

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minutes of meeting which was held on Friday, 1 July 2011 at 9.30 am in the Meeting Room, Edenderry House, 18 Gilford Road, Portadown.

PRESENT:

Paul Morgan, Director of Children & Young People Services, SHSCT
Ann Godfrey, Health & Social Care Board
Anne Hardy, Health & Social Care Board
David Douglas, Assistant Director Family Support & Safeguarding, SHSCT
Geraldine Maguire, Assistant Director Specialist Child Health, SHSCT
Eddie Wallace, Voypic
Lorraine Campbell, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Marie Cavanagh, Gingerbread Northern Ireland
Maurice Leeson, Barnardos
Micheal Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
Ruth Bell, Southern Education Library Board
Stephen Smyth, BME Craigavon
Julie Patton, CINI
Jackie Valentine, Parents Advice Centre

Paul commenced by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Following introductions a discussion took place regarding group membership and it was agreed that members should consider any outstanding names and forward o either Ann Godfrey or Anne Hardy. It was noted that a criteria for co-option is in place and Anne Hardy agreed to circulate this for information to members. Ann Godfrey continued to state that members have been mandated by their Organisation to sit on this Outcomes Group and will be tasked to bring knowledge and experiences of their respective Agencies.

1.0 Apologies

Gerry Bleakney, HSCB

2.0 Presentation by Ann Godfrey, Anne Hardy and Maurice Leeson

Ann commenced by advising that the proposed Terms of Reference for the Outcomes Group are included in the handout “Strategic Partnership” and these will be discussed later in the meeting.

Ann presented as follows:

- New Arrangements for Integrated Planning – NI wide Children & Young People’s Strategic Partnership, 5 Outcomes Groups, Locality Planning Groups across NI and Connectivity between the planning levels and with other planning and commissioning processes.

David referred to the Partnership’s links with the Safeguarding Board and the Inter-Ministerial group on Domestic and Sexual violence. Ann confirmed that duplication will be avoided and that future discussion will take place regarding interfaces with these and other groups where processes are already in place. The meeting noted that there is no additional resources available for partnership working and Paul stated that if a gap is identified all Agencies will work together to fill the gap.

With regards to Locality Planning, Julie gave an overview of a thriving partnership which has been established in Armagh. Julie confirmed that the group in Armagh has been ongoing for approximately one year and it’s main aim is to promote the positive work of young people in their local communities. It was noted that a summer scheme has been planned for the last two weeks in August and will involve both sides of the Community. A bid for £150,000 has been made to the Big Lotto fund in relation to the impact of alcohol for the whole family. Julie also confirmed that she is in regular contact with the Housing Executive Locality Managers.

Ann referred to the Family Support Database which was launched last week. Ann explained that the Directory provides details of a wide range of services offering support to families across Northern Ireland.

ACTION: Members to quality assure the database and ensure that it reflects accurately the services provided by the area and their Agency. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Ann concluded by summarising how the Outcomes Group will carry out Outcomes Based Planning and the purpose of locality planning.

Anne Hardy presented to the group as follows:

- Locality Planning
- Northern Ireland Family Support Model
- Focus on early intervention
- Structures and Links

Maurice Leeson continued by giving a presentation to the group on Family Support Hub Development:-

Maurice commenced by informing the meeting that he has been released on a part-time basis to take forward this piece of work. Maurice explained that the idea is not to create new organisations but to enhance those which already exist with the main aim being to deliver co-ordinated early intervention family support services.

- **Definition of Hub** – Discussion took place and it was agreed that the current wording will need to be amended to reflect all Agencies. It was also made clear that the Family Support Hub is not a replacement for safeguarding.
- **What is a Family Support Hub** – Maurice informed the meeting that a number of workshops highlighting the work of Family Support Services were held last year and from these workshops it became evident that a number of the attendees were not aware that the service already existed.
- **What Hubs will do** – more detailed information will be available for next meeting of the Outcomes Group.
- **SHSCT** – 3 pilots in Trust area covering 3 main Locality areas. Discussion followed regarding the siting of the Hubs and Paul advised that one of the locations which is being considered is the Kilkeel area. David confirmed that the exact location of the Hubs currently is still in the planning stages, however, one of the proposals is that they will be located in each of the Locality areas.
- **Hub Processes and Organisation** – The Hub will be lead by a voluntary/community organisation. Ultimate aim is for self referrals to the hub. Anne Hardy stated that there are clear links between the Hubs and the Locality Planning process.

Paul stated that it is clear that there needs to be an information sharing process between different Agencies regarding services provided. The meeting agreed that this will clearly assist the work of the group and hopefully there will be better outcomes for all concerned.

Geraldine referred to CAMHS and stated that it would be useful to have knowledge of local services provided by different Agencies for this client group. Ann Godfrey again referred members to the Family Support database and the importance of quality assuring services which are included.

ACTION: Julie agreed to circulate to the group membership details of the Locality Groups which have already been established. It was also agreed that members should prepare a one page information sheet on services

currently provided by their Organisation within their Locality Group. Paul asked that this information be forwarded via e-mail in advance of next meeting, to his Secretary, Denise Morrison.

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Discussion followed and it was agreed that the meeting should consider a real life case and how it might evolve through the different pathways.

ACTION: It was agreed that the group should take NEET (which refers to a young person not in education, employment or training) as an example and each Agency to give some thought to this for consideration at next meeting.

3.0 Terms of Reference

Paul referred to the Terms of Reference for the Group and it was agreed that he and Ann Godfrey would meet to progress further. Paul will then circulate to members for comments and then will be presented for approval at the next meeting of the Outcomes Group.

ACTION: Paul and Ann to meet to progress Terms of Reference

4.0 Outcomes Based Planning

Discussion took place regarding the setting of outcomes and Paul asked if there would be an expectation that these would include a mixture of universal and more focused outcomes. Ann Godfrey explained that there is an expectation that work will be carried out on a universal basis and that the Southern Area Outcomes Group, therefore, needs to ensure that a universal and networking approach is adopted. Ann suggested that it might be useful to focus on an individual area within a universal group. Ann also highlighted the importance of focusing on early intervention to achieve better outcomes.

ACTION: Each Agency to provide details of what they plan to deliver in relation to early intervention for the next 2 years. This information to be forwarded in advance of next meeting via e-mail to Denise Morrison, Secretary to Paul Morgan.

Discussion followed regarding key priority areas and it was agreed that, each member should identify one or two key themes in their Organisation around Children and Families. This will assist in collectively identifying the

main priority areas for the Southern Area. Some of these areas can then be built into the Terms of Reference for the Group.

ACTION: This information to be forwarded in advance of the next meeting to Denise Morrison, Secretary to Paul Morgan.

5.0 **Date of Next Meeting**

Discussion took place regarding frequency of meetings and it was agreed that, as the group needs to produce a plan by November 2011, meetings should be held on a six weekly basis. It was, therefore, agreed that the next meeting should take place on **Friday, 12 August 2011 at 9.30 am. Venue for the meeting is the Conference Room, Second Floor, Portadown Health Centre. The postal address for this venue is Tavanagh Avenue, Portadown, BT62 3BU.**