

**Northern Area Outcomes Group Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 2pm 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
Ciara McKillop	HSCT (Hub Lead)	Present
Susan Gault	HSCT (Public Health Nursing)	apology
Hugh Nelson	HSCT (Planning & Modernisation)	Apology
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	(MU) Community Planning/Council	Apology
Siobhan Watt	PSNI	Apology
Bryan Leonard	Public Health Agency	present
Kate McDermott	Health and Wellbeing Manager	Present
Grainne Keane	Youth Justice Agency	present
Jenny Adair	Childcare Partnership	Apology
VACANT	LCG Link	
Deirdre Hasson	Education Authority	present
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>		
Louise Kearney	Action for Children	present
Pamela Kirk	Barnardo's	Apology
Muriel Bailey	Parenting NI	present
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	Present
Chris Morris	Autism NI	Present
<b>Community Sector</b>		
Zoe-Kernohan-Neeley	Early Year Organisation	present
Karen Graham	Carrickfergus YMCA	apology
Sarah Geddis	BYTES	apology
<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	apology
Jude Murphy	Newtownabbey LPG	apology
<b>Locality Planners</b>		
Represented by Kate McDermott		present

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

#### 1. Welcome and introductions

Maura Dargan welcomed Louise Kearney, AFC (replacing Pamela Sweeney) and Bryan Leonard , PHA (replacing Maurice Meehan) to the group. Acknowledged Pamela and Maurice`s contribution to the group over the years. Maura Dargan noted that this would be Ciara McKillop`s last meeting moving to new post in SPPG in the New Year, will be replaced on this group by Oisin Martin,

#### 2. Apologies – noted

#### 3. Update from previous meeting

Last meeting held in September was a specific one agenda item re allocation of funding re NOG priorities, Sharon Crawford to provide update on work progressed. Previous meeting in June 2022 had been stood down due to sick leave; therefore, last recorded meeting was March 2022.

#### 4. Action Plan- Update from Task and Finish Groups

Summary report from Una Casey: (paper-shared) notes from all T & F groups incorporated in the report. All but one group met in November.

#### Priority 1 Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Conference held in June report card can be accessed on CYPSP website. Excellent feedback coming out of this event (200 in attendance), great networking opportunity to showcase ongoing work with respect to the journey from maternity services through to transition into adults. Noted that other Outcome groups would be interested in replicating the event in their own areas. Una Casey confirmed that there are no actions coming out of the event that the subgroup needs to take forward. Invitation extended to Paul Millar CAMHS lead at SPPG and QUB to present info on NI MH prevalence study. QUB confirmed there was a mop up session last week and advised that the information captured could be shared broken down into areas. It was agreed that Una would follow up on this. Keen to attend future meeting to raise awareness coming out of the study. Rollout of L1 and L2 trauma training K McDermott working on this and will present overview at a future meeting. Engagement DOH (Gerry) re MHEWB framework, Una Casey to follow up.

**ACTION: U Casey**

#### Priority 2: Early intervention support for children with disabilities and their families

Last meeting of task and finish group held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May, June meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance. Sharon Crawford highlighted ongoing issue around attendance, no question around member's commitment however, it remains an ongoing struggle to make the areas of work identified more deliverable and make the connections around lower level interventions to address the gap. Una Casey acknowledged the difficulty in getting groups organised and reflected that this would be a similar picture across the region as a whole, however now that the poverty group has completed the identified tasks, Una will have some time to support this group, which is welcomed. Una Marshall acknowledged Sharon Crawford's efforts around this to date and appreciated U Casey support to progress where possible. Kate McDermott confirmed her willingness to link in and Kelly Maxwell noted that given increased support into Autism NI, Chris Morris will join the group. Agreed that Sharon Crawford will remain as chair.

**Update re Northern Outcomes funding re CD** – Procurement process ongoing, CAG being developed and DAC in place to ensure Outreach programme continues in the interim. Una Casey confirmed as member of CAG group, work ongoing on specification to make the referral pathway more inclusive i.e. referrals from FShub.

