



Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

Minutes of South Eastern Area Outcomes Group

Wednesday 18th February 2026

Clinical Area 3 Lisburn Primary Community Care Centre

Present:


Lyn Preece	Director Children's Services (Chair)
Marie Louise Sloan	Assistant Director Lakewood, Residential , Leaving Care & Cared for Children
Lynda Vladeanu	Assistant Director, Prevention & Population Health
Lorraine Noade	Head of Service SET
Pauline McMullan	YMCA
Amanda Armstrong	SET Child Development Interventions Coordinator (CDIC), Performance Improvement
Tracy Brownlee	Barnardo's
Wendy McKimmie	Action for Children
Bronwyn Campbell	SPPG / DoH
Fiona McMahon	EA RAISE
Wendy McKimmie	Action For Children
Noelle Hollywood	Community Health Development Practitioner, Health & Wellbeing
Conor Crawford	Early Intervention Lisburn
Claire Fulton	SET Safeguarding
Louise Dickson	SPPG/ DoH
Jonny Crymble	EA Youth Services

Apologies:

Jason Caldwell	Assistant Director SET
Annie Armstrong	Colin Neighbourhood Partnership
Monika Ciok-Giertuga	ND YMCA
David Simpson	Lead For Changing Life's – CNP Colin
John Hunsdale	ASCERT
Valerie Maxwell	SPPG/ DoH
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	
Alan Beggs	NMADDC

Shalise Sherlock	Early Intervention Colin
Angela McCann	LCCC
Ed Sipler	SEHSCT

	Agenda Items	Actions
1.	Welcome and Apologies	
	<p>Lyn welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Fiona McMahon 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>Fiona McMahon Education Authority SET RAISE</p> <p>Fiona gave an informative update on the SET RAISE programme, a whole community and place-based approach in localities across Northern Ireland to support the Department of Education's vision that "every child is happy, learning and succeeding".</p> <p>It helps to deliver on the mission, set by the report 'A Fair Start', to ensure all children and young people regardless of background are given the best start in life.</p> <p>RAISE has been set up to raise both aspiration and achievement in targeted areas;</p> <p>SET have two programmes in Millisle/ Donaghadee , Lisburn.& Colin Area</p> <p>Presentation added to notes.</p> <p>There followed a discussion on the importance of consulting with children & young people and ensuring that their views are considered in planning & delivery of initiatives and programmes.</p>	Fiona to share presentation

4.	<p>Lorraine Noade SET</p> <p>Lorraine informed the meeting about the ‘Stronger Together’ event on 19/3/26 at La Mon Hotel. This is a regional initiative and being taken forward as a priority from workstream 5</p> <p>The event is an information day for Children with additional needs. Featuring stalls, workshops from a variety of Community, Voluntary, Independent and Statutory agencies.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to share the details of the event with their colleagues.</p> <p>To register interest in hosting a stall please contact;</p> <p>Sarah.Johnston2@setrust.hscni.net</p>	<p>Amanda to capture any increased of referrals to Family Support Hub from the event.</p> <p>Noelle to share poster with members</p> 
5.	<p>Lynn Preece; Review of Children’s Services update</p> <p>Children’s service Reform Board established 2023. 23 recommendations assigned to the Reform Board from Professor Ray Jones review. The nine regional workstreams will be reduced.</p> <p>Reset & Rebalance workstream 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>SPPG Planning guidance does include Together with Families initiative and work continues to establish an expert oversight group, (match funding from National lottery), planning guidance and an evaluation of the project.</p> <p>Discussions are continuing on the potential of an Arm's Length Body for NI which would be a Regional Children's Service Authority. Health & Dept. of Justice are keen for this to progress. & Dept. of Health</p> <p>If this was to progress this will be a four-year process with three phases to design, build, roll-out & deliver for the children & young people in NI.</p> <p>.</p>	
6.	<p>CYPSP Regional Update</p> <p>Bronwyn Campbell SPPG informed the meeting that the partnership reset and rebuild work was under way, Chair Aidan Dawson plans to begin a selection process to appoint a co-chair from the Community & Voluntary Sector to ensure that community & voluntary partners are on equal standing to statutory organisations</p> <p>It is hope that vice chair will be appointed by next meeting in March.</p>	Bronwyn will provide an update at the next SE outcomes Group meeting
7.	<p>SET Family Support Hub Update</p> <p>Amanda Armstrong gave an overview of the FSH monitoring information. A written summary was also shared with members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Referrals have increased over the last year, particularly for children with a disability.</p> <p>The FSH Hub has successfully delivered both Togetherness and Invest in Play evidence-based parenting programmes (EBPP's) – 3 in the greater Lisburn area, 1 in Ards & North Down in 2025/26 and a</p>	

	<p>digital Togetherness programme for harder to reach families/ those on a waiting list.</p> <p>Impact Measures have shown a reduction in both the severity and frequency of disruptive behaviour and parental stress.</p> <p>The cumulative effect of implementing EBPP's has been a reduction of waiting lists in the Lisburn area.</p> <p>Amanda Armstrong also updated on the 2026 Infant Mental Health Conference, 'Starting Well, Starting Now' that has been planned in partnership with the PHA, NCB and 5 HSC Trusts. The refreshed IMH framework will be launched at this event alongside examples of best practice from the 5 Trust areas and speakers in the area of IMH. The conference will be held in Stranmillis College on 5th March. Places are limited and by invite only in the hope of attracting Strategic Leads who can help with implementing the IMH framework.</p>	<p>Amanda to extend an invitation for the IMH conference to Marie Louise Sloan.</p> <p>There are a few places left if anyone would like to nominate Strategic Leads with an interest in IMH.</p>
8.	<p>Louise Dickson CYPSP Draft Action Plan & Task and Finish Groups</p> <p>An email has gone out to all members asking for nominations for the task & finish groups. Nominations can be from members (or appropriate staff within their organisations) attending Outcomes & Locality Planning Groups as well as other appropriate partners.</p> <p><u>School Disruption / EMWB</u></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>Noelle to contact Rachel Duncan to progress EHWP task & finish group.</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> <p><u>Poverty & Cost of living task group</u> First meeting via Teams on 3rd March – Louise will facilitate this meeting.</p>	
9.	<p>Locality Planning Group Updates</p> <p>Conor Crawford Lisburn Early Intervention</p> <p>Help Kids Talk – roll out of this initiative to other council areas as part of RAISE applications.</p> <p>Connor planning next Lisburn Neuro Café 8th December 2026</p> <p>Shalise Sherlock Colin Locality Planning Group</p> <p>(Apologies from Shalise), Colin have confirmed first Neuro Café 1/10/2026 at Brooke Liesure Centre</p> <p>Lynda Vladeanu Down Locality Planning Group</p> <p>Down LPG group to host their 3rd Neuro Café in Downpatrick SERC 27/2/2026</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>Lynda Vladeanu Ards North Down Locality Planning Group</p>	

	<p>Meeting quarterly and a workshop has taken place to agree priorities and action plan.</p> <p>Next Ards Neuro Café 14th June 2026 at Ards Arena</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Lynda took the opportunity to congratulate Lyn Preece on her upcoming retirement and to thank Lyn for all her contribution and support to the SE Outcomes Group</p> <p>Lyn Preece welcomed the new Chair Marie Louise Sloan</p>	
	Next meeting date to be confirmed	