

Southern Area Outcomes Group
Minutes of Meeting held on Wed 29 November 2023 at 10:30 am
Seagoe Parish Centre, 46 Seagoe Rd, Portadown

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		<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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Sarah Muldoon Donna Weir		<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Public Health Agency	Collette Rogers Kelly McCartney Laura Taylor Danny Sinclair Dr Amanda McCullough Orlaith Moley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Parenting Coordinator	Martina McCooley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Youth Justice Agency	Michael Heaney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Childcare Partnership	Kevin Duggan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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"/>	
Voluntary Sector			
Early Years Organisation	Anne Rice/Stephanie Elliot		
MENCAP	Mikhaila Woods		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barnardo's	Michelle Harris		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

1. Introductions & Apologies

Colm McCafferty welcomed everyone, a round of introduction followed and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (27.09.23) and Matters Arising

Agreed as accurate reflection of last meeting.

- **Peace Plus Application** – the deadline for submission has been extended to March 24. Alison will advise Colm/Valerie if any assistance is required.
- **GP Registration** – remains challenging, with new entrants struggling to get registered. Colm will keep this on the Agenda regionally, and asked that any issues are escalated within respective agencies as required and based on risk.
- **Post diagnostic support for families with ADHD diagnosis** – staffing/capacity issues continue to be a challenge in providing timely support beyond the diagnosis. Martina advised 2 programmes for families have been arranged to run in the New Year. Martina will share links and continue to promote.
- **AIPB** – Staff attended the workshop and gave a presentation. Colm has flagged the importance of links with Outcomes groups. This will be kept on the table.
- **CSCS Review** – Deadline for Consultation Response is Fri 1 December 23.

3. CYPS Pause and Reset Workshop Update (Valerie)

- **General Overview**

Valerie presented a general overview of the CYPSP Pause and Reset Workshop. A short term task group has been set up, to look at challenges/barriers, and to focus on solutions and recommendations to develop the future vision identified. Colm has agreed to be nominated for this Group.

Discussion followed and Michael Heaney raised the point about one of the challenges is making the CYPSP work relevant for all people/organisations attending. Colm asked for some reflection on this, and that it is important as a group to challenge ourselves regarding relevance and contribution both to the work of this Outcomes Group and CYPSP in general.

ACTION: Michael agreed to send Valerie feedback, so she can share with the Working Group. Colm asked Valerie to map the progress of the SAOG in light of the CYPSP Workshop.

SAOG is good at collaborating and identifying need but Colm acknowledged the lack of commissioning influence/ability, in terms of attracting resources. Health & Social Care do invest money into the Outcomes Group for Family Support, and are due to go out to tender early in the New Year. All current contracts are due to complete in May and new contracts will commence in June 24.

Valerie advised that Aiden will speak to Peter Toogood (Deputy Permanent Secretary) regarding commissioning/accountability, and will feed back any relevant information.

- ***Children's Reform Board and Workstreams/ Social Work Review Consultation***

Colm referenced the Children's Services Review Board which has been established in response to the work undertaken by Prof Jones. People are familiar with the reason for the Review and its findings. A Children's Social Care Services Strategic Reform Board has been developed, chaired by Peter Toogood (Deputy Permanent Secretary). A range of statutory agencies, including the 5 HSCT CYP Directors are members of this Board.

A number of dedicated Workstreams have been established. Colm gave a brief synopsis/overview of each of the nine Workstreams. (*See presentation*)

4. Family Support Hubs (FSHs) Update

An update report on the Southern Area Family Support Hubs was circulated. The format of the Report has been amended, and is now more succinct. Feedback from the Group in relation to the new format was very positive. It was suggested adding in a one line descriptor under the graphs. Bronwyn is happy to provide comment/narrative, and if there are any additional requests for information/stats let her know.

There have been some misconceptions regarding the Hubs, and Bronwyn advised she would be attending the next iThrive Online Webinar and will deliver at the start, the role of the Hubs.