**Priority 3: Support to children whose wellbeing is being affected by disruption to their schooling**

Piece of research work completed and available on website a few recommendations coming out for future consideration. Video for YWW and text a nurse developed and roll out to schools and promoted on C2K intranet for teachers to access, Family support NI to be also shared. Schools staff appreciate campaign didn't gain much traction, scoping potential with LPG coordinators of delivering training for teachers to address outcome `valued staff`

**Priority 4: Contribution to strategic cross Departmental actions in response to poverty, as well as locality based service responses**

Save the Children portal – programme ongoing, extended to move away from emergency response to provide long-term wraparound support. Funding secured through different resource and remains under review. Cost of living guide developed, live doc detailing support services available to families across the region, broken down for the 5 hubs. Updated twice a week, centralised document that can be added to via Una Casey. Carrick YMCA/CiNI keen to present to group re Carrick Gets Active programme to mitigate against holiday hunger. Subgroup has achieved all tasks outlined in the plan and will stand down, may meet in a further 6 months to piece up on any further work.

**5. Family Support Hub update – Bronwyn Campbell**

Regional overview – Families and young people referred continue to increase, Quarter 2 usually quieter quarter however reflecting a surge, i.e. 333 family referred, 450 additional young people. Last year 198 young people were awaiting

an ASD/ADHD diagnosis, as at end of Quarter 1 and 2, this year 353 waiting. Referral themes remain around financial support, emotional behaviour primary school aged children and parenting support, expecting a surge in referrals during Christmas period linked the impact of cost of living. Quarterly report data will be available for next meeting.

#### **6. Update CYPSP – Una Casey**

Work ongoing, last meeting stood down, focus at previous meeting was discussion with Prof Jones re Children Services Review.

#### **7. NOAG Action plan – Una Casey**

Updated document shared, significant work progressed to date and further meetings planned moving forward to focus on actions. OG members to link with Una Casey re staff from organisations that would be willing to contribute to identified work that could be co-opted onto the task and finish groups **ACTION: All**

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

LPGs continue to meet every other month and Kate reflected on the partnership/networking across groups. Key gaps across all groups identified, ie lack of translation services in NHSCT, would also be a regional issue. Cost of living remains significant issue, concern expressed that services providing support may not be able to keep up with the increasing demand, some areas raising concern re CAMHS waiting lists, ASD waiting times for assessment and in reach support. Noted that LPG pants campaign had been a runner up in the NHSCT Chairman's awards. Kelly Maxwell, Autism NI reflected on the 2 home based intervention services provided by Autism NI and detailed a number of other projects in the NHSCT locality, Kelly to provide detail, which will be shared with the group. Ciara McKillop noted similar supports provided by the Trust for families with children/ YP with ASD/ADHD newly diagnosed or awaiting diagnosis – Podcasts and webinars. **ACTION: Kelly Maxwell**

Detailed report highlight membership and attendance provided, agreed that it was welcoming that groups are meeting and continue to deliver.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

It was agreed moving forward presentations would be brought to the group throughout the year (20 minute slots) Una Casey to coordinate presentation timings. The following presentations were agreed:

- Carrick Get Active to mitigate against Holiday Hunger
- Autism/ASD
- CAMHS

- EA re EHWB strategy
- C McKillop referenced EA cuts in youth services to primary school aged children and query re formal representation from Outcomes group to EA re potential impact on families with children who have diagnosis of ASD/ADHD and significant waiting list for diagnosis. Deirdre Hasson to provide an overview of any bearing on parental supports and impact on funding to inform requirement from group. It was agreed that it would be useful to ask EA to present re EHWB strategy what is being provided to compliment provision by the NHSCT. Deirdre Hasson to link with Nichola Topping EA and confirm with Una Casey. **ACTION: Deirdre Hasson**
- Muriel Bailey noted programme being provided via Parenting NI to support parents with children young people on the waiting list for CAMHS, additional programmes to be provided in New year re child to parent violence and parenting your teen. Focus for the organisation is to assist the statutory organisation in addressing the waiting list and referrals accepted via FShub, Gateway services and self. With respect to CAMHS work, referrals coming directly from the teams.
- Una Casey noted piece of work she is taking forward re regional review of Locality planning, survey shared for completion with members and LPG coordinators. Once data available Una to share followed up by regional review paper. **ACTION: Una Casey**

10. **Date of Next Meeting** – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 @ 2.30pm via Ms teams

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**Director CYP Division**