

Northern Area Outcomes Group Meeting – 2nd December 2024 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)	present
VACANT	NI Housing Executive	
Nicola McCall	(MEA) Community Planning/Council	
Ronan McKenna	(A&N) Community Planning/Council	
Connor Cuning	(CCG) Community Planning/Council	
Elizabeth Beattie	(CCG) Community Planning/Council	
Celena O'Neill	(MU) Community Planning/Council	
Michelle Adams	PSNI	
Maurice Meehan	Public Health Agency	present
Kate McDermott	Health and Wellbeing Manager	Present
Grainne Keane	Youth Justice Agency	present
Jenny Adair	Childcare Partnership	Apology
Deirdre Hasson	Education Authority	present
Michelle Gibb	CRUN	
Voluntary Sector		
Louise Kearney	Action for Children	
Monica McCann	Barnardo's	Present
Muriel Bailey	Parenting NI	Present
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	Present
Zoe-Kernohan-Neeley	Early Year Organisation	present
Karen Graham	Carrickfergus YMCA	present
Charlene Moleria	BYTES	present
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	present
	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)	Apology
Julie Scobie	Note Taker	Present

Welcome and apologies noted.

Minutes of September meeting agreed as accurate reflection of discussion. Actions reviewed and confirmed

- RAISE programme – D Hasson has provided the information pack, to be shared with members, agreed presentation April
- Align action plans to Council community plans - Valerie Maxwell/ Kate McDermott to continue to link with councils in NHSCT area to align action plans to Community plans to ensure access to funding from DOC
- Poverty/ cost of living – included in community planning piece of work.

Comprehensive presentation given by Deirdre Lavery re Paed SLT & Associated services which include SEN and RISE (regional integrated support for Education). Service provides Therapy, assessment and intervention through locality based services in a variety of settings. 2500 referrals annually, service runs an open referral system, including self-referral. Care aims framework improving services in collaboration with SU and other providers to provide tailored intervention. Presentation to be shared following today's meeting. Following presentation a number of questions were put forward.

- U Marshall queried if Children/ Young people with Tourette syndrome would fall under Paed SLT. Deirdre Lavery confirmed if the young person had an identified SLT communication needs, alongside this condition they would be referred to SLT
- Z Kernohan-Neely – queried re support for very young children in preschool /early years setting. Deirdre Lavery confirmed that regional work was being progressed with respect to this cohort of very young children to identify where to put services, linked to the 'balance system' /population focus.
- M Meehan noted ongoing challenge for those families where English is not their first language. Deirdre Lavery confirmed that resources have been translated into other languages and services can be offered in the main language of the family, service continues to work closely with interpreters to support this.

Comprehensive presentation given by P Murphy re Paed OT, highlighting what is available to children/young people within the NHSCT area. Service offers a tiered model of service delivery, locality based teams across NHSCT. Given the long waiting list, up to 2 year for sensory advice it was felt that alternative resources were required to support families/professionals which lead to the development of a range of different universal resources outlined in the presentation which has resulted in a decrease in referrals and has helped address the lengthy wait families were experiencing for universal services. Targeted work also progressed to support engagement with parents via bi monthly workshops, positive feedback received. Service also developing multi professional/multi-disciplinary drop in clinics (Children's OT, SLT, Health Visiting, ASD Intervention), again a targeted approach to provide early intervention to families whilst on waiting list, hope to have this in situ early 2025. Presentation to be shared following today's meeting. Following presentation a number of questions were put forward

- Z Kernohan- Neely – noted that support very much focused on parents, queried re support where children are in fulltime day-care, how do these facilities access support. Paula Murphy noted as universal services are open to everyone, contact can be made via this pathway, happy to discuss further

with Early Years colleagues. EY to consider alongside multi-disciplinary programme. Z Kernohan-Neely and P Murphy to discuss further.

NAOG action plan 24/27 - task & Finish groups membership – V Maxwell

Well received in terms of nominations for T & F groups, good representation across different agencies. Any additional nominations to go through to V Maxwell. Dates scheduled to move forward on action plans.

- CWD 11th Dec, helpful to link in with D Lavery and P Murphy to include detail shared in today's presentations – **V Maxwell**
- EMHW/School Avoidance first meeting of this group scheduled for 21 January, to go through plan and identify how to take forward and deliver against identified areas;
- EH/FS/poverty/cost of living scheduled for the 28th January, plan embedded, moving to implementation phase. Keen for more council representation on this T&F group, V Maxwell to discuss further with K McDermott – **V Maxwell/KMcDermott.**

Looking for strong chair to drive forward the work within each group, will be discussed at upcoming meetings. M McCann highlighted the good level of support provided from CYPSP for chairs. V Maxwell noted that CYPSP are now in position to seek permanent replacement for U Casey, recruitment process to follow, this will provide additional support

LPG update – paper shared

LPG continue to be well attended with good network ongoing with HWB officers/LPG members in and across each of the localities. Highlighting similar themes across all areas in terms of

- online safety issues, anxiety; mental health, emotional behaviour support, body imaging, building YP resilience.
- Education issues, EHWB transition, exams, school refusal and how it can impact on mental health.
- Financial cost of living impact on families, financial pressures leading up to Christmas.
- Lack of ASD f2f support and lack of services Autism.
- Small grant process ongoing, inviting submission for small pots of funding to support siblings of young person with an Autism diagnosis.
- CYPSP small grant process circulated to all LPG members in November agreed proposals should link with priorities outlined in CYP action plan.
- Work ongoing with J McConville ASD coordinator to support development of Autism info drop in cafes in the New Year across each council area within NHSCT.
- Engagement events facilitated in NRC, Magherafelt, Cafre and Greenmount College.
- CAMHS invited to next Mid Ulster LPG meeting, 3 topics for discussion have been selected by the LPG to help tailor this session.
- Save the Children, Family Support Programme in partnership with councils/Trust continues to run on a limited budget with referrals made via Community Advice Service for families with at least 1 child under 6 years in all Localities.
- Currently completing scoping exercise re council locality approach re cost of living/poverty.

CYPSP update V Maxwell

Draft CYPSP plan out for consultation, circulated for comments

CSR – M Dargan

Review conference organised by C&V colleagues held last week, to take stock of position, one year on from publication of Prof Jones report. Minister announced his commitment to proposal for ALB and Minister for children's and appreciated the requirement for these, however he did note that at his most recent conversation with the Executive there was a lack of consensus with respect to both. M Meehan raised the relationship between integrated care system and CSR, Area Integrated Partnership Board established, helpful to discuss relationship with NAOG given core focus is early intervention/Prevention. Maura Dargan and Valerie Maxwell confirmed that discussion around linkages are already in place.

Family Support hub update - Quarterly infographic data to be shared in once received.

AOB

Maurice Meehan raised concern re Roots of empathy programme within the NHSCT area given recent discussion with Hugh Nelson who has indicated that further investment is required. Delivery at risk from February/March 2025. Further discussion to be had following today's meeting to reach as potential resolution.

Maura Dargan
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