

Northern Area Outcomes Group Meeting held on 11th September 2023 at 3pm via Ms teams

Name	Organisation	Present/Apology
Statutory Sector		
Maura Dargan	HSCT (Chair)	Present
Sharon Crawford	HSCT (Disability)	Present
Oisin Martin	HSCT (Hub Lead)	Apology
Susan Gault	HSCT (Public Health Nursing)	Apology
Hugh Nelson	HSCT (Planning & Modernisation)	
Frances Donnelly	Education Authority	
VACANT	NI Housing Executive	
Nicola McCall	(MEA) Community Planning/Council	Apology
Ronan McKenna	(A&N) Community Planning/Council	
Elizabeth Beattie	(CCG) Community Planning/Council	
Fiona Surgeonor	(MEA) Community Planning/Council	
Celena O'Neill	(MU) Community Planning/Council	present
Michelle Adams	PSNI	
Bryan Leonard	Public Health Agency	present
Kate McDermott	Health and Wellbeing Manager	Present
Grainne Keane	Youth Justice Agency	present
Jenny Adair	Childcare Partnership	Apology
Deirdre Hasson	Education Authority	
Michelle Gibb	CRUN	Apology
Voluntary Sector		
Louise Kearney	Action for Children	
Pamela Kirk	Barnardo's	
Muriel Bailey	Parenting NI	Present
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	Apology
Kris Morris	Autism NI on behalf of K Maxwell	apology
Community Sector		
Zoe-Kernohan-Neeley	Early Year Organisation	present
Karen Graham	Carrickfergus YMCA	
Rosemary Hamilton	BYTES	apology
BME Sector		
VACANT		
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Locality Planning Group Chairs		
Mervyn Rea	Antrim LPG	
Gerry McVeigh	Ballymena LPG	
Roy Beggs	Carrickfergus LPG	
David McAllister	Larne LPG	
Ursula Marshall	Magherafelt & Cookstown LPG	Apology
	Causeway LPG out	
	Newtownabbey LPG out	
Locality Planners		
Represented by Kate McDermott		Present

In Attendance		
Maxine Gibson	CYPSP (Professional Advisor)	Apology
Una Casey	CYPSP(Business Support manager)	Present
Valerie Maxwell	CYPSP (Planning & Information Manager)	Apology
Bronwyn Campbell	CYPSP (Regional Family Support Hub Co-Ordinator)	Apology
Julie Scobie	Minute Taker	Present

Welcome and apologies noted

Given two presentation scheduled for today it was agreed that the LPG and FSH reports shared in advance of meeting were accepted as read

Presentations in attendance

Lisa Curlett, Service lead for Paed. ASD

Nadine Kane, interim HOS CAMHS

David Falls, Senior Information Analyst, Children's Services

Paed ASD – Lisa Curlett, Service Lead for Paediatric

Common theme on this agenda, presented at a number of LPG meetings over the last few months. Overview of PAED ASD service within the NHSCOT area. Telephone consultation services - not for complex cases. Assessment & Diagnostic service, lengthy waiting list for services; post diagnostic service offered to all families following a diagnosis. Overview provided of the range of supports available, all post 16+ service users sign posted to NAAAS. Services remained significantly challenged, referrals/WL increasing month on month, diagnostic service carrying significant WL, service not resourced to meet increasing demand. A number of innovative service development projects developed to address capacity issues in some cases utilising professionals from other services, ie PASD LAC Diagnostic pathway; Under 4 diagnostic pathway comm. paed medical service; Joint CAMHS/ASD assessment model; partnership with MDT support GP surgeries (CAU area, currently in early stages). Overview of digital tools available to families/professional. Maura thanked Lisa for the detailed presentation and appreciated the challenges in the service and acknowledged the work undertaken to support families / professionals. Zoe Kernohan referenced the under 4 diagnostic pathway and queried as to referral by age range. Lisa confirmed that referrals are accepted re over 2 year olds, Zoe noted that the Community/Voluntary sector would see an increase in neuro diversity coming through and assessment at 2 years + is welcomed. Sharon Crawford queried as to percentage of children referred who receive a diagnosis. Lisa confirmed that from last year's stats 75/85% receive a diagnosis, a lot debate ongoing regional re private diagnosis, work undertaken with PHA and proforma developed, if individual meets NICE guidance Trust will stand over the criteria for assessment. Robust process in place within Trust as outlined in presentation, however parents can seek a 2nd opinion if they so wish. Muriel Bailey noted additional funding received from DOH re carers support line, commenced

April, providing parents with emotional support whilst children are on waiting list for assessment, Lisa reflected that the service would routinely sign post to this service. Claire Crow to link with Lisa re ongoing review paed incontinence service, interested to discuss further re early intervention work with under 4 cohort.

