

**Northern Area Outcomes Group Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 2.30pm  
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)	present
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
Michelle Adams	PSNI	Present
Bryan Leonard	Public Health Agency	
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	Apology
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>		
Louise Kearney	Action for Children	Present
Pamela Kirk	Barnardo's	Present
Muriel Bailey	Parenting NI	Present
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	Apology
Kris Morris	Autism NI	Present
<b>Community Sector</b>		
Zoe-Kernohan-Neeley	Early Year Organisation	Present
Karen Graham	Carrickfergus YMCA	Apology
Sarah Geddis	BYTES	
<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	Present
<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)	Apology
Bronwyn Campbell	CYPSP (Regional Family Support Hub Co-Ordinator)	Present
Julie Scobie	Minute Taker	Present

### **Welcome and introductions**

Maura Dargan welcomed those in attendance and noted Oisin Martin attendance in his new role, AD, CHDEWB replacing Ciara McKillop

### **Apologies – noted**

**Notes from previous meeting** – agreed as an accurate reflection, a number of titles to be corrected within the document.

### **Matters arising .**

- NI MH prevalence study. - Data shared at previous workshop/mop up sessions. QUB had confirmed that the information could be broken down into areas. Una to pick up action from previous meeting and obtain NHSCCT data. **ACTION: UNA CASEY**
- MHEWB framework - action from previous meeting re presentation regarding MHEWB framework, Oisin Martin to pick up and progress on behalf of this group. **ACTION: OISIN MARTIN**

### **Action Plan- Update from Task and Finish Groups**

Maura acknowledged that Una Casey had just returned to work following a period of extended sick leave prior to Christmas, therefore Action plan has not been updated. Very little progress across the groups since the previous meeting, agreed the Task and Finish groups would regroup in March and update will be available for next meeting in May. Confirmed that Una Casey will support Sharon Crawford with respect to Priority 2 workstream

### **Childrens Services review**

Maura Dargan provided a brief updated. Two further workshops held, one before and one after Christmas focusing on Workforce and children services structures, this has concluded the workshops. Prof Jones to draft his final report should be available for third week in June 2023. Prof Jones is convinced that an Arms Length Body (ALB) for children services remains the direction of travel to address unmet need for children in NI. Maura outlined how regional Directors are involved in the process to fully participate in the development of the options appraisal paper and consultation

process that will follow the launch. Maura encouraged members of the Outcomes group to feed into the consultation process when available.

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

No report available yet re Quarter 3, however from the raw data available Bronwyn was able to provide a brief updated. Hubs continue to be busy, 391 young people referred, GPs are the largest referral source 70 (23%), of these 43 were re-referrals. Significant increase in referrals of Children with a Disability noted, with 56% for ASD/ADHD services, 24 for those individuals referred are already on the WL for ASD/ADD/ADHD services, separate Data set to be developed for those young people waiting for assessment. Interpreting/translation services, data to be collated against this requirement given the increase in the ethnic minority population, 21 incidents recorded where service was not provided, therefore recorded as unmet need. Primary referral reason remains Emotional Behaviour regarding primary school aged children, 47 referrals were for services above Tier 3, 20 within Northern area, overall 19 referrals were made without consent in the Northern locality.

Hubs continue to struggle to meet the demand and the increase in the number of complex situations and a lack of available services linked to the hubs has a significant impact. Maura noted that in Trust a piece of work is being progressed to identify resources and areas of early intervention work that can be progressed alongside getting an understanding of the Community/Voluntary network in the northern area, where they exist and how this can be developed, regional data will help inform this work, Oisín Martin to link in with Bronwyn Campbell to discuss further. Report to be circulated once available. **ACTION: OISIN MARTIN**

### **Update CYPSP – Una Casey**

Next partnership meeting scheduled for end of February, update to be shared at next meeting.

### **NOAG Action plan – Una Casey**

Updated document shared following previous meeting, further update will be tabled at next meeting as task and finish will have regrouped.

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

LPGs continue to meet every other month and Kate reflected on the partnership/networking across groups. Gaps in services/Emerging needs remain as previous including the continued need for children's counselling services and the lack of in-home parenting/family support/ASD support. At the previous meeting 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, this information has been shared with LPG members. Kate McDermott noted that an underspend had also been used to provide extra counselling sessions in LPG areas (2 per locality area). Waiting lists for CAMHS and Cost of living remains a recurring

theme across all LPG areas, Parenting NI continue to support CAMHS in delivery of programmes to reduce WL which should have some impact on the current position.

