

Quality Care - for you, with you

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Notes of a meeting held on 5 December 2012 at 10.00 am in the Boardroom, Craigavon Area Hospital.

Present:

Paul Morgan, Chair, SHSCT
Colm McCafferty, SHSCT
Catriona Regan, Banbridge Borough Council
Drew Neill, Voypic
Una Geelan, HSCNI
Julie Patton, HSCNI
Sam Cordner, PSNI
Shirley Gillespie, Toybox
Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
Lorraine Campbell, NIHE
Claire Linney, Dungannon Council
Ann Hardy, HSCNI
Ruth Bell, SELB
Gerry Bleakney, PHA
Gerard Houlahan, Armagh & City District Council

Apologies:

Geraldine Maguire, SHSCT
David Douglas, SHSCT
Jenny McDaid, HSCNI
Stephen Smith, CIP
Mary Haughey, CAWT
Peadar White, SHSCT
Nicola Lane, Craigavon Borough Council
Maurice Leeson, HSCNI
Valerie Maxwell, HSCNI

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Paul welcomed members to the meeting.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 October 2012 were agreed as an accurate record.

4.0 Matters Arising

Mapping Exercise – Paul agreed to check if Valerie Maxwell has circulated link to members. Paul also agreed to follow up if David Douglas has shared Article 20 with members.

5.0 Promoting Good Mental Health Amongst Children & Young People

Paul informed the meeting that due to sick leave Peadar White is unable to give a presentation regarding above at today's meeting. The meeting noted that Peadar chairs one of the Regional Sub-Groups around Mental Health. It was agreed that it might be more timely for Peadar to present at the February Southern Area Outcomes meeting.

6.0 Action Plan

Ann reported that it is anticipated that members will soon be issued with folders for holding Action Plan and other relevant documents.

6.1 **Poverty**

Paul stated that there appears to be limited information regarding Poverty in the action plans of the other Trusts. Anne Hardy confirmed that she has significant statistical information regarding poverty and that some of the Locality Groups are already taking this forward. Claire informed the meeting that a Poverty Group has already been established in the Dungannon area and concentrates on child poverty. Discussion followed regarding welfare reforms and it was agreed that the Outcomes Group needs to use every opportunity to assist. Paul agreed to put together a form of words of inclusion in the Action Plan.

ACTION: Paul to provide a form of words for inclusion in the Action Plan.

6.2 *Hard to Reach Young People*

Reference was made to the cohort of young people who do not engage with services and how they can be supported and encouraged to do so. Discussion took place as follows:

- Julie advised that 5th year and lower 6th students have been invited to Voluntary fairs.
- Colm reported that Adolescent Service referrals from the Newry and Mourne area tend to be low. Clinics are commencing in the South Armagh area.
- Julie highlighted problems associated with travel and transporting young people to groups/activities including afterschool activities.
- Consideration needs to be given to the young people's interests and the need to tailor services to meet their needs.
- One Stop Shop in Newry and Mourne is working well and a similar project in Banbridge is going out to public tender today.
- Might be worthwhile to link with the Participation Network.
- Anne advised that there is funding available through the Partnership Group to facilitate engagement.

In conclusion, it was agreed that Ruth Bell should take the lead in co-ordinating a small group to consider this further. Colm McCafferty, Michael Heaney and Julie Patton to also join this group.

7.0 Update on Funding

Colm reported that a panel met on 30 October 2012 and considered the 27 applications received. Colm explained that £100K was available and applications received amounted to £230K. Twenty two applicants received a substantial part of the funding requested. Colm confirmed that letters will be going out to successful organisations prior to Xmas and he agreed to circulate the list of successful organisations to members.

Discussion followed regarding new stringent procurement rules and regulations and members agreed that timescales are very tight and unrealistic. Ideally, services should be on the ground by 1 April 2013. Paul confirmed that £300K is available over 3 years and the Outcomes Group needs to look at it's action plan and agree innovative areas for funding.

8.0 Locality Updates

Julie spoke to her locality update paper and tabled copies to members for reference. Julie highlighted the following:

- Three sub-groups are working in different areas.
- Catriona suggested using these groups to identify funding for transport so that young people can participate in afterschool activities. As this is a strategic need, it was agreed that this issue should be considered by the working group which is being led by Ruth Bell.

The meeting agreed that GCSE enhancement programmes in schools for students with predicted below "C" grade is a priority. Julie reported on a recent successful project where private tuition was provided to twelve young people in the Community. Discussion followed, and it was agreed that Julie should provide a summary to include a reference to the funding that was made available for this project. Also include a record of views/opinions of children and their families regarding the scheme. Julie to forward written submission to Paul for onward transmission to the Strategic Partnership.

It was also agreed that Julie should approach the Trust in the Community Group to enquire if their transport can be used or if they can provide any funding. Members agreed that any funding would be preferred by February 2013 as students will be undertaking their mock examinations. Work also needs to take place regarding an update list of schools and their requirements. Gerry confirmed that the PHA already runs a scheme in a large number of schools who submit their data based on predicted scores. It was agreed that members should forward names of any additional schools for inclusion in this scheme. The meeting agreed that there needs to be a more targeted approach and joined up thinking from the different organisations. With regards to accessing a pool of tutors who

could provide the tuition it was agreed that Julie and Ruth should approach the Area Learning Communities.

9.0 Performance Indicators

Paul highlighted the need for the Group to develop performance indicators. At this stage in the meeting, Anne circulated the indicators which were agreed at the last meeting of the group. Paul stated that a bench mark is needed for each indicator so that any impact can be demonstrated. Following discussion, it was agreed that members should give thought to this and forward 3 initiatives which they feel should be invested in within the action plan. These should be sent via email to Ann Irwin (Ann.Irwin@southerntrust.hscni.net) by the end of December 2012. It was also agreed that a separate sub-group meet on 10 January 2013 at 2 pm in Edenderry House. This Sub-Group to include David Douglas, Julie Patton, Gerry Bleakney, Catriona Regan and Colm McCafferty.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was agreed for 8 February 2013 at 9.30 am in the Boardroom, Trust HQ, Craigavon Area Hospital.