



Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

## Minutes of South Eastern Area Outcomes Group

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Blair Mayne Leisure Centre – Ards

### Present:

Lyn Preece	Director Children's Services ( Chair)
Lynda Vladeanu	Assistant Director, Health and Well-Being
Danielle Sinclair	Head of Health Improvement
Amanda Armstrong	SET Child Development Interventions Coordinator (CDIC), Performance Improvement
Alan Beggs	NMANDD
Wendy McKimmie	Action for Children
Mabel Scullion	Barnardos
Patricia Mackey	AND Council
Wendy McKimmie	Action For Children
Noelle Hollywood	Community Health Development Practitioner, Health & Wellbeing
Louise Dickson	Children's Services Planning Support Officer, Community Care (CCD)
Nicola Flarrell	
Jayne Savage	Womens AID
Pauline McMullan	Family Support Hub Co-ordinator SEHSCT
Tracey Louise Brownlee	Lisburn - YMCA

### Apologies:

Jason Cardwell	Assistant Director - Safeguarding & Family Support – Children's
Lorraine Noade	Head of Service
Jonny Trimble	EA
Monika Ciok-Giertuga	ND YMCA
David Simpson	Lead For Changing Life's – CNP Colin
Ed Sipler	Health Development Specialist - Addictions
Bryan Leonard	Health and Social Wellbeing Improvement Manager, Health Improvement PHA
Heather Bulfin	LCCC
Annie Armstrong	CNP
Bronwyn Campbell	Regional Lead for Family Support Hubs, Community Care (CCD)
Siobhan Graham	Belfast Women's Aid

Brian Kee	PSNI
Evelyn Curran	Manager, HSCB Board

Agenda Items																					
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>																				
	Lyn welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted and a round of introductions made.																				
2.	Minutes from the last meeting were previously email out and matters arising were discussed																				
3.	<b>Update on Review of Children’s Social Care Services ( Lyn Preece)</b>																				
	<p>Position unchanged on formation regarding formation of an Arm Length Body for Children’s Services. It has been 2 years since Professor Ray Jones review and concerns regarding the pace of change.</p> <p>Regional workstreams are meeting and taking forward agreed actions</p> <p>Regional Workstreams:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Workstream No.</th> <th>Workstream Activity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td><i>Waiting Lists</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td> <i>Workforce:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruitment &amp; retention</li> <li>Skills Mix</li> </ul> Workforce development and support </td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td> <i>Residential Placement Capacity:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looked After Children</li> <li>S/Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children</li> </ul> Care Leavers </td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td> <i>Fostering:</i>  Recruitment and Retention, including allowances and structures </td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.</td> <td><i>Children with a Disability:</i> Implementation of the Strategic Framework</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6.</td> <td> <i>Regional Care and Justice Campus Implementation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harmonisation</li> <li>Prevention</li> </ul> Integration </td> </tr> <tr> <td>7.</td> <td> <i>Policy and Legislative Reform:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looked After Children Strategy</li> </ul> Adoption and Children Act </td> </tr> <tr> <td>8.</td> <td><i>Reducing Bureaucracy</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.</td> <td><i>Family Support</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Workstream No.	Workstream Activity	1.	<i>Waiting Lists</i>	2.	<i>Workforce:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruitment &amp; retention</li> <li>Skills Mix</li> </ul> Workforce development and support	3.	<i>Residential Placement Capacity:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looked After Children</li> <li>S/Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children</li> </ul> Care Leavers	4.	<i>Fostering:</i> Recruitment and Retention, including allowances and structures	5.	<i>Children with a Disability:</i> Implementation of the Strategic Framework	6.	<i>Regional Care and Justice Campus Implementation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harmonisation</li> <li>Prevention</li> </ul> Integration	7.	<i>Policy and Legislative Reform:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looked After Children Strategy</li> </ul> Adoption and Children Act	8.	<i>Reducing Bureaucracy</i>	9.	<i>Family Support</i>
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	<p>SET: Changes we would want to make:  Reform support to families and children sector based model –  Service delivery model Safeguarding Children &amp; Looked After, Gateway &amp; Family Support Model. Introduction of skill mix.  ↑ unallocated cases. Waiting lists have not changed.  Strategic Outlook – looking at other models – Camden and Islington MASH approach – Prevention &amp; Early Help.  Long term approach - Have been asked to produce a 5 year work plan.</p>
4.	<p><b>CYPSP Regional Update ( Valerie )</b></p> <p><b>CYPSP NI Outcomes Monitoring report 2023/2024 24</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/bdzc52cw">https://tinyurl.com/bdzc52cw</a> (for information)</p>
	<p>Poverty Strategy  Poverty – some information requested from each Council  Regional work shop to be held 5<sup>th</sup> June. – Review of plan.  Maxine Gibson retiring in June – this post will be advertised  Co-ordination of regeneration programme – “Our Generation Changing Lives”.</p>
5.	<p><b>RAISE Programme ( Verbal update –Lynda Vladeanu)</b></p> <p>RAISE Coordinators meeting with locality planning co-ordinators.</p> <p>Help Kids Talk Survey – <b>Action:</b> Mabel to share information with Valerie.  Number of children entering Nursery Schools with Speech &amp; Language issues.  Mabel discussed the need to highlight RAISE at Locality Planning groups, the introduction of apps, co-ordinate funding and applications to RAISE funding.</p>
6.	<p><b>CYPSP</b>  Page to promote programmes on CYPSP calendar.</p> <p>Alignment with NMD Council – School Absenteeism  EWO’s, CYPSP –capture the learning.  NMD Community Planning Indicators. Alignments of Outcomes and Community Planning.</p>
7.	<p><b>Draft Action Plan &amp; Task &amp; Finish Groups Update ( Valerie &amp; Lynda)</b>  Task &amp; Finish Groups are being established to take forward the actions within the action plan  If you are interested in joining a task &amp; finish group please contact Lynda or Valeria</p>
8.	<p><b>Family Support – Regional &amp; SE Area Update</b></p>

