

**Northern Area Outcomes Group Meeting - 16th September @ 10am
via MS teams**

Name	Organisation	Present/Apology
Statutory Sector		
Maura Dargan	HSCT (Chair)	Present
Sharon Crawford	HSCT (Disability)	Present
Oisin Martin	HSCT (Hub Lead)	present
Claire Crowe	HSCT (Public Health Nursing)	Apology
Hugh Nelson	HSCT (Planning & Modernisation)	Apology
VACANT	NI Housing Executive	
Nicola McCall	(MEA) Community Planning/Council	
Ronan McKenna	(A&N) Community Planning/Council	
Connor Cuning	(CCG) Community Planning/Council	Apology
Elizabeth Beattie	(CCG) Community Planning/Council	
Celena ONeill	(MU) Community Planning/Council	Apology
Michelle Adams	PSNI	
Maurice Meehan	Public Health Agency	Apology
Kate McDermott	Health and Wellbeing Manager	Present
Grainne Keane	Youth Justice Agency	Apology
Jenny Adair	Childcare Partnership	Apology
Deirdre Hasson	Education Authority	present
Michelle Gibb	CRUN	
Voluntary Sector		
Louise Kearney	Action for Children	Present
Monica McCann	Barnardo's	Present
Muriel Bailey	Parenting NI	Present
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	Present
Zoe-Kernohan-Neeley	Early Year Organisation	Apology
Karen Graham	Carrickfergus YMCA	Apology
	BYTES	
BME Sector		
VACANT		
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Locality Planning Group Chairs		
	Antrim LPG	
	Ballymena LPG	
	Carrickfergus LPG	
David McAllister	Larne LPG	
Ursula Marshall	Magherafelt & Cookstown LPG	Apology
	Causeway LPG	
	Newtownabbey LPG	
Locality Planners		
Represented by Kate McDermott		present
In Attendance		
Maxine Gibson	CYPSP (Professional Advisor)	Apology
Valerie Maxwell	CYPSP (Planning & Information Manager)	present
Bronwyn Campbell	CYPSP (Regional Family Support Hub Co-Ordinator)	Present
Julie Scobie	Note Taker	Present

Welcome and apologies noted. Monica McCann replacing Sean McCosker as Barnardos rep on NAOG, will be joining late.

Last mtg was workshop in June, this had been an opportunity to reflect on the previous 3 year action plan and consider priorities for the next 3 years.

V Maxwell provided overview

Draft action plan developed from workshop June 2024.

Page 3 of shared document outlines Plan on page against regional priorities

Priority – Early Help/family support for all – key messages work better together, strengthen links and avoid duplication. Outcome and actions highlighted – empowering/support for parents, ensure equity of access available to all families, including CWD. Continue to provide practical family support to parents and yp and continue to scope out additional support, task group to consider. EISS expansion tied into f2f family support. Under evaluation of EISS, linked to outcomes from services user Hub, this piece of work will be reliant on providers providing outcomes from referrals received via the FSHub, work to be taken forward by T&F group to benchmark and track. T &F group to be mindful of work ongoing under workstream 9 - looking at impact of hub models and FS. Potential to consider similar process as within WHSCT re splitting outcomes funding to deliver practical family support in partnership utilising outcomes star as feedback process, essential that a review of contracts is undertaken to consider what is currently being delivered and identify any gaps.

Improve early intervention for Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing needs of children and families including School disruption. – Chair to be agreed, S Lynn no capacity, membership to be consider and identify who is best to lead on this. Outcomes and actions highlighted. V Maxwell noted workshop held in Sept on school avoidance, good attendance, parents presented on individual circumstances and EWO outlined regional work ongoing to support families, a principal also presented on examples of work currently being progressed. Una Turbitt confirmed as link via V Maxwell to all OGs, with respect to support around school based anxiety and avoidance.

- K Maxwell noted free parenting support courses available for those families with children/young person with autism `school can`t`, can be accessed post diagnosis, need to ensure parents aware of available resources.
- D Hasson/V Maxwell noted RAISE programme, initiative which aims to raise achievement to reduce educational disadvantage. Whole community, place-based approach in localities across Northern Ireland to support the Department of Education's vision that "every child is happy, learning and succeeding". In place within Northern Trust area in various schools. D Hasson to seek information pack for group that can be shared and consider potential presentation at future NAOG meeting. TBC

ACTION: D Hasson

- M Dargan reference email correspondence from Stephen Dallas, BYTES, who is member of CYPSP,CSCRB workstream 9, and associated t and F group, email highlighting significant youth support /engagement in place across sites, 35 youth workers situated within NHSCT significant infrastructure. M Dargan to advise S Dallas that Charlene Cowan is the Bytes rep on NAOG and advise him to link with Ads within NHSCT re potential alternative to statutory support services. **ACTION: M Dargan**

Improve early help/ access to support for children with a disability and their families

