

**Southern Area Outcomes Group**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Tues 6 February 2024 at 2:30 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

Agency/Sector	Statutory	Present	Apology
HSCT (Chair)	Colm McCafferty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (Family Support; Hub Lead; Safeguarding)	Leanne Spratt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (Disability)	Elaine Mooney Mark Irwin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (Public Health)	Gerard Rocks (Promoting Wellbeing)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (CAMHS)	Denise Carroll	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (CYP – Health Improvement Specialist )	Jacqueline Masterson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Education Authority	Kieran Shields Sarah Muldoon Donna Weir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
NI Housing Executive	Michelle Hazlett		
Community Planning/Council	Patricia Gibson (PCSP) Gary Scott (ABC/NMDDC) Alison Beattie (ABC) Allison Clenaghan (ABC) Celine O'Neill (MU)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PSNI	Karen Ross Constable Aine Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Health Agency	Collette Rogers Kelly McCartney Laura Taylor Danny Sinclair Dr Amanda McCullough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Parenting Coordinator	Martina McCooey		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Youth Justice Agency	Michael Heaney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Childcare Partnership	Kevin Duggan		
LCG Link	VACANT		
Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership	Gary Scott Safeguarding Co-ordinator, ABC & NMD Council		
Other Partnerships	Martina McAloon, GP Federation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>			
Early Years Organisation	Meabh Poacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
MENCAP	Mikhaila Woods		
Barnardo's	Michelle Harris		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Pat McGeough Gillian McKeown (Chair of Disability Task Group)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>NIACRO</b>	Ciara Corrigan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Clanrye Group</b>	Dara O'Hagan		
<b>Bolster</b>	Jacinta Linden (Also LPG chair)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>HSCT (Inequalities &amp; Inclusion)</b>	Robbie McCague (Chair of Ethnic Minority Group)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>BME Sector</b>			
<b>Craigavon Intercultural Programme</b>	Stephen Smith		
<b>Locality Planning Group Chairs</b>			
<b>Craigavon LPG</b>	Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craigavon)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Armagh LPG</b>	Michael Mac Cionnaith (Youth Action)		
<b>South Armagh LPG</b>	Annie Clarke		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Newry LPG</b>	Jacinta Linden (Bolster) Allison Slater	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Banbridge LPG</b>	Lucinda Love-Teggarty		
<b>Dungannon LPG</b>	Loraine Griffin (COSTA)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>In Attendance</b>			
<b>Locality Planning Officer</b>	Darren Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Planning &amp; Information Support</b>	Valerie Maxwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>CYPSP</b>	Maxine Gibson Una Casey Louise Dickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Administrator for Outcomes Group</b>	Ruth Alexander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Family Support Hub Co-ordinator</b>	Bronwyn Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>EHWB Framework Coordinator</b>	Gerard O'Hanlon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Theresa McShane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

## 1. Introductions & Apologies

Colm McCafferty welcomed everyone to today's meeting.

## 2. Minutes of previous meeting (29.11.23) and Matters Arising

Agreed as accurate reflection of last meeting.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS:

#### **Emotional Wellbeing Teams in Schools – Dr Theresa McShane (SPPG DoH), Regional Coordinator**

Presentation shared by Theresa, giving an overview of the work offered in Post-Primary Schools. Theresa is happy for this to be circulated to the Group and also happy to share resources, if anyone wants additional information.

Theresa advised their service does not do work with individuals, rather they work with groups of young people and teachers to build capacity in a universal area young people need support with ie anxiety issues coming up to exams, developing resilience to cope etc.

Theresa outlined their 4 year implementation plan, which will be offered across all post primary schools and EOTAS. This year they have capacity for 48 schools (up until June 24), and support was offered on a 'first come first served' basis. There may be capacity within the Trust to support those schools in Year 1 who got a shorter offer, to keep on long arm support, but this will be down to capacity in each individual Trust. Colm said it would be helpful to get a list of schools involved.

Colm advised where there are other appropriate pathways, it is important that these routes are followed/utilised, so that this Service is not overwhelmed. It was acknowledged this was a very positive development and it is important to promote and circulate information, so people know what's available and how to access services. Theresa agreed to come back to SAOG and provide an update later in the year.

#### **HSC Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing Framework - Gerard O'Hanlon**

Gerard O'Hanlon, Regional Coordinator for the HSC Children's EHWP Framework, discussed the Framework's development since 2016, its goals, and his role in reviewing and updating it. Gerard shared a presentation on the iThrive Model and its implementation in schools/education, emphasizing the need for Regional coordination and commissioning to improve services.

He also stressed the importance of early intervention and the role of the community and voluntary sector. Colm highlighted the need to address the significant increase in ADHD and ASD presentations and the urgent need for post-diagnostic intervention support services. Denise and Gerard discussed the importance of consistency and local need in their regional pathways. Valerie suggested linking with each of the outcomes groups to avoid duplication and add value.

**ACTION:** Gerard will work on the Consultation Framework and share it with Group members. He agreed to come back to SAOG in the autumn and provide an update on progress.

#### 4. Family Support Hubs (FSHs) Update

Bronwyn has circulated the FSH Monitoring Report containing data for Quarter 3. Colm acknowledged the quality of information and data available and emphasised the importance of using this data to identify where there are gaps and what the needs are. This will be key to the Action Plan going forward. Colm asked that Bronwyn be included in this planning.

Denise referenced a spike in the number of children presenting to CAMHS/ASD and suggested engagement with the Family Support Hubs in this regard.

**ACTION:** Bronwyn will have a conversation with Denise, and include Hub Coordinators, to discuss the impact of increasing referrals for children awaiting assessment for disabilities.

