



Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

Minutes of South Eastern Area Outcomes Group

Monday 13th October 2025

Clinical Area 3 Lisburn Primary Community Care Centre

Present:

Lyn Preece	Director Children's Services (Chair)
Marie Louise Sloan	Assistant Director SET
Lynda Vladeanu	Assistant Director, Prevention & Population Health
Jason Caldwell	Assistant Director SET
Ed Sipler	SET Health Development Specialist
Amanda Armstrong	SET Child Development Interventions Coordinator (CDIC), Performance Improvement
Alan Beggs	NMANDD
Wendy McKimmie	Action for Children
Bronwyn Campbell	SPPG / DOH
John Hunsdale	ASCERT
Wendy McKimmie	Action For Children
Noelle Hollywood	Community Health Development Practitioner, Health & Wellbeing
Conor Crawford	Early Intervention Lisburn
Dearbhla Holohan	Barnardo's Ni
Shalise Sherlock	Early Intervention Manager Colin Neighbourhood Partnership
Jonny Trimble	EA Youth Services
Patrick Toland	LCCC

Apologies:

Lorraine Noade	Head of Service SET
Annie Armstrong	Colin Neighbourhood Partnership
Monika Ciok-Giertuga	ND YMCA
David Simpson	Lead For Changing Life's – CNP Colin
Louise Dickson	CYPSP
Valerie Maxwell	CYPSP
Bryan Leonard	Health and Social Wellbeing Improvement Manager, Health Improvement PHA
Heather Bulfin	LCCC
Patricia Mackey	AND Council
Siobhan Graham	Belfast Women's Aid
Brian Kee	PSNI
Kate Fleck	

Louise Dickson	SEHSCT
Angela McCann	LCCC

	Agenda Items	Actions
1.	Welcome and Apologies	
	<p>Lyn welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Eilis McDaniel to the members</p> <p>Apologies were noted and a round of introductions made.</p>	
2.	Minutes from the last meeting were agreed matters arising were discussed	
3.	<p>Together for Families Model</p>  <p>together-for-families-model-aug-25-4.pdf</p> <p>Eilis provided an overview of the transformation bid for “Together for Families “ a relational, tiered, neighbourhood –base whole system family support service.</p> <p>Plan to enhance family support hubs and increase the family support workers in each of the 29 hubs.</p> <p>Level 2.5 will be working in partnership with Gateway Teams. Services at this level will need to be procured.</p> <p>Trust and Regional Partnership Boards will be established</p> <p>The model will comprise of multidisciplinary teams offering a continuum, dynamic framework of services and support.</p> <p>There is a growing number of children in care across NI. There is a need for transformation to stop the trajectory of children coming into care. Shift left of investment which will be a challenge for all.</p>	
4.	<p>Review of Children’s Services</p> <p>Children’s service Reform Board established 2023.</p> <p>23 recommendations assigned to the Reform Board from Professor Ray Jones review.</p> <p>Reset: 5 year strategic plan focusing on strategic priorities :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Support. • Children in Care • Carers • Workforce • Building sustainable systems 	

	<p>Plan to publish early 2026 with a three year delivery plan. The 9 current work streams will then be stood down.</p> <p>Children’s and Families Authority This is a key recommendation from Prof. Ray Jones report. Health & Justice Ministers have been meeting to discuss this. DOH are working to put in place the Children’s & Families Authority.</p>	
5.	<p>CYPSP Regional Update</p> <p>Partnership meeting last week, Families Together presentation will be on a future agenda. Sharing information on best practice e.g. EA presentation from Emotional Wellbeing Team and an overview from Educational Welfare Officer. All information and short videos will be shared from the partnership meeting.</p> <p>Regional assessment of Need Survey – Youth Services have completed this. Youth Voice Council – EA & Council partnership with opportunities to engage /consult with young people</p>	
6.	<p>Family Support Regional Update (Bronwyn Campbell)</p> <p>Q1 & Q2 data not yet received from SE Family Support Hub, SPPG aware of current staffing issues and returns will be submitted as soon as possible. Unique to SE is the number of referral for disability (60%)</p> <p>Action : Lyn would like information on the statistics and referrals to SE Family Support Hub</p> <p>Conor highlighted the lack of training available for staff who are working with children and young people with neurodivergence</p> <p>Marie-Louise gave overview of the successful Edge of Care model. This Step Up Step Down initiative provides a trauma-informed a needs – based approach to support families on the verge of entering the care system.</p>	
5.	<p>Draft Action Plan & Task and Finish Groups</p> <p>SE Area Outcomes action plan attached Task and finish group has been established to focus on emotional health & wellbeing and school absenteeism Part of this work is joint partnership with Southern Trust, SE Trust, CYPSP and Newry Mourne Down (NMD) Council.</p>	

