

Northern Area Outcomes Group Meeting – 30th June 2025 via MS teams

Name	Organisation	Present/Apology
Statutory Sector		
Maura Dargan	HSCT	Apology
Tracy Magill	HSCT interim Director	Present
Catherine Beatty	HSCT (Disability)	Apology
Nadine Kane	HSCT (Co-Chair) (Assistant Director CHDEW)	present
Claire Crowe	HSCT (Public Health Nursing)	present
Hugh Nelson	HSCT (Planning & Modernisation)	Apology
VACANT	NI Housing Executive	-
Nicola McCall	(MEA) Community Planning/Council	-
Connor Cuning	(A&N) Community Planning/Council	present
Elizabeth Beattie	(CCG) Community Planning/Council	-
Celena O'Neill	(MU) Community Planning/Council	-
Michelle Adams	PSNI	-
Maurice Meehan	Public Health Agency	present
Kate McDermott		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	present
Monica McCann	Barnardo's	present
Muriel Bailey	Parenting NI	Apology
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	Present
Zoe-Kernohan-Neeley	Early Year Organisation	-
Karen Graham	Carrickfergus YMCA	-
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		-
In Attendance		
Valerie Maxwell	CYPSP (Planning & Information Manager)	present
Bronwyn Campbell	CYPSP (Regional Family Support Hub Co-Ordinator)	present
Julie Scobie	Note Taker	Present

Agenda	Discussion
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1,2 and 3 noted	Amendments to notes from 14.5.25 meeting received from Maurice Meehan, notes will be amended to reflect change.
4	CSR – updated presentation deferred to next meeting. Michael Ferris to provide overview of work progressed by various workstreams. No further movement re ALB.
5	<p>NAOG action plan 24/27 - Task & Finish groups membership – V Maxwell:</p> <p>1) Improve early intervention for Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing needs of children and families including school disruption: Keen for rep. to replace Dr Martin, (TBC), noted work with respect to potential small project in Causeway Coast and Glens area with respect to social prescribing for children and young people with respect to EHWP/school avoidance. Working in partnership with Trust, Council; EA (education welfare team) and MDTs.</p> <p>2) Improve Early Help/access to support for CWD: Meeting regularly – subgroup driving piece of work around the development of guide (workbook) for parents regarding behavioural support, good progress made, will include identified themes, parents very involved in design stage and throughout the process, further meeting this week to progress. Subgroup will also review the action plan to identify any other areas to be included. Noted meeting with Catherine Beatty, NHSCT, interested in widening T&F group to v/c reps to ensure widen scope around this cohort. Valerie Maxwell updating action plan to note progress to date will be share via Julie Scobie once available.</p> <p>3) Poverty/cost of living: Meeting dates to be confirmed over summer to progress identified work. Noted work with A&N council to align work in community plan into the NAOG plan bringing added collective value, learning to work being progressed. Conor Cuning AN council keen to link in with respect to ongoing issue re intimidation of families accessing Food banks in Antrim to consider if there is any help that can be given from a Council perspective. Bronwyn Campbell to take forward.</p> <p>Maurice Meehan noted that NICVA/Save the Child and Barnardos are currently corresponding with the Minister highlighting that the Poverty strategy is not fit for purpose, queried if there are any actions being taken forward by group that would link with regional strategy. Valerie Maxwell reflected that Councils continue to lead on this area and NOAG continue to work collectively with Councils to scope out ongoing work, resources/supports and identify pathways, ensuring individuals are aware of these and how to access. Bronwyn Campbell also highlighted linkages with all hubs and Money matters, hub coordinators undertaking OCN (recognised qualification) with respect to providing finance advice.</p>
6	<p>CYPSP update – ValerieMaxwell:</p> <p>CYPSP workshop held on 5 June - Overview of the day provided by Bronwyn Campbell.</p> <p>Focus of discussion around partnership roles and responsibilities resulting in a number of asks, shared with members for consideration, to be returned to Sharon McMinn CYPSP. 3 examples of best practise shared, supportive models/valuable resource to help and support families in the community. Presentations shared via Julie Scobie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensual Grant Making across Derry City & Strabane District Council • SHSCT – Addressing the impact of language barriers & Improving access to H&S care

