

Southern Area Outcomes Group
Minutes of Meeting held on Tues 18 February 2025 at 2:30 pm
Via Zoom

Agency/Sector	Statutory	Present	Apology
HSCT (Chair)	Donna Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (Family Support; Hub Lead; Safeguarding)	Leanne Spratt		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (Disability)	Elaine Mooney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (Public Health)	Gerard Rocks (Promoting Wellbeing)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (CAMHS)	Denise Carroll		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HSCT (CYP – Health Improvement Specialist)	Jacqueline Masterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Education Authority	Kieran Shields Sarah Muldoon Aileen O’Callaghan Maureen O’Gorman (obo)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NI Housing Executive	Michelle Hazlett		
Community Planning/Council	Patricia Gibson (PCSP) Gary Scott (ABC/NMDDC) Alison Beattie (ABC) Allison Clenaghan (ABC) Celine O’Neill (MU) Alan Beggs (NMD)	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PSNI	Karen Ross Annie Campbell		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Health Agency	Collette Rogers Kelly McCartney Laura Taylor Danny Sinclair Dr Amanda McCullough Orlaith Moley Lucille Lennon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Parenting Coordinator	Martina McCooey		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Youth Justice Agency	Michael Heaney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Childcare Partnership	Kevin Duggan		
LCG Link	VACANT		
Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership	Gary Scott Safeguarding Co-ordinator, ABC & NMD Council		

Other Partnerships	Martina McAloon, GP Federation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Voluntary Sector			
Early Years Organisation	Meabh Poacher		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MENCAP	Mikhaila Woods		
Barnardo's	Michelle Harris		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Pat McGeough Gillian McKeown (Chair of Disability Task Group)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NIACRO	Ciara Corrigan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Clanrye Group	Dara O'Hagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bolster	Jacinta Linden (Also LPG chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HSCT (Inequalities & Inclusion)	Robbie McCague (Chair of Ethnic Minority Group)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
BME Sector			
Craigavon Intercultural Programme	Stephen Smith		
Locality Planning Group Chairs			
Craigavon LPG	Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craigavon)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Armagh LPG	Michael McKenna (Youth Action)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
South Armagh LPG	Annie Clarke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Newry LPG	Jacinta Linden (Bolster)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Banbridge LPG	Lucinda Love-Teggarty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dungannon LPG	Loraine Griffin (COSTA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
In Attendance			
Locality Planning Officer	Darren Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Planning & Information Support	Valerie Maxwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
CYPSP	Maxine Gibson Una Casey Louise Dickson		
Administrator for Outcomes Group	Ruth Alexander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Family Support Hub Co-ordinator	Bronwyn Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Child Protection Nurse Specialist	Isobel McNamee Nesbitt Marie Doran (obo)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Our Generation Project	Sarah Fielding Nora Sullivan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

1. Introductions & Apologies

Donna welcomed everyone to today's meeting and a round of introductions followed.

2. **PRESENTATION:** Our Generation Programme – Nora Sullivan & Sarah Fielding – 20 mins

Sarah and Nora provided a comprehensive overview of the Our Generation Project, a cross-border partnership led by Action Mental Health, funded by the PEACE Plus program. The project aims to empower and invest in young people aged 9 to 25, with a focus on marginalized groups and rural areas. The project's outcomes include enhancing mental health literacy, boosting emotional resilience, and developing leadership skills. The project will work with 33,000 children and young people, and 5,000 key youth workers over three years. Nora then detailed the delivery of the project, highlighting the various training schemes offered by the nine partner organizations. The training schemes are designed to address specific needs and will be delivered in various formats, including digital resources, art, music, sports, and podcasts. Nora and Sarah highlighted the Project's focus on early intervention and cross-border collaboration, including emphasis on neurodiversity, digital safeguarding, and early mental health and emotional well-being.

Valerie expressed interest in collaborating with Our Generation to deliver on the Action Plan for the Outcomes Group in the Southern area, and will encourage the Chairs of the Task Group to reach out. Jacqueline highlighted the potential for the project to address areas of high school exclusion. Colette suggested a potential partnership with the project to educate young people about the impact of nicotine on their mental health and anxiety levels.

Donna noted her appreciation for the flexibility shown by Nora and Sarah in collaborating with existing projects. Nora and Sarah have been invited to meet with all the FSH Coordinators across the region, and are planning to come and speak to the LPGs also. Michael McKenna expressed interest Youth Action collaborating with the group and discussed the potential for young people to earn an OCN qualification while working on public health projects. Michael happy to provide his details.

ACTION: Nora/Sarah agreed to forward presentation slides and their contact details to Ruth for circulation to the Group.

3. Minutes of previous meeting (12.12.24) and Matters Arising

Agreed as accurate reflection of last meeting.

Update on Matters arising:

Draft SAOG 3 Year Plan 24-27 – It was confirmed this is the final version. It is a live version and will be kept updated by Valerie. Valerie will circulate the link to the Plan to the Group.

ACTION: Valerie to circulate the link to the updated SAOG Group 3 Year Plan.

Elaine provided an update on CWD service developments. The Trust welcome the much need investment for CWD and as a result have been able to employ a CWD worker in each of the Family Support Hubs, and increased capacity with community and voluntary sector provided through existing contracts to upscale supports to families and children with disabilities. Elaine also discussed new after-school programs and plans to further upscale contracts with existing providers. Donna expressed interest in hearing more about these developments when contracts are finalized. Denise to provide a briefing on the CAWT application at the next meeting.

ACTION: Denise Carroll to provide a briefing on the CAWT application at the next SAOG meeting.