5. Locality Planning Groups (LPGs) Update

LPG Report and School Uniform Recycling Toolkit have been circulated. It is hoped to replicate the school uniform recycling toolkit next year. Darren advised it is not just for schools, but includes sports clubs, church and faith-based groups, PTAs and any other relevant groups who may be interested. Colm agreed to keep on the Agenda with EA.

Darren shared information on the new Resource "Take a Healthy Selfie" Guide, an initiative designed to signpost young people and their parents/care givers to resources, to support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. It is hoped to have an online launch in the New Year. Darren would appreciate a few members from SAOG becoming involved and attending the launch. Martina McAloon, Robbie McCague, Bronwyn Campbell and Martina McCooey advised they'd be happy to be involved and will contact Darren.

Darren agreed to send out information about the new Bereaved NI Website, currently under construction. They have invited comments/suggestions of gaps, to be completed via the online feedback proforma by 1 Dec 23.

6. ABC Community Planning

Alison gave a brief update on Community Development. Alison advised they support the Advice Centres. Also they have some funding for primary schools that could benefit from practical support, equipment etc. Alison advised the group in relation to some of the services they provide – wraparound services for poverty; financial assistance programmes etc, and offered to share information with the Group.

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

Colm advised there is limited information to update on since the last meeting. One meeting of the newly established SPPG Oversight Forum has taken place in September. The number of asylum seekers continues to grow. The drive is to resettle families away from multiple occupancy accommodation, which means families will need to be resettled outside Belfast, in other Trust areas.

Colm reiterated to SAOG if any of their Agencies/Organisations become aware of Child Protection issues, a referral should be made to Social Services. Some families don't have recourse to public funds. A systematic approach is needed so that families can access services.

Michael Heaney referenced a CYPSP Subgroup is looking into unaccompanied minors, who may be disproportionately drawn into the criminal justice system.

8. Updates from Task Groups

Emotional Health & Wellbeing – Jacqueline Masterson

Jacqueline advised they had a meeting yesterday. She gave a brief overview of the work ongoing:-

- CAMHS is going into schools, working with teachers, classes and young people.
- EHWP support programme for staff for all schools
- Continuing to look at 13+ Services – what's already available and how to communicate that to individuals. When scoping is complete, information will be shared with Agencies.

Ethnic Minority – Robbie McCague

Robbie gave an update on the ongoing work by the Ethnic Minority Group. Work continues around the language barrier including:-

- An interpreter card;
- The letter template which has been translated into 20 languages – clearly stating H&SC services, so people will know it's important;
- Currently putting together a suite of resources for people to access;
- The Pilot to use a digital contact device is currently with governance, awaiting final written permission. ED in CAH have agreed to pilot as well.

Cultural competence pilot for training staff is also complete and an application has been put in for funding.

Our Journey Through Disability – Gillian McKeown

Valerie reported this Group is due to meet again within the next 2 weeks. They are taking forward a piece of work based on the Guide released in May. It was felt it would be useful to develop a version for 18+ young people going to University, and work is ongoing on this. Going forward the group will look at “Our Journey” and what to take forward over the next 3 years.

Poverty & Family Support – Valerie Maxwell

Valerie advised they will continue to link in with the Councils. They will continue to update/refresh the cost of living information. You can print off for your own area. Valerie will recirculate via Colm's office.

9. Participatory Budgeting ABC Council Presentation (15-20 mins) – Michelle Markey, ABC Council

Michelle shared a short video and gave a presentation on Participatory Budgeting (PB). They will be launching the next Take £500+ PB Fund on 4th December 23. Valerie advised the process wishes to link in with unmet need identified through Outcomes, and establish if there are opportunities to encourage groups of young people or Community & Voluntary groups to participate in this tranch of funding applications.

ACTION: Michelle will send information about next week's Launch to Valerie for circulating. If anyone wants to be involved in the PB Working Group, let Michelle know.

10. AOB

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Tues 6 February 24 at 2:00 pm – via Zoom