



Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

Minutes of South Eastern Area Outcomes Group

Tuesday 28th January 2025

Cloona House - Colin


Present:

Lynda Vladeanu	Assistant Director, Health and Well-Being
Annie Armstrong	CNP
Amanda Armstrong	SET Child Development Interventions Coordinator (CDIC), Performance Improvement
Bronwyn Campbell	Regional Lead for Family Support Hubs, Community Care (CCD)
Wendy McKimmie	Action for Children
Ed Sipler	Health Development Specialist – Addictions
David Simpson	Lead for Changing Life's CNP Colin
Dearbhla Holohan	Barnardo's
Jason Caldwell	Assistant Director - Safeguarding & Family Support - Children
Patricia Mackey	AND Council
Wendy McKimmie	Action For Children
Conor Crawford	Resurgam
Noelle Hollywood	Community Health Development Practitioner, Health & Wellbeing
Valerie Maxwell	Children's Services Planning & Information Manager, Community Care (CCD)
Louise Dickson	Children's Services Planning Support Officer, Community Care (CCD)
Bryan Leonard	Health and Social Wellbeing Improvement Manager, Health Improvement PHA
Paula Hookings	Secretary – Lynda Vladeanu

Apologies:

Pauline McMullan	Lisburn YMCA
Kate Fleck	Bryson
Lyn Preece	Director Of Children's Services
Siobhan Graham	Belfast Women's Aid
John Hunsdale	Ascertainment
Sarah Fielding	Cooperation Ireland
Lorraine Noade	Head Of Service
Evelyn Curran	Manager, HSCB Board




	Agenda Items	Actions
	Welcome and Apologies	
	<p>Lynda welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted and a round of introductions made.</p> <p>No minutes from the last meeting as it was the workshop</p>	
	Update on Review of Children's Social Care Services (Jason)	
	<p>Jason gave a comprehensive review of the feedback from the workshop held before Christmas.</p> <p>Peter Toogood (Chair of the Reform Board) had been present.</p> <p>Recommendations that were highlighted from this workshop were presented to the NI Executive which so far have not been implemented or taken forward.</p> <p>Ongoing funding shortages in Children's Services budget needs addressed urgently.</p> <p>Buy in from some Agencies/Champions e.g. Justice Agency, Naomi Long</p> <p>SEHSCT –Children's Services will continue delivering the skill mix of services across the Trust, with partnership working from Col/Vol groups which they have a good alliance with.</p> <p>However, there are large waiting lists for some services and the shortage of staff has been highlighted, which is currently being addressed. Open floor discussion took place around Fostering, Disability Services and Residential. Due to the lack of staff and funding some services cannot be duplicated in other areas of the Trust.. Demand exceeds capacity.</p> <p>Emphasis was on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> effective working relationships with partners, Resources Champions for Young People Advocate for Young People at all levels Funding Staffing levels 	
	CYPSP Regional Update (Valerie)	

	<p>Develop NI. Children & Young People's Plan 2025-2028 Implementation cooperate plans align with all agencies. Regional Plan forwarded for consultation closing date 4/52. Sets out regionally overall partnership - Health Trusts leading on this. Governance around all input from Agencies.</p> <p>Discussion around meeting 3 times a year. Incorporating 2 short meeting Feb/Oct, workshop June/Sept, all members of the group will be informed of dates etc. The workshop will focus on developing new regional priorities, Outcomes Group, Locality Planning Groups and a discussion on the Integrated Care Systems and what outcomes have been achieved.</p> <p>Ed Sipler questioned the ongoing involvement of CAMHS Emotional Health & Wellbeing Practitioners, are they still involved? Linking in together through the Hubs and offering their services.</p>	
	<p>Draft Action Plan (Valerie & Lynda)</p>	
	<p>Discussion centred around the Action Plan which had been circulated from the workshop Valerie thanked all for their feedback. The main Priorities that were agreed at the workshop were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children with a disability • Poverty • Emotional Wellbeing • School Distribution <p>Comments on the Draft Action Plan were discussed in the meeting.</p> <p>"Live" Action Plan will be revised on an ongoing basis. 3 Year plan - align with the 11 Council Areas and Trusts going forward.</p> <p><u>SE Outcomes Plan 2025/27</u> Task & Finish Groups are being established and if any member of a member of an organisation is interested in joining a group please forward name to Valerie or Louise</p>	<p> SEAOGActionPlan24- 27 DRAFT.docx</p> <p>Nominations required for task & finish groups – nominations to Valerie or Louise</p>