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEHSCT - Help kids talk <p>Bronwyn Campbell noted potential linkages with the Trusts Northern Partnership & Population Health Committee and NOAG to ensure work focus is inclusive (0-19 years as well as adults) Need to consider the logistics around this.</p> <p>Valerie Maxwell noted the CYPSP translation Hub, provides important information on Health, COVID-19, Education, Housing, Employment, Contacts for support available on CYPSP website, link shared https://cypsp.hscni.net/translation-hub/</p>
7	<p>Update from LPG's: K McDermott - report to be shared once available</p> <p>Work continues at pace, well attended by members who value the meeting as an opportunity to highlight issues on the ground. Local action plans align with CYPSP 4 main priority areas. Themes of issues on the ground remain as previous, noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • helpful intervention in Causeway area with respect to school avoidance following input from CAMHS team in schools, beneficial support, however has highlighted the difference in resources across schools/areas. Claire Crowe noted that it could be something the Enhanced School Nursing project could assist with. Kate McDermott to confirm. • small grant scheme available in all areas throughout the year, valuable resource that can be utilised to address local issues on the ground. • upcoming face to face parenting support programme RISE/FSH in Coleraine area in September time. • Kelly Maxwell reflected that school avoidance within the ASD community would be not a choice, the environment is the trauma and individuals can be out of the system for significant periods by the time families come to Autism NI, Children's Commissioner focusing on this area in the incoming year, Kate McDermott to share this detail. • Weekly newsletters continue to be shared with members of LPG, opportunity to share info/work being progressed with other LPGs.
8	<p>FS Hubs – Bronwyn Campbell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter 1 data not available as yet, will be shared in due course. • Provided an overview of the new formatted report with specific detailing of unmet need. A more visual report focusing on each hub area with an end summary sheet detailing unmet need reported for each area. Unmet Need clearly defined as those families/individuals referred into the hub for a specific service, hub unable to link family to required service as no service in place or demand outstripping the resource available. It was noted that when the required service is not available wraparound services are put in place, however referral remains unmet as required service unavailable. Bronwyn Campbell provided a brief overview of unmet need within the NHSCT geographical area, a number of similar categories noted with one consistent area across all of NHSCT re counselling. This is very much overarching detail, unable to drill down on an individual basis, FSH have the ability but not the capacity to do this. Following further work/discussion an additional category to be added those families/individuals waiting more than 8 weeks for service to commence once allocated to a service. • Noted work with A&N council re enhancing service/council funding to support delivery around areas of unmet need, keen to do similar with other partnership members to look at how to support delivery, potentially bringing budgets together to identify resources. Kelly Maxwell outlined piece of work within the WHSCT via a match funded process that demonstrated this initiative very successfully.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear messaging coming out to partners re ownership of information coming through sits with partner organisations to come together to collectively address the required need. Task groups key to developing this further, expectation is that partners will step up in relation to unmet need either at local level via LPG or collectively as partners of CYPSP. • Noted recent fully day event in WHSCT with colleagues/branches within MDT and hub coordinators – provided helpful understanding of roles, relationship building and opening up lines for communication, maybe something NHSCT could potential consider if felt helpful.
10	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Crowe noted that Susan Gault, previous long-term member of this group has retired from the Trust, Elizabeth Whyte confirmed as Head of Service. • Infant mental Health strategy 24/29 now available, Claire Crowe happy to share copy. • Claire Crowe highlighted the Alarm distress baby scale ADBB project being rolled out within NHSCT. Project is designed to support infant mental health and emotional wellbeing. Data will be shared once available • Inclusion work CYPSP- Claire Crowe referenced the community hub held weekly in Ballywillian Church in Portrush for Asylum seekers/refugees housed in the Magheraboy hotel, provides an essential support system for families. • Claire Crowe noted the Enhanced School Nurse project (dedicated School Nurse located in a school, with a reduced caseload, to deliver innovative, transformational and pupil focused services) fantastic outcomes evidence from this joint EA/NHSCT project. Currently located in Abbey College, to be rolled out in to Parkhall College in Antrim. • Maurice Meehan noted that parenting focus have indicated that they will be out of business within the next 12 weeks, will have significant implications financially and on services that will not be delivered as a result of this. (parenting programmes) • Bronwyn Campbell referenced Maxine Gibson retirement and acknowledged her contribution over the years to CYPSP. • Kelly Maxwell noted recently released webinar- understanding Autism Webinar (for parents and carers) link shared https://autismni.org/courses/understanding-autism-webinar-parent , can be shared on as appropriate. New courses released every month.
11	<p>Date of next meeting: 29th September @ 9.30am via msteams. Presentations scheduled Take 5 support programme – Selena Ramsey; CSR update – Michael Ferris</p>

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