RAISE Program – Following their meeting with Claire Humphrey on 23/01/25, Darren and Valerie updated the group on the collaboration with RAISE, assuring that they are working to align their work with CYPSP and Outcomes Group, and avoid duplication. The meeting was very positive. They are not at the delivery stage yet, the intention on the locality planning side is to incorporate into own action plans. Valerie has asked for nominations for EHWP and school avoidance groups. This is something that will progress moving forward.

Gillian and Elaine to liaise and explore organising a seminar/event during the latter part of 2025 to review progress on the Our Journey through Disability initiative. This will be discussed further at the next SAOG meeting.

4. Family Support Hubs (FSHs) Update

The FSH report card has been circulated for Q3. Bronwyn presented the Q3 report card for the family support hubs, noting a slight drop in referral acceptance but an increase in demand. Work on the Regional Referral Form continues, some GDPR issues. Donna referenced the office of CSWO and members of Workstream 9 attending the SHSCT and getting a flavour of work going on in the FSHs in the Southern area. Feedback was positive.

5. Locality Planning Groups (LPGs) Update

Darren's LPG report has been circulated to the Group. Darren announced the return of education welfare service to the Locality Planning Groups, which is very positive. Positive feedback was shared on the Take 5 self-care program, and Darren hopes to share the report card at the next meeting.

Darren announced an upcoming event called "Strong Foundations, Healthy Relationships Matter" on 13th March at the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, focusing on healthier relationships for men across different age groups. Darren will share the Flyer when ready and all are welcome to attend. Valerie suggested linking with the Our Generation Project, which Darren agreed to do. She also mentioned requesting nominations from EA Education Welfare Service for the school avoidance task groups across Northern Ireland. Kieran agreed to raise these issues in the next senior leadership team meeting. Donna emphasized the importance of discussing therapeutic play as a support to children

alongside where clinically indicated accredited play therapy when referring to early intervention services.

6. Partner Updates – Issues/Challenges/Opportunities

Michael (YJA) acknowledged Robbie's contribution to the Children & Young People Strategic Partnership subgroup. One of their priorities is children from an ethnic minority background in the criminal justice system. Robbie attended the subgroup, bringing his knowledge and experience particularly in the area of training and awareness, which was very much appreciated.

7. Refugee Resettlement and Contingency Accommodation Proposals for Asylum Seekers (for information)

Robbie highlighted the need for better information sharing when individuals are dispersed across different areas or move between Trusts. Robbie advised they are feeding concerns back to Mears and DoH about the lack of information being shared.

8. Updates from Task Groups

Emotional Health & Wellbeing – Jacqueline Masterson

Jacqueline reported that the Emotional Health & Wellbeing Task Group last met on 4th Feb. Craig McKee was in attendance. They discussed the issue of school avoidance, noting the increase in young people who were missing school sporadically, and how they could work with these young people to see if they could reduce that in some way. Links with education are key in this area.

Jacqueline referenced 2 subgroups – the Language Review subgroup, looking at language (both positive and negative) that is used toward young people by adults. The second subgroup was looking at a Parents Reference Group. The group would welcome an EWO Rep to help progress the project aimed at supporting isolated 13 to 16 year olds.

Ethnic Minority – Robbie McCague

Robbie referenced the Linked In Families Together Report, which Valerie has shared. Permission has been given for this to be shared widely, and Robbie will forward the Report again for sharing with the minutes.

ABC Council are continuing to run Community Welcome Hubs across the locality. These are open to everyone, with a targeted approach to marginalised and ethnic minority communities. These will run until the end of March, and it is hoped to maintain these on fortnightly basis going forward. Robbie referenced the ongoing work through Leadership Centre and the report being drawn up through the engagement with women and young people seeking international protection.

Robbie and Martina are continuing work on the translation device pilot and hope to have the evaluation ready by the end of March. This is very positive and it is hoped to get additional resources to send out devices across multiple settings. Lastly, Robbie shared about the cultural competency framework, a booklet and e-learning aspect available on the HSE's learning platform. Robbie said he would forward the pdf version of the cultural competency booklet to Ruth for sharing with the Group.

Robbie acknowledged the extensive work of the Southern Trust area in developing an outcomes guide, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and partnership. Donna commended the initiative, particularly its potential to address barriers for ethnic minority groups accessing services. Robbie noted the guide's widespread interest and the diverse groups reaching out for learning and collaboration. Donna highlighted the need for evaluation and staff engagement, especially in areas with limited access to Wi-Fi and network.

Our Journey Through Disability – Gillian McKeown

Valerie reported the group last met on 22nd Jan 2025. She presented updates from the Disability Journey group, including a toolkit for inclusivity, a pilot project with Mencap, and the development of a new guide for young people transitioning to adulthood. Valerie also mentioned the rollout of Parent Plus programs in special schools, with a focus on encouraging parental participation.

Poverty & Family Support – Valerie Maxwell

Valerie reported the Family Support group has not met yet. She went on to update the group on the progress of the poverty work, highlighting their collaboration with Council colleagues in relation to pathways and access to fuel vouchers etc. A new section has been added on the cost of living to the Translation Hub.

Donna expressed appreciation for the positive work being undertaken and the collaboration. Valerie also mentioned that she would be linking with each chair to update the plan with the progress made.

9. Ray Jones Review

Donna then discussed the Ray Jones Review, stating that the minister had not reached an agreement, via the Stormont Executive on an arm's length body, but that other actions within the report were being taken forward.

10. Update on ICS (Integrated Area Planning Board)

No update today

11. AOB

Valerie brought up the consultation on the Northern Ireland Children & Young People's Plan, which has been circulated, encouraging everyone to review it and provide feedback

12. Date of Next Meeting:

Tues 8 April 25 at 2:30 pm – Virtual Meeting