece of work and any relevant information re: same to be shared by Ms. Campbell / Ms. Casey with the group	Bronwyn Campbell / Una Casey
10.	Winter Pressure	Meeting to be set up mid-October re: Winter Pressures and Support – confirmed for 25.10.22 at 2pm	Trisha McDonald

11.	Pilot	Mr. Largey to draft correspondence to National Lottery re: Happy, Healthy Mind Therapy Pilot	Gerry Largey
From Today's Meeting (25.10.22):			
12.	Mission Statement	Members were asked to send all comments to Trisha McDonald by Friday 28 th October 2022.	All
13.	FSH Consultation Paper	FSH Consultation Paper to be shared once finalised and approval sought.	Charlene Mitchell
14.	Comm Planning Paper	Community Planning paper re: Support Services being drafted currently and to be shared once ready.	?
15.	Financial Pressures	Liaison with SPPG formally with regards financial pressures and uplifts.	Mr. Largey and Ms. Weatherall
16.	Underspend	Mr. Largey to provide a couple of options re: use of £50k underspend at November meeting.	Mr. Largey
17.	CVS – Funding and Pressures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 letters to be drafted, one specifically re: DoH Funding issue and one re: broader pressures for community and voluntary sector – for raising with CYPSP and Statutory Partners and Chief Executives. - Voluntary and community sector members of the Outcomes Group to develop a public statement about these concerns – Avery Bowser to organise. 	Mr. Largey and Ms. Weatherall Mr. Bowser / CVS

<u>Action by:</u>	
	<p>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Ms. Weatherall welcomed everyone to today's meeting and noted the apologies above.</p>
	<p>2. Minutes and Matters Arising from last meeting of 5th August and 15th September 2022</p> <p>The minutes were not discussed at this time.</p> <p>A couple of points were noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Walsh mentioned funding re: Community and Voluntary Sector - Mission Statement was circulated prior to today's meeting and feedback sought. - LPG Update – information will be shared after.
	<p>3. Workshop Feedback</p> <p>Feedback from the Workshop was positive – good attendance, excellent input and a lot of feedback and comments shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-group was convened to distil information into a couple of simple statements. • Draft statement was circulated prior to today's meeting (on Council format only due to consultation process). • Gerry confirmed this is a BAOG piece of work and spoke to the Strategic Intent, Stretched Goals, Proposed Actions and Underpinning Principles. <p>Action: Members were asked to send all comments to Trisha McDonald by Friday 28th October 2022.</p>
	<p>4. Winter Planning</p> <p>a. Potential role for Outcomes Group / FSHs / LPGS</p> <p>b. Best way to coordinate responses</p> <p>Members were asked for comments / forecast re: coming months and winter planning. A number of things were raised, including support for Christmas, clothing, toys, gas/electric/oil, travel costs, need for a different strategy / response to appeals, more people affected this time, large numbers of new families presenting, greater pressures and fewer donations received as a result, increasing debt.</p> <p>Ms. Mitchell updated re: the recent consultation with the 10 Family Support Hubs which reflected much of the above and outlined current available help. Draft Consultation Paper has been drawn and Ms. Mitchell will seek permission to share with the group. There have been a number of winter coat initiatives support from church groups but again donations are much reduced. Gaps remain with regards support for ASD/ADHD families, Home Visiting, Special Educations Support – big backlog for closed services. Ms. Mitchell added that the previous joint-response re: practical support had worked well, however, she warned that there is only one coordinator in each Hub and that provision of this additional support would considerably increase pressures.</p> <p>Action: FSH Consultation Paper to be shared once finalised and approval sought.</p>

Considerable discussion ensued re: above and next steps. We need to identify gaps at Hub level and consider what we are realistically able to do, need to share information re: any funding available, scope out any additional resources / enhance current services, avail of any financial support for practical help, facilitate increases in workload, provide training re: energy, provide support re: fuel poverty etc.

Members provided comments and feedback, both general and in relation to their own organisations – local pressures, organisations struggling due to lack of funding and increase in overheads, issues re: burnout in staff, acknowledge issues re: provision of vouchers – not sustainable, need to coordinate efforts across community and voluntary sector with regards consultations, huge lack of advice services, sharing of information is crucial, lack of resources for organisations, need advanced confirmation of funding in order to plan for services and for staff, issue re: uplifts to CVS has been raised with SPPG, procurement and tendering issues all fed back, huge recruitment issues across all sectors, sustainability of services important, need a collective voice to feed up all of these issues, need proper coordination at a local level and infrastructure within communities, particular issue raised by Ms. Verner in relation to her Organisation and new tendering process, Community Planning paper re: Support Services being drafted currently and to be shared once ready, piece of work completed by Family Support Hubs re: support packages and Mr. Largey asked the group for their opinion re: what should be provided if funding was available. Issues raised re: staffing / personnel required to organise events / provide practical support. Need to be mindful of ongoing pressures re: workloads and staffing. Need to invest in giving people more knowledge / Advice Services re: what entitled to, helping people adjust to change in lifestyle, teaching how to deal with debt – mortgages / rent / credit cards / HP etc., money management courses, impact on mental health. We will review what we can do to fill these gaps at November meeting.

Action: Community Planning paper re: Support Services being drafted currently and to be shared.

Action: Liaison with SPPG formally with regards financial pressures and uplifts – Mr. Largey and Ms. Weatherall.

5. Any Other Business

(a) Family Support Services Funding

Mr. Largey spoke to this item. There is usually a returned underspend and reallocation of funding. Mr. Largey is mindful of all of today's discussions. There is some small scale funding available and we can look at the best way to apply this (usually additionality to existing services/extension of services). £50k available and Mr. Largey is happy to come back in November with a couple of options and would welcome conversation re: other suggestions re: best way to use.

Action: Mr. Largey to provide a couple of options re: use of £50k underspend at November meeting.

(b) Department Core Grant Funding

Members raised this item for discussion. Email received today re: this funding. Deadline is 18th November 2022. 2-3 week turnaround for funding. Ms. Verner advised that this is where the funding for her organisation comes from and it has been opened for competitive tender only this year. There was considerable discussion re: this funding – detailed background info provided, impact for organisations, ongoing issues re: procurement and tendering processed in NI, timing of correspondence and this process, suggestion re: collective statement from BAOG, lack of recognition of crisis by government, need government decision to alleviate crises, need to raise this issue up.

Mr. Largey recapped his understanding of the discussion and the 2 different proposed asks:-

1 – Specific issue re: DoH call re: core funding – we can feedback issues on behalf of BAOG.

2 – Broader issue – re: need for joint up working and strategy – separate correspondence to DfC, NICVA, and Chief Executives of BCC, BHSCT and EA.

Action: Mr. Largey / Ms. Weatherall to draft two letters, one specifically re: DoH Funding issue and one re: broader pressures for community and voluntary sector – for raising with CYPSP and Statutory Partners and Chief Executives.

Action: Voluntary and community sector members of the Outcomes Group to develop a public statement about these concerns – Avery Bowser to organise.

6. Dates of Future Meetings

Date:	Time:	Venue:
Thursday 24th November 2022 CANCELLED	2pm	MS Teams

Date and time:	Venue:
Tuesday 18 th January 2022 at 10am	MS Teams
Wednesday 2 nd March 2022 at 9am	MS Teams
Thursday 16 th June 2022 at 2pm	MS Teams
Thursday 15 th September 2022 at 2pm	MS Teams
Thursday 24 th November 2022 at 2pm	MS Teams