

**Northern Area Outcomes Group Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024  
at 10am via Ms Teams**

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

In Attendance		
Maxine Gibson	CYPSP (Professional Advisor)	Present
Valerie Maxwell	CYPSP (Information Manager)	Present
Bronwyn Campbell	CYPSP (Regional Family Support Hub Co-Ordinator)	Present
Julie Scobie	Note Taker	Present
Presentations		
Theresa McShane	SPPG EHWB CAMHS teams in schools project	Present
Gerard O'Hanlon	SPPG EHWB Framework	Present

### **Welcome and apologies noted**

### **Presentation – EHWB CAMHS teams in schools – Theresa McShane.**

#### **Presentation shared with papers.**

TMcS provided a comprehensive overview of the programme to date and outlined next steps. TMcS confirmed that from the outset links were made with organisations who have projects/services involved in schools to ensure no duplication/replication. A number of queries were raised as to whether the focus of support would be contained within the school environment meeting the identified need or will it necessitate referring onto the community/voluntary sector, which would be concerning given current unmet need levels and lack of resources to meet the current need. TMcS reflected that the hope would be that a resource could be developed within the school setting to support the young person in supporting their own HWB and then in partnership signpost to services in the community if additional support is required.

B Campbell highlighted the need for further discussion around resources within Community/Voluntary sector as there is clear requirement for an increase in capacity and infrastructure to meet the needs currently presenting.

### **Presentation EHWB Framework – Gerard O'Hanlon**

#### **Presentation to be circulated with notes from today's meeting**

GOH outlined work to date with respect to the EHWB framework and Regional i-THRIVE Programme Proposal for Northern Ireland, an integrated, person centred and needs led approach to delivering mental health services for children, young people and their families. GOH highlighted the lack of consistency across Trusts as invested funding to date has been used differently and the hope would be moving forward that the IThrive model will ensure more commonality. It was general consensus of the group that given the increasing waiting lists and unmet need month on month there is an urgency to review the system to ensure recurrent funding in Community/Voluntary sector is adequate to support early help services. Also noted the need to ensure EA has a clear understanding around their requirements.

KM welcomed the linkage to the autism legislation within the EHWB framework and agreed to share the link to this.

MD thanked GOH and TMcS for today`s presentation and it was agreed that a further update would be beneficial in the future.

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

For info - Tender for activity based programme under NOAG funding, Cedar awarded 3 year contract which commenced 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. To be invited on a regular bases to provided updates, Sharon Crawford to take forward.

**CYPSP**

MG provide brief overview

Short term working group established to develop an action plan on the back of recommendations/next steps agreed at the pause and reset workshop in October. First meeting confirmed for the 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, Colm McCafferty to chair in M Leeson`s absence, TOR to be developed.

**Task and Finish Groups – detailed report provided by V Maxwell**

Work being progressed under each of the priorities will be taken forward into the new planning period 24/27. CYPSP to review key themes and consider if they will remain the same or potentially change moving into 24/27.

**Comprehensive update provided in Task group update paper**

**P1. EHWB** – work ongoing and presentations given at today`s meeting

**P2. CWD SC** welcomed VM valuable input/support into this group. VM noted that Barnardos/Mencap are keen to be involved in the co-design of `All about me booklet for 18-25 year olds` to involve young people across NI.

**P3. School disruption-** identified work completed, however once various consultations (parenting NI) currently live are closed, this may identify additional pieces of work to be progressed to be taken forward into the new plan for 24/27. KM reflected that there may be a wider piece of work than just school avoidance, significant numbers of parents presenting as overwhelmed post covid, useful to drill down on this matter. VM to take back to CYPSP for further discussion/consideration

**P4. Poverty** – helpful to duplicate the cost of living event held in March 2023, task group to progress. Important to encourage roll out and participation in School uniform recycling toolkit as we move into the new planning period - achieved £8k of savings across MU and Southern LPG.

**LPG – deferred**

**CSR update**

Consultation closed (1<sup>st</sup> December) 135/137 responses received, unsure how these have been broken down /quantified (group/individual/organisation/multiple organisations) Very detailed responses, DOH struggling to analyse responses in

timely way, additional resource required to do this. Plan had been for first cut to be available by end of Jan, however not able to deliver on this, potentially looking at end of Feb for 1<sup>st</sup> draft.

## **FSH**

Refreshed NA quarterly reporting template shared. The Northern Hubs have the highest number of referrals above Threshold and Unmet Need and accounts for 88% of the referrals regionally where unmet need prevented services. MD would be supportive of a piece of independent audit work around `thresholding` and reflected that it would be helpful to benchmark across the other hubs. May also be linkage to the high number of self-referrals received by northern hubs? Also raises the question do the Community/Voluntary organisations on the hubs feel they do not have the sufficient skills to meet the needs being put their way. SC noted that local discussion ongoing and thresholding would be part of this. BC highlighted that the Regional family support hub group are currently reviewing the different models across Trust and welcomed local work around threshold and unmet need. MD reflected that it would be important that the regional steering group leads this piece of work to address issues at a regional level. BC confirmed that currently working on a regional audit of C/V involvement and funding, to provide regional overview into FSH steering group around current functioning and potentially identifying what can be done differently. KG reflected on the uncertainty around funding and staffing resource also impacting on organisations instability in C/V sector and will have a bearing on family and statutory services. Report details top 5 reason for referral, over time will build a trend around this, significant referrals from GPs, again useful to review as part of local overview. Qtr2 25% of CYP referred to hubs had a disability and 10% of CYP referred were on the waiting list for an assessment/diagnosis.

## **AOB**

MG noted under CSR the development of workstream 9 family support chaired by Tom Cassidy, need to ensure good representation from Community /Voluntary and statutory organisations as role of hubs and capacity will inform discussions. A co-chair is also required from vol/community for this workstream. Separate DOH recruitment process for C/V representatives on working groups/steering groups for workstreams are on the NICVA website closes for V&Cs on 26th Jan 24.. MG to feedback on workstream 9 on a regular basis

## **Presentation at Next meeting:**

- Sharing the Care, Alison Adair, NHSCT

## **Date of Next Meeting**

25.3.24 @ 9.30am via MS Teams

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Maura Dargan

**Director CYP Division**