

**Northern Area Outcomes Group Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 3pm 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)	apology
Oisin Martin	HSCT (Hub Lead)	Present
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	Apology
Elizabeth Beattie	(CCG) Community Planning/Council	Apology
Fiona Surgeonor	(MEA) Community Planning/Council	Apology
Martina Totten now celena	(MU) Community Planning/Council	Apology
Michelle Adams	PSNI	Present
Bryan Leonard	Public Health Agency	Apology
Kate McDermott	Health and Wellbeing Manager	Present
Grainne Keane	Youth Justice Agency	Present
Jenny Adair	Childcare Partnership	Present
VACANT	LCG Link	
Deirdre Hasson	Education Authority	Present
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>		
Louise Kearney	Action for Children	Apology
Pamela Kirk	Barnardo's	present
Muriel Bailey	Parenting NI	Present
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	Apology
Kris Morris	Autism NI on behalf of K Maxwell	Present
<b>Community Sector</b>		
Zoe-Kernohan-Neeley	Early Year Organisation	Apology
Karen Graham	Carrickfergus YMCA	present
Sarah Geddis	BYTES	present
<b>BME Sector</b>		
VACANT		
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<b>Locality Planning Group Chairs</b>		
Mervyn Rea	Antrim LPG	Apology
Gerry McVeigh	Ballymena LPG	Apology
Roy Beggs	Carrickfergus LPG	Apology
David McAllister	Larne LPG	Apology
Ursula Marshall	Magherafelt & Cookstown LPG	Present
Michele Loughery	Causeway LPG out	Apology no longer
Jude Murphy	Newtownabbey LPG out	Apology no longer
<b>Locality Planners</b>		
Represented by Kate		Present

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

## Welcome and introductions

### Apologies – noted

Discussion required outside of this forum re blockages around attendance for group chairs. Una Casey and Kate McDermott to take forward. Useful to review and draft letter to go out to NAOG and LPG and potential new members from chair. **ACTION**

### Una Casey

**Notes from previous meeting** – agreed as an accurate reflection,

### Matters arising

- **NI MH prevalence study.** – Una Casey has confirmed with UU that all northern locality area data is required. To be shared once available. **ACTION**  
**Una Casey**
- **MHEWB framework** - Presentation schedule agreed ASD/ CAMHS September, (Oisin to confirm) Holiday Hunger November, (Una Casey to confirm) EHWP/EA early 2024, Una Casey to confirm. Carrick get active, Una Casey to confirm potential date. All presentation with be 15 mins max followed by 5 minute Q & A **ACTION Una Casey/Oisin Martin**

## Action Plan- Update from Task and Finish Groups

Continued difficulty in scheduling of groups.

**Childrens Disability** - met march, some actions agreed including invite to council reps to join, TOR shared councils to confirm who would be best reps, Hugh Nelson and Cedar also invited to join. Considering possibility of running a roadshow focusing on supports/information re Children Disability Services opportunity to link resources and develop a framework around this. Discussion ongoing re stretching CYPSP funding to facilitate this. Noted recent CYPSP launch of the new regional co-designed Guide for Parents of Children with Disability, which can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/YourJourneyGuide> This is a live document and it will be updated as new resources emerge. The resource is **by** parents **for** parents and its development has been parent led from the onset and addresses the whole life journey for parents of children with disability and additional needs. Could potentially use to pick up areas around behaviour management with this complex children/young people and demand/ resources within statutory areas that are

missing, collectively under CYPSP umbrella. Task and Finish group to bring this piece of work forward for inclusion in the live document.

**Ehwb** - not met as yet, stood down at present, keen to get it re-established.

**School attendance** - noted change in membership, due to pressures the group has been unable to get a further meeting convened. Agreed to review membership and potentially identify another chair. Pamela Kirk noted C2K website now available for teachers.

**Poverty**– identified work completed and group stood down at present, plan in place to review once a year.

### **Childrens Services review**

Very little progress since last meeting, currently at final report writing stage with planned Launch for the 21<sup>st</sup> June, high level messages remain as was i.e. ALB, no further indication of any other recommendations. Following launch there will be an opportunity to reflect and digest what this means for families, children and services moving forward.