#### 5. Locality Planning Groups (LPGs) Update

Darren provided a brief overview of the LPG Report, which has been circulated. The “Take a Healthy Selfie” Launch is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. Darren shared the resources with the Group. If anyone wants any resources, let Darren know and he will distribute same.

Colm referenced the emerging challenge in Portadown associated with self harm and substance mis use and agreed to contact Darren, to see if there was anything they could do under Locality Planning. *[Further referenced under AOB]*

#### 6. Partner Updates – Issues/Challenges/Opportunities

No issues were raised.

#### 7. Refugee Resettlement and Contingency Accommodation Proposals for Asylum Seekers (for information)

Nothing new to update from the last meeting. Robbie has been liaising with local Councils. Colm has been keeping on the agenda at Departmental and SPPG level. A cross Departmental group has been set up, led by SPPG in relation to the management/planning of refugee resettlement.

Robbie advised that the information and dispersal has been slow. Meetings are planned with Mears and the Council for next week, and Robbie will continue to keep the Group informed when information is received. It was agreed to keep this on the Agenda for now.

## 8. Updates from Task Groups

### Emotional Health & Wellbeing – Valerie Maxwell

Valerie reported a meeting is planned for the end of February. There will be updates going forward, in relation to the work they are doing ie information for young people with anxiety issues, school refusal etc. Martina McAloon is involved in this work, and they are looking at a pilot within the MDT Team, to reach out to these young people. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

### Ethnic Minority – Robbie McCague

The Subgroup met a fortnight ago. Robbie gave a brief overview of ongoing work, including the letter template; interpreter card; and a language identification poster to reduce the impact the language barrier creates for people who struggle with English. This is going to be launched and will be send out as a suite of resources. Permission has been granted to pilot the digital translation devices, and they are trying to secure funding to buy multiple devices.

Funding has been secured for Cultural Competence Training to be developed into an eLearning Programme. It is hoped this will be ready by the end of March/early April. Robbie will share the Report on ethnic minorities work when published and provide more details if anyone has any questions. Happy for people to contact him outside of today's meeting.

### Our Journey Through Disability – Gillian McKeown

Gillian reported they are due to meet on 27 Feb 24, and plan to review the Actions on this year's Plan and look at any outstanding areas. The Group will identify areas for taking forward for the 2024-27 Plan. They are hoping to organise 2 Consultations with young people from Barnardos and MENCAP to gather feedback for the new 3 year plan, and are working with Valerie and Louise to take this forward. An action they would like to take forward is the co-production work for an "All About Me" Booklet for young people aged 17 – 25, similar to the one launched last year for children and young people. Gillian asked that SAOG Members continue promoting "Your Journey" Parents' Guide. This has been downloaded 8k times.

### Poverty & Family Support – Valerie Maxwell

Work continues with Council colleagues and the Cost of Living Resource is updated on a weekly basis, and is available on the CYPSP website.

**ACTION:** Valerie will re-send the link for the Cost of Living Resource to Ruth for recirculating to SAOG members, for sharing.

Celene reported that Martina Totten (Social Inclusion Manager) is doing work on community wealth building, to try and improve standards for local employability and better jobs, and how that impacts on people's income and quality of life. There is a series of test and learn projects going on at present

around participatory budgeting, good employment and fair pay. Valerie advised she will link in with Celene, to keep up to date on some of these pieces of work.

## **9. SAOG Planning Workshop for new 3 Year Plan**

Valerie advised that under legislation, CYPSP have to deliver a NI Action Plan every 3 years. The current Southern Area Action Plan runs out at the end of March, so a new Action Plan will be required from 1 April 24. Valerie asked SAOG Members to consider key areas to include in the new Action Plan, identify challenges/barriers and see if there is some way we can support/add value to develop a new Action Plan going forward.

It is hoped to arrange a face to face Workshop in June to develop the new Action Plan. Valerie will be in touch to plan this, and asked Members to think about areas and what this Group can do to support.

Three priority areas will be:-

- EHWB
- Poverty
- Family Support & Early Intervention

Michael advised it would be helpful to get a strategic steer from CYPSP before planning locally for the next 3 years. Maxine advised the next CYPSP Meeting was scheduled for 22 March, and they plan to have ready the consultation feedback from across LPGs and Outcome groups. The expectation is they will get agreement across the priorities, so that Outcomes Groups can start the planning.

## **10. Prof Ray Jones Review**

The Public Consultation closed on 1 December 2023. This is being reviewed by SPPG and DoH at present. Children's Social Work remains particularly challenging as a consequence of increasing numbers of children coming into the care system, recruitment challenges and not enough qualified Social Workers available. Work is ongoing by the 9 dedicated Workteams which have been set up, covering a number of areas.

## **11. Update on ICS (Integrated Area Planning Board)**

A Pilot is taking place in the Southern Trust – IPB. Colm has had some discussion with colleagues. Valerie has promoted, supported by Colette Rogers, to ensure it is aligned to the work by this Group, ie not duplicating or substituting it. Colm advised he will continue the discussions and try to influence going forward.

## **12. AOB**

Colm referenced the evolving situation in Portadown, following a number of young men who died through suicide prior to Christmas, a multitude of issues relating to societal problems, gangs, drugs, intimidating environment. Colm reported he attended a meeting last week, which included a number of voluntary and statutory Agencies, and some local politicians. This meeting explored what resources were available and how information could be provided.

Colm advised he would have a discussion with Valerie and Darren to consider any relevant SAOG actions. Darren advised he would link in with Deborah from the Craigavon Planning Group. A meeting will be set up over the next few weeks to take forward.

### **13.0 Date of Next Meeting:**

Thurs 11 April 24 at 10:00 am – via Zoom