Outcomes and actions highlighted. – T & F group to finalise content of workbook moving forward; to consider potential links with other voluntary organisations and councils. Potential link in with Mae Murray and Angel Eyes, V Maxwell confirmed reps identified to join T&F group to take this work forward. M Dargan noted caution given read across to CSCRB work, important to ensure NAOG adds value to work already in place and avoid potential duplication. V Maxwell reflected that she will progress the NAOG action plan will align to the council's community plan in respect of C&YP to ensure no duplication. Rep from Antrim/Newtownabbey Council has shared details of other Council colleagues across the NHSCT locality to allow for alignment against other Councils. K McDermott already feeding into Causeway Coast and Glens Council community plan, V Maxwell/K McDermott to have further discussion and arrange to meet with councils. Read across into new program for government will be actioned. Also mindful for linkages into CSCRB workstream 5. K Maxwell also noted Autism amendment act 2022 and linkage to development of early intervention service. Also noted PHA Special school partnership in place across several Trust areas, within Northern Locality Hillcroft, Julie McGinty, useful to link in re potential representation on T & F group, V Maxwell to take forward. **ACTION: V Maxwell**

Poverty /cost of living - Outcomes and action plan highlighted. K McDermott noted previous links with Save the Children, FSH, councils and community advisory services post covid. Applicant to NHS charities unsuccessful this year, however plan to resubmit in January 2025. Workshop confirmed with councils in October, keen to see good representation from all councils, keen for council community planning to take lead re access to funding from DOC to ensure extended wraparound for those families in need. Need to ensure families are aware of support services that can be accessed i.e. FS free t/c service, emergency essential funds, DOC 'make the call' service, individuals can check if they are getting all the benefits, services and supports they are entitled to. **ACTION V Maxwell/K McDermott**

Next steps - V Maxwell to write out and seek nominations to sit on Task and Finish groups, to take forward identified work. Keen to link into work individuals undertaking within own role so not to create additional pressure. Seeking nominations from individuals familiar to the work or happy to be signposted to an appropriate rep to capture expertise, not just restricted to NAO members. Previously identifying Chairs has been problematic, keen to make this role streamlined and supported as much as possible. With respect to Poverty T&F group keen for Councils to lead with support from K McDermott/V Maxwell. Update to be provided at next meeting. **ACTION V Maxwell**

CYPSP - work ongoing, going forward agreed that there will be 2 short meetings per year and 1 workshop where outcomes groups will provide an update re delivery against CYPSP action plan, currently work ongoing to finalise regional CYPSP plan, potentially October. M Gibson to present new plan to new monitoring Board, made up by deputy permanent secretaries who are keen to link with CYPSP as interested in resources outlined on website. Agreement given that council & other partner agency venues can be used for free if organisations delivering programmes under CYPSP remit.

LPG update – paper shared, given summer recess, very little update. MU and CAUS have met recently short update provided, remains good appetite from members in terms of involvement and engagement.

- **MU** – speakers attended re autism café project in WHSCT, group keen to progress similar in Northern Trust Area. Group also linking with Happy lives partnership re healthy eating project. Positive feedback from parents who undertook 10 week f2f course via FSH in Mid Ulster re Solihull approach 'understanding your child, 100%

retention rate, positive feedback with parents established their own whatsapp support group. Keen to build on this and deliver more this year in other Trust areas.

- **CAU** – keen to access small funding opportunities similar to previous year to provide support to CYP/families

CSR update – M Dargan - still under consideration by Minister. Recommendation re ALB for CSC includes other Departments, Health Minister has shared with colleagues from other departments to seek their views and commitment to inform position Health Minister takes moving forward, no confirmed timeline, hopeful this side of Christmas. CSCRb progressing other recommendations where they can, governance structure and oversight in place.

FSH – 23/24 report shared – reflecting highest number through Northern hubs since inception, increase of 527 families from previous year, Regionally increase of 778, 68% as a result of Northern hub referral increase. Referrals re CWD in year 25% CWD awaiting assessment 9%, SE higher at 39%, but linked to their model, number referred with a physical disability high. Regionally children with Autism had the highest number of disability referrals. In the Northern Area GPs remain the largest key referrers at 18% in 2023/24 compared to 22% last year, similar position within SEHSCT. This was followed by Self referrals at 13% (10% last year) Emotional support for primary school children remains highest unmet need in 23/24 within NHSCT similar picture within WHSCT. Families support, 12% seeking financial support within NHSCT. Overall reflecting a significant increase within NHSCT over the last 5 years. EWO referrals, Una Turbitt keen to look at this moving forward.

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- K Maxwell noted that the CWD subgroup had been stood down over summer, V Maxwell confirmed that the decision had been made to stand down this group to allow M Gilson to review the various streams of work ongoing under CSCRb, CYPSP to avoid duplication. K Maxwell reflected that given the data provided by the FSH it may be beneficial to convening again with a specific focus, as some of the members on the subgroup had not applied to join the working group, but would have useful contribution to work being driven forward under CSR. V Maxwell to discuss with Maxine Gibson and advise. **ACTION V Maxwell**
- Autism NI continue to lobby for the creation of a specialist autism mental health service, currently over 22,000 signatures.

Date of Next meeting December 2nd at 10am via msteams. D Hasson to confirm re potential presentation re RAISE, O Martin to pause arrangements re PAED SLT/OT presentation until confirmation received.