






## Northern Area Outcomes Group Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 via MS teams

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

Agenda item	Discussion
1, 2 & 3	<p>Welcome and apologies noted.</p> <p>Minutes of December meeting agreed as accurate reflection of discussion.</p>
4	<p>Comprehensive presentation given by Jenny Adair, Early Years Team in SPPG re: the areas of responsibilities of the teams, different grant schemes available and SureStart work. Please see attached presentation delivered and supporting notes for members.</p> <div data-bbox="245 465 660 591">  EYT SPPG -Powerpoint Pres NC   ELCC Strategy - key areas of work.docx </div> <p>Following the presentation a number of areas were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O Martin noted the significant amount of industry in the strategic and operational domain.</li> <li>• J Adair advised that SureStart should be imbedded well within LPG's – C Cunning noted that his area are trying to build up relationships.</li> <li>• O Martin discussed the recurrent theme re: the financial situation within Northern Ireland. J Adair discussed how difficult it is to plan ahead when funding is only released in pockets. J Adair highlighted that the level of engagement with fathers was impressive.</li> <li>• J Adair discussed that SureStart was a well-known project at local levels. J Adair would welcome any opportunity to showcase further the expansion of SureStart however this is all dependant on budgets. J Adair would welcome all support from any partners.</li> <li>• C Crowe commented on the current low level of support available for deprived, rural areas within the Northern Trust area.</li> <li>• B Campbell discussed that within Workstream 9 – it is coming through strongly the need for longer term investment and consistent investment.</li> </ul>
5	<p>Comprehensive presentation given by Sarah Fielding and Nora Sullivan from Co-Operation Ireland re: "Our Generation Project". Please find attached presentation that was delivered and an invite to the information &amp; engagement event in Coleraine planned for Friday 7th February from 12-2pm.</p> <div data-bbox="245 1500 660 1626">  Presentation for Outcomes Group M   Coleraine Circle Exchange Invite.pdf </div> <p>Following the presentation a number of areas were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O Martin thanked both Sarah and Nora for their presentation and noted there would be a real benefit in promoting this message. O Martin felt it would be valuable for Sarah and Nora to present this information to the SBNI Committee on Mental Health and Childhood.</li> <li>• V Maxwell advised this was a great project and emphasised the importance of needing to think about connections. In relation to the Task and Finish groups it would be great for Sarah/Nora to link in with some of the projects moving forward. V Maxwell offered to meet with Sarah and Nora to look at the Action Plan/recommendations. V Maxwell thanked Sarah and Nora for reaching out to the outcome groups.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B Campbell highlighted this as an excellent opportunity and would be keen to link in with Sarah and Nora re: the 29 Family Support hubs.</li> <li>• C Moleria also agreed it would be beneficial to link in with area managers in respect of this project.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>NAOG action plan 24/27 - Task &amp; Finish groups membership – V Maxwell:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Improve early intervention for Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing needs of children and families including school disruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group met on 21st January – V Maxwell noted this was a positive meeting with good outcomes. Outcome 1 has changed and outcome 2 is remaining the same.</li> <li>• Looking at connecting the Causeway Coast and Glens through the GP Federation MDT – making connections in the background. V Maxwell advised they are intending to run a small pilot if possible, evaluating this information and capturing the learning.</li> <li>• Need to look at funding.</li> <li>• Work ongoing – number of actions for members to take forward. Next meeting 2nd April.</li> <li>• All T&amp;F groups are open for members to join – email V Maxwell if interested.</li> <li>• Chair position remains outstanding.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Improve Early Help/access to support for CWD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considerable amount of work ongoing. New behaviour workbook guide being developed. There is co-production work with parents in relation to the workbook, V Maxwell is hopeful this will be launched soon.</li> <li>• Raising awareness of supports currently in place – discussing with parents about how best to share information and how families can access this.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) Poverty/cost of living: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting on 28th January was postponed due to number of apologies. Date to be arranged</li> <li>• V Maxwell working with council colleagues in Community Planning re: how they can add value to each other's work without duplications.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
7	<p><b>CYPSP update – V Maxwell:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates on plan changed to 2025 – 2028.</li> <li>• NI CYP plan being launched this week. It will be out for consultation for 4 weeks and will be circulated to all members within the outcome groups.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>Update from LPG's:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No issues raised by C Cuning.</li> <li>• O Martin advised that he and colleagues from Paediatric Autism and CAMHS have been invited to the Mid-Ulster LPG meeting in March. Members of the LPG had a range of queries i.e. triages, waiting lists.</li> <li>• O Martin felt it would be useful to set up a rotating arrangement across the Northern Trust LPG's to provide a Q&amp;A opportunities for members across the Trust area.</li> <li>• Update provided from K McDermott. Members to read over.</li> </ul>

	 <p>Report from UPG to Q&amp;A Dec 2024</p>
9	<b>CSR update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further update from last meeting.</li> </ul>
10	<b>FS Hubs – B Campbell:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In q2 there was a dip in the number of families referred although this is worrying it is consistent with figures across the region.</li> <li>Updated report will be shared as soon as possible. B Campbell discussed referral/allocation figures. O Martin felt that with the Northern Trust Encompass Go-Live back in November, this may have affected operational and referral activity.</li> </ul>
11	<b>Any other business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C Crowe advised she is part of the Northern Partnership and Population Health Committee which Neil Martin and Anne O'Reilly chair. Voluntary and community sectors are part of this meeting. Need council representation.</li> <li>C Crowe discussed the Alarmer Distress BaBy Scale (ADBBS training) - an institute of health visiting research project to upscale 57 health visitors to identify withdrawal in young babies. This is to help identify and quantify the need for an infant mental health service in NHSCT.</li> <li>K Maxwell noted there was an all-party motion on 20<sup>th</sup> January calling for a specialist Autism Mental Health Service. This was not considered by the Executive. O Martin was keen to support with initiatives in the ASD/Neurodiversity domain in any way possible.</li> </ul>
12	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14<sup>th</sup> April 2025</li> </ul>

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