	<p><b>(Amanda Armstrong)</b></p>
	<p>Bronwyn provided an regional update on family support</p> <p>SE Family Support Hub Update</p> <p>The Family Support Hub received 864 referrals last year which is a 20% drop from the previous year. This is consistent with the regional reduction in referrals advised by SPPG. No change in the distribution of referrals received from each area, with the majority of referrals from Lisburn/ Colin (41%), then Ards &amp; North Down (32%) and the lowest from the Downpatrick area (27%). There was a discussion on the reasons for the reduction in referrals. Waiting lists, complexity of cases, thresholds and input from the C&amp;V sector were all discussed. The Hub has a new Coordinator in post who will be actively promoting the Hub across the SET area.</p> <p>Parenting Programmes Update</p> <p>The Hub delivered 3 programmes last year:</p> <p>Solihull, 'Understanding you child' programme in Lisburn 12 parents were registered and 10 completed Impact measures showed the programme improved the closeness of the child parent relationship (from below average to above average) and reduced conflict (from above average to average)</p> <p>Incredible Years Toddler programme in partnership with Homestart North Down 9 parents completed the programme and impact measures showed a reduction in reported disruptive behaviour</p> <p>A Solihull, 'Understanding you child' programme was arranged for the Downpatrick area in partnership with Action for Children. Despite 12 parents being registered, only 3 attended and the programme was cancelled after week 3 and families offered alternative support</p> <p>Training</p> <p>The new Invest in Play training was delivered in April 2025, this is the first time it's been offered in Northern Ireland in partnership with the PHA, NCB and all 5 HSCT's. There were 7 staff from the SET area who completed training. 3 Family Support Workers from the FSH were trained and are currently delivering the first NI programme 2 day Solihull Foundation training is scheduled for June x 2, one for Family Support Staff from Stat, Voluntary &amp; Community sectors, and one in partnership with AAND council</p>
	<p><b>Locality Planning Group Updates</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Resquram</u></b></p> <p>Mabel - Help Kids Talk Additional funding for programme "Help Kids Talk", prioritising Early Years Sector. New resources on website including videos, checklists for us in schools. This programme is supported by SL in the Trust.</p>

	<p>Invested in drop down programme, based on a model from Stoke Upon Trent. Pilot in September with Barbour Nursery.. All resources free at point of access, online and in person training.</p> <p>Via Barnardo's delivering training in prisons – now on 4<sup>th</sup> programme and it has been very successful. Altram – partnered with them to translate training and messages into Irish.</p> <p>Connected Minds – consultation with young people (over 300 responded), facilitated focus groups. The final report will be basis awareness MH – Self Care, anxiety, Safeguarding volunteer materials.</p> <p>Young Person – have been keen - Written 8 week programme externally educated – Written T4 T model</p> <p><b>Down Locality Planning Group</b></p> <p>Quarterly meetings continue and work is ongoing with members to agree priorities align to Regional and SE Outcomes Group priorities for three year action plan Action plan will be signed off at September meeting</p> <p><b>Colin Locality Planning Group</b> The coordinators post is in recruitment and once post holder is in place a locality planning meeting will be arranged.</p> <p><b>Ards North Down Locality Planning Group</b></p> <p>Group had reconvened and a data scoping exercise is taking place. At the September a workshop has been agreed to agree priorities and a draft three year action plan</p>
9.	<p><b>Members Update</b></p>
	<p><b>NMD Council</b></p> <p>Alan has been working with CYPSP &amp; SET &amp; Southern Trust school absenteeism and align this to Community Planning align Children &amp; Young People work. LMP, PCSP,</p> <p>4 Health &amp; Wellbeing Priorities in NMD Community Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participatory Budgeting</li> <li>• Place based approach PE &amp; ea</li> <li>• Isolation &amp; Loneliness</li> <li>• Developing website – Isolation and loneliness Any relevant information please forward to Alan</li> </ul> <p><b>Action For Children-</b> Hubs are busy, young carers service are busy.</p> <p><b>Neurocafe</b> – 1 planned for Lisburn. Successful to date in Down &amp; Ards. Positive feedback from parents/carers and stakeholders.</p>

	<p><b>Womens Aid</b> – 1 hour awareness session and 3 hour awareness session.</p> <p><b>AND Council</b> Big guide based on Five Steps to Wellbeing. This will be launched over the Summer.</p> <p><b>Age Friendly</b> Integengernations Project – Podcasts available to see – success project. Spotify Gentogen Youth Voice AND.</p> <p>Launch of Dementia Friendly Initiative</p> <p><b>WSA to Healthier Weight.</b> AND Council are an Early Adoption Site Two workshops planned, End May/Early June. System Mapping <b>Action:</b> If interested in attending please contact Patricia.</p> <p><b>Amanda Armstrong (SET)</b> Solihull 2 training sessions being held in 1 June and 1 planned September. Solihull 1 day parent programmes.</p>
10.	<p><b>Update on ICS ( Integrated Care System) Area Integrated Partnership Board) Lynda Vladeanu</b></p>
	<p>The SE AIPB meet bi- monthly. PHA have presented on the area health profile. Cardiovascular Disease has been agreed as an initial priority. A task &amp; Finish group has been established to agree a process for this work and a draft action plan .</p>
	<p><b>AOB</b></p>
	<p><b>Generation Anxiety</b> – Mabel highly recommends reading this book.</p>