	<p>Action: An update will be provided at the next meeting. This work will align with the priority in NMD Council Community Plan</p> <p>A Meeting have taken place with CENI – resources attached and further meetings will discuss parental support groups for those who have children and young people who are not attending school</p>	
6.	<p>Locality Planning Group Updates Lisburn Early Intervention (Conor)</p> <p>Conor updated on the Connected Minds Youth Committee and the HOPE Walk</p> <p>Lisburn Got Talent is taking place on the 14th November</p> <p>Empowering Youth Project – this is a mentoring service with a high demand and waiting lists. The service has had to close due to demand and capacity issues. Referrals from this service are from CAHMS, Primary Care, Social Services, and EWO's</p> <p>Help Kids Talk – roll out of this initiative to other council areas as part of RAISE applications.</p> <p>Colin Locality Planning Group (Shalise)</p> <p>This group has reconvened and a planning workshop to agree a three year plan will take place in November. Three priorities have been agreed by the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech & Language (a joint proposal with West Belfast has been submitted as part of the RAISE funding applications) • School Based Counselling • New Parent Programme & Family Support <p>Down Locality Planning Group (Lynda)</p> <p>Quarterly meetings are taking place and a three year action plan has been agreed. Task & Finish Group has been formed to focus on dental /oral health</p> <p>Ards North Down Locality Planning Group (Lynda)</p> <p>Meeting quarterly and a workshop has taken place to agree priorities and action plan. This will be discussed at December meeting.</p>	
7.	<p>Members Updates</p> <p>ASCERT:</p>	

Contract with EA working in 42 schools. Public Health Agency Mental Health & Substance Misuse workshop alignment of strategies.

Power of the Parent Course – Advertised on Ascert website.

Barnardo's

Family Support update reflects referrals coming to Barnardo's. Issues common across other Trust areas.

A lot of work with families and schools trying to get children back to school. Injection of transformation funding would have a positive impact.

Group work for parents where there is poverty, looking at programme for parents with Money Ready Charity.

Group work for neurodiversity parents – looking at this.

Lisburn Castlereagh City Council (LCCC)

Community Planning – Children & Young People Youth Council will go out for consultation with residents

Poverty event more information to follow.

Violence against Women & Girls – funding applications open again in November.

Participatory Budgeting – Grant choice Application for groups wishing to apply for this funding

Newry Mourne Down Council (NMD Council)

Community Planning Partnership members agreed paper to align Community Planning & CYPSP priorities .

Mechanism is not yet worked out.

Youth Voice – new cohort of young people appointed next 2 years. Youth Awards Event will be planned.

Participatory Budgeting - 4K people have been involved. A lot of young people presenting and voting, highlighting priorities in the community.

Tackling Isolation Loneliness Together (TILT)

The Newry, Mourne and Down Community Planning Partnership has developed an initiative to help address loneliness and isolation across the district.

SE Trust

Trust Wide service delivery model and service reform process. Is taking place with engagement from staff.

	<p>Right services in right place for families. Improve C&V partnerships. Moving to implementation phase – Gateway will remain the same. Written information will go to partners.</p> <p>Johnny Trimble (EA) Challenges – funding has remained unchanged x 10 years. Planning for the next 3 years with no increase in budget focus is on universal services and access to services. No funding for more targeted services provided by Youth Services.</p> <p>NMD Council & LCCC recruiting onto their Youth Council, this has been advertised on social media.</p> <p>Action For Children.</p> <p>Hubs are busy. Consultant has been brought in to do group work with some parents. Families – ADHA, ASD, Behaviour Specific, also require 1:1 support. Young Carers – Teach the Teachers video to identify young carers. Citizen Educator’s with QUB.</p> <p>Ed Sipler – SEHSCT</p> <p>In partnership with ASCERT collated 15 resources into one place, video clips, training. Resources /Information attached.</p> <div data-bbox="359 1187 411 1249" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Thriving Mind flyer general.pdf</p>	
	<p>Next meeting date to be confirmed</p>	