	Se Outcomes members will take ownership of the plan and work collectively to deliver on the actions and outcomes.	
	Family Support – Regional & SE Area Update (Bronwyn & Amanda)	
	<p>Family Support Hub Activity update: Figures being compiled for Q3 show referrals are consistent for Q3 2024-2025 as compared to Q3 2023-2024</p> <p>The highest number of referrals are received from the Lisburn/ Colin area: 44%, Ards & North Down: 30% and Down: area 26%</p> <p>Referrals for children on the assessment pathway for Autism account for 21% of all referrals received 2024-2025</p> <p>Post diagnosis, referrals for emotional and behaviour difficulties account for 15% of all referrals 2024-2025</p> <p>The Hub has also started to offer Parenting programmes in each of the 3 areas Solihull in Lisburn Incredible Years in Bangor in Partnership with Homestart Solihull in Downpatrick with Action for Children</p> <p>FSH Coordinator post Karen Otley is retiring end of March 2025 after 35 years with the SEHSCT. Karen has made a significant contribution to the Hub in that time</p> <p>Recruitment has begun and a new Coordinator and will hopefully be in post later this year</p> <p>Discussion around the numbers and buy in from partners which offers more flexibility. There has not been a high increase in number of referrals but a higher rate of referrals in relation to children with disabilities.</p>	
	Locality Planning Group Updates (Conor RESURGAM) David – Colin	
	Colin Locality Planning Group - David Positive news is that a new 4-year Early Intervention Neurodevelopmental Support Pathway project has received EU Peace Plus	

	<p>funding of up to 8.36 million Euros. Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive is a cross-border partnership involving Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Archways (a Dublin-based organisation) and Dundalk Institute of Technology, with a focus on supporting parents of children on the waiting list or pre-waiting list for Autism/ADHD assessment and other behaviour challenges.</p> <p>CNP is responsible for project delivery across the South Eastern, Belfast and Northern Trust areas. Archways will cover Counties Louth, Monaghan and Cavan.</p> <p>Recruitment of project staff is underway and its suite of supports: individual assessments, workshops, webinars and eHealth packages, and a range of evidence-based parent support programmes, will begin to be rolled out, through both face-to-face and online delivery, from July 2025. In total, it will work with at least 8,700 parents/carers.</p> <p>Changing Lives is in discussion with the Department and regional Family Support Hubs about a referral mechanism. It was emphasised that this initiative is not simply about providing enhanced support services for the duration of funding, but about developing a consistent model of early intervention for neurodevelopment conditions that will impact significantly on waiting lists and become an integral and sustainable part of an evolving Emotional Health & Wellbeing Framework, across Northern Ireland as well as in the South.</p> <p>It was agreed that Changing Lives should be included in the SEAOG Action Plan 2024-2027.</p> <p><u>Resguram Early Intervention</u> - Conor EIL projects:</p> <p>Help Kids Talk A new staff member has been recruited – high increase in referrals. Recent survey has gone out to the local community – feedback will be collated and circulated at the end of March out by March. Over 1000 responses to the survey</p>	
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	<p>Aim to develop training and showcase the positive work that is being carried out in the area and</p> <p>Connected Minds mental health and wellbeing Currently being funded with help from Barnardos and Co-op Aimed towards children up to 4 ½ years.</p> <p>Connected Minds Empowering Youth Project Over 225 people have been mentored through the project Youth Wellbeing pilot project has been well received working in conjunction with local schools.</p> <p>Safeguarding Board - roll out of training being offered to young people in the consultation process. How can young people access/avail of this training and what services are being offered in the community. How can services be accessed. Engagement to find the best possible outcomes either online, eHealth, apps. Currently in the process of revamping Directory of Services.</p> <p>Have also offered Culture nights via Cross Community to showcase cultural changes in the community.</p> <p>Working with local primary schools (P7) who are in the process of transiting to Secondary school, all children who participated in this programme thought it was very worthwhile and good positive feedback received.</p> <p>Conor spoke of a young person who had previously attended a programme and who is now actually leading on this programme, showcasing the positive impact this had on this individual.</p>	
	Members Update	
	<p>Downpatrick Neuro Café – 28 February 2025 Information and support event for parents and carers of children with Autism and ADHD and those awaiting assessment on Friday 28 February, 10-12 noon at SERC Downpatrick Campus. Hoping to replicate the service in Downpatrick and Ards.</p>	<p>https://cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Neuro-Cafe-poster_280225.png</p>

	<p>New Generation Project - details attached</p> <p>Cooperation Ireland</p> <p>Emotional Health & Wellbeing link with Outcomes Group.</p>	<div>  <p>Updated OUR Generation Flyer 2024</p> </div> <div>  <p>Copy of OUR Generation Informatic</p> </div>
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	<p>Please email Valerie if you would like to sit on the Task & Finish Group ASAP.</p> <p>Ed was thanked by Annie for delivering an informative workshop on Self Compassion as part of the volunteer personal development programme. Very well received.</p> <p>Ed spoke about ongoing training and offering Self –compassion and Bend Don't Break training – details attached.</p>	<div>  <p>File.pdf</p> </div>
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