Oisín Martin noted that in-house ASD services continue to be inundated with referrals and WLs continues to grow significantly for post diagnosis intervention work. Work ongoing regarding managing exception as to who services can support at this time. Kate McDermott to link with Oisín Martin to discuss further and it was agreed that it would be useful to add to overview of PAED ASD to the presentation overview list. **ACTION: KATE MCDERMOTT**

Muriel Bailey highlighted the work ongoing with NHSCT CAMHS (Catherine McColgan) utilising non recurrent funding to provide support to parents of children referred to Parenting NI via accessing spaces on Trust support programmes. Oisín Martin to clarify re referral pathway for those families known to Parenting NI, but not to the Trust and confirm with Muriel Bailey. Parents remain cautious about taking up a place on the programme as they think it will affect their child's position on the WL if they attend, working to reassure parents that this is not the case. Further programmes planned for after the Easter period. **ACTION: OISIN MARTIN**

Save the Children Family support initiative – with commitment from local council from October 2022 the programme has received 189 family applications and supported 389 children to date.

Good work ongoing across all LPG areas highlighted in shared report.

As noted at previous meeting Una Casey taking forward a piece of work re regional review of Locality planning Groups, a survey was shared for completion with members and LPG coordinators and feedback would be provided. Una to share infographics detailing the outworking from this piece of work with the group which will be circulated via Maura Dargan's office and findings will be tabled at the February Partnership group. Low response rate noted, however a useful piece of work that will assist in future planning as integrated care system keen to develop LPG and it would be useful to have synergy with them **ACTION: UNA CASEY/JULIE SCOBIE**

Members survey circulated and responses collated Total Regional Membership: 1532, Total Number of Organisations: 600 Regional Response: 166 equates to 11% - with respect to the Northern Locality Total members: 418; Member Organisations: 169; Number Responses: 30 equates to 7%

### **Any Other Business**

- Susan Gault reflected that it was 6 years since the Launch of the infant MH strategy, which is now due for rewriting, focus will be around parent/infant interfaces, once draft finalised it will be disseminated widely for comments
- Text a nurse service expanding next month for parents and teachers to access, regionally communication ongoing with schools/parents with to this expansion.

- Work ongoing within NHSCT re population health, focus has been mainly adults, however Susan Gault and Valerie Maxwell are now members of the group to ensure children are featured in terms of whole population health across the lifespan. CYPSP information to be shared at upcoming workshop to inform discussions.

Maura Dargan asked Susan to provide a brief overview to the group with respect to New entrants. Susan Gault highlighted that there are 3 schemes ongoing within NI

- Ukrainian home for home - families in all Trusts areas placed with hosts, tapping in statutory and community supports approx.. 400 in the NHSCT locality
- Asylum Seekers - 3 hotels in NHSCT locality currently housing individuals, classed as initial accommodation for when they enter the country until in a position to get settled. Accessing universal services and statutory agencies for support and safeguarding checks. Mostly single males with mental health issues, ie trauma, anxiety, depression, and isolation, working with community and Voluntary organisation in providing support. Approx. 200 asylum seekers regionally every month, currently developing a dispersal scheme across the region, 20 asylum seekers (some families and children) will be relocated into the Northern Trust locality (Newtownabbey/Coleraine) who will require significant input across universal services and social services.
- Relocation of Afghan families from England approx.100 per year. Within the Northern locality families will move into Antrim, Coleraine and Newtownabbey, some of these families have complex health and social needs and a wraparound support service from Statutory/community and voluntary organisations will be required to ensure their health and social needs are met.

Maura expressed that it was helpful for this group to be sighted on this as very much a growth industry across the board as expecting to see an increase in hub referrals and referrals to all statutory /community /voluntary organisations. To be added as a standing agenda item

As previously 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 **Oisín to identify presenter and confirm with Una Casey**
- CAMHS - **Oisín to identify presenter and confirm with Una Casey**
- EA re EHWP strategy **Oisín to take forward and confirm with Una Casey**

**Date of Next Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 @ 3pm via Ms teams**

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Maura Dargan  
**Director CYP Division**