CAMHS – Nadine Kane, Head of Service, CAMHS

Presentation shared, overview of service provided - population on over 100,000 under 18's, 25% of these sits within NT. During the pandemic service saw a reduction in referrals to step 2 and step 3 services were as ED increased 20%, there has been a slight increase in referrals, however not back to pre-pandemic levels. Crisis team referrals have increased significantly end of 22/23, creating an added level of complexity given pressures within system and impact on front door services. Virtual appointments have help, however not appropriate to use in some areas given complexities. Toward zero suicide supporting services and Services users to have conversation around suicide and self-harm, pilot project being progress in NHSCT. Deaf CAMHS pilot phase at this stage, however will be a recurrent funded provision as from April 2024, small service provision at this stage. Step 2 provision (Mental Health and Family support) extensive waiting list, noted significant work being progress to reduce breach position for step 3. Digital resources developed available to families on the WL at triage stage. Maura acknowledged David Falls data analysis role in extracting the data provided and acknowledged the significant pressures in the system. With respect to the Podcasts developed, Nadine confirmed that this could be used by service users/parent/carers and Voluntary/Community organisations and the service continues to promote the broad use of this resource, advertised on CYPSP wellness web. Links shared.

<https://www.northerntrust.hscni.net/services/child-adolescent-mental-health-service-camhs/resources-for-families-and-young-people/>

Notes from previous meeting – agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting

Matters arising

NOG/LPG potential members – Una Casey to draft letter for Chairs consideration. To be picked up, Julie Scobie to link with Una Casey. To escalate regionally as consistent issue across all OGs. - **UNA CASEY**

MH prevalence study – Una Casey – no further response received on follow up correspondence, Una to pick up, b/f November meeting – **UNA CASEY**

Access to mobility aids - K McDermott has made connections, work in progress.

Agenda

CSR review

Review out for consultation - Maura encouraged partner organisation to engage in this process.

CYPSPS

Reset and refresh workshop scheduled for October to incorporate mid-year review of CYP plan. Noted Una`s secondment, however to date no back fill identified, today will be Una`s last meeting. Maura congratulated Una on behalf of the group and noted the level of anxiety around Una`s absence with no back fill given her role in T & F groups. Need to ensure this work isn`t lost, Maura to reinforce with Maxine the need for backfill to Una`s role moving forward. – **ACTION: Maura Dargan**

T&F groups

EHWB – last meeting 1.8.23, outstanding actions relating EHWB framework, G O`Hanlon leading on this, to be invited to present at OG once completed. **U Casey**

MH Prevalence study – Una Casey to follow up again, all other actions completed group agreed to stand down meetings and regroup January 2024. **U Casey**

School Disruption group – difficult to re - establish given capacity issues, majority of actions completed.

Poverty group - stood down all action completed. Noted good download figures with respect to the developed cost of living guide, had slowed down over the summer will hopefully pick up again coming into the Winter period.

CWD – Sharon Crawford provided an update - membership fluctuates, with Una going on secondment Sharon Crawford`s admin support can pick up the scheduling of meetings, however keen to see Una`s backfill in place asap given her critical role. Meeting regularly, however difficult to get consistent membership, substantial Trust reps on group, however need `buy in` from other organisations, Trust is happy to support the work around producing a resource for parents re Behaviour, but this can`t be a Trust lead piece of work, should be a partnership piece, that can only be delivered as a result of partnership working. Trust student sw, psychologist and parent reps co-opted on to the group, Una to discuss with Valerie Maxwell re additional reps and look at the possibly of support from CINI. Piece of work with focus on scoping behaviour support resources available with an aim to produce social stories with themes around behaviours with respect to children with Disability Muriel Bailey happy to support were can, approach to be made to Mencap via member on Western OG, Una Casey to progress. Bryan Leonard suggested the potential need to raise this at a regional level if there is a similar trend across other Outcomes groups. Bryan also asked for more information that could be shared with colleagues internally who may be able to identify potential support. Claire Crowe noted 5 new nurses for learning disability sitting within Adults within Trust who are

keen to get involved with Childrens, Claire to clarify if they would be in the position to contribute to this piece of work. Maura asked for all in attendance to link in with voluntary/community colleagues across all organisations to identify potential reps as it would be extremely disappointing if this piece of work isn't progressed due to lack of resources. Reiterated that it would be useful to have a conversation with Maxine Gibson with respect to backfill issue re Una`s role as don`t want to lose the momentum around this work, Maura to take forward.

Date of Next Meeting 21st November 2023 at 3pm via Ms teams

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