### **Public funding cuts**

SPPG currently working through impact assessments for each Outcome group to evidence how these cuts have impacted FSH, this is a welcomed approach. At present asking groups to provide detail of services that have seen a reduction in capacity or have come to an end as a result of PFcuts, this will be collated on an ongoing basis. At present Northern hubs are the least impacted hub lost 13 organisations, other areas have lost significantly more, rolling on from the start of COVID19. Some services will be drip fed funding up to the end of June expect this will be ongoing. Situation will be closely monitored over the incoming months. Bronwyn Campbell confirmed that this will be a live document, currently gathering relevant information and discussion ongoing with SPPG as to how this data will be recorded. Bronwyn noted that it would be important that work around impact on services is share with senior teams and EXT board and use data being captured to influential conversations moving forward.

All partner organisations noted significant cuts/losses with respect to Early Intervention services throughout the Northern Locality. This will result in an increased demand on social services intervention. It was acknowledge that it was a difficult time for all Statutory and Voluntary organisations and the impact on their workforce, their families as well as the wider community was recognised.

Maura Dargan referenced recent meeting with EA colleagues where it was acknowledged that any impact in one area will have a bearing elsewhere. It was felt

that there was need for a collaborative approach around this regionally, SPPG to schedule a high level interface meeting involving the 5 Trusts and EA to discuss further, this direction of travel is welcomed and will be an opportunity to progress discussion and ensure a collaborative approach around priorities to protect areas.

Muriel Bailey noted announcement today re cessation of DOH core grant funding as at the end of September will impact 30 organisations in total, including CINI, CLC and Relate.

### **Family Support Hub update – Bronwyn Campbell**

Most relevant Referral sources GPs followed by Schools, Gateway and self-referrals. Within this cohort of children and young people 26% have a disability, 11% ADS/Aspersers, 7% waiting for an assessment /diagnosis for ADHD/Autism, 43% of families unable to access interpreting services. Currently working on end of year report to be circulated once available via J Scobie.

### **Update CYPSP – Una Casey**

Aidan Dawson/Maxine Gibson to have a further discussion on how best to engage with partners not in attendance, to gather their views on future meetings. Maxine Gibson will attempt to ascertain a majority view in respect of the discussion around the format and frequency of future meetings and develop more focused meetings, consider potential team building session for the group and further development of subgroups. Further update to be shared at September meeting. Review of LPGs ongoing to link with the ICP pathway keen to establish family planning groups. Midway review – presentation re action plan to be shared. Crescendo' School Pilot presented at Feb meeting (providing children with instruments/ working with Ulster orchestra) good outcomes, keen to see expansion of pilot.

**NOG/ SOG interface Dungannon/Midulster council area** – Priorities for area do not align. Planning meeting scheduled for incoming week to discuss further. Kate McDermott highlighted the good work ongoing behind the scenes in terms of collaborative planning. Ursula Marshall reflected on the successful work in the locality the previous year and it was agreed that it would be useful to duplicate this where possible. Update to be table at this forum once issue worked through.

### **ACTION K McDermott**

### **Update LPG – shared report provided by Kate McDermott.**

Good networking ongoing to improve the outcome for children and young people in the northern locality. Gaps in services/Emerging needs remain as previously noted. Issue around Vaping a schools, smoking cessation support being provided to schools. Cost of living/ poverty – organisations continue to promote supports available, list previously shared, available via CYPSP website. Issue raised via Larne/Carrick LPG where children/young people leaving hospital have been unable to access equipment required, due to long waiting list for wheelchairs, this can sometimes result in longer stays in hospital. Ursula Marshall noted that in the past

shop mobility in mid ulster had supply wheelchairs, Paed. Wheelchairs are also available and go ability can assist with free delivery service. Kate McDermott to follow up on this. **ACTION K McDermott**

### **New entrants NHSCT area**

Detailed overview provided at previous meeting, Maura Dargan noted North Coast hotel (Magheraboy House) Portrush has been stood up as at 22.5.23 for new entrant families, currently all other hotels focusing on single occupants. Health Visiting services assessing need and referring families/individuals on as required. Reflected on poor regional communication around this cohort of families.

### **Aob**

- K McDermott highlighted Infant Mental Health Awareness Week from the 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June.

**Date of Next Meeting** 11th September 2023 at 3pm via Ms teams

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Maura Dargan  
**Director CYP Division**