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Southern Area Outcomes Group

Notes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 9 April 2013 at 9.30 am in
the Boardroom, Trust Headquarters, Craigavon Area Hospital.

Present:

Paul Morgan, Chair, SHSCT
Colm McCafferty, SHSCT
Julie Patton, HSCNI
Maurice Leeson, HSCNI
Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
Ann Hardy, HSCNI
Valerie Maxwell, HSCNI
Gerry Bleakney, PHA
Gerard Houlahan, Armagh & City District Council
Geraldine Maguire, SHSCT
Una Magee, Barnardos
Stephen Smith, CIP
Jackie Valentine, Parenting NI
Alison McNulty, Parenting NI
Sandra Couser, Parenting NI
Drew Neill, Voypic
Marissa McGeary, HSCNI
Claire Linney, Dungannon Council
Shirley Gillespie, Toybox

Apologies:

David Douglas, SHSCT
Nicola Topping, SELB
Mairead Abraham, HSCNI
Allison Patterson, HSCNI
Una Geelan, HSCNI
Deirdre Wiggins, NIHE
Nicola Lane, Craigavon Borough Council
Catriona Regan, Banbridge Borough Council
Marie Kavanagh, Gingerbread NI
Supt Jason Murphy, PSNI

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Paul welcomed members to the meeting and in particular Marissa McGeary from the HSCNI. Paul also explained that Allison McNulty will no longer be attending meetings as she will soon be moving to a new post. Paul thanked Allison for her contribution to the Southern Area Outcomes Group and wished her well in her new post.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 February 2013 were agreed as an accurate record.

4.0 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Draft Plan for Southern Zone Social Investment fund

Paul stated that the objectives of the Group were used as a basis for the bids submitted. Colm reported that the outcome of the bids submitted will not be known until July of this year.

4.2 Hard to Reach Young People

Colm gave a summary of discussion which took place at a meeting which was held on 13 March 2013. It was noted that dialogue took place regarding influencing processes to engage hard to reach young people and a number of recommendations were agreed by the sub-group. Shirley reported that it is important that these families are not missed and she advised that she has carried out work with the traveller communities and after prolonged and consistent approach there is evidence of improvement.

Discussion followed regarding Community Safety Partnerships and Community Safety plans. The meeting agreed that it is important that duplication is avoided and that Council representatives sitting on Partnerships need to ensure linkages. Paul and Ann agreed to raise this issue at the Chairs meeting on Friday.

5 **Funding Timetable**

Colm reiterated that £360K is available over 2 years. Colm confirmed that a bid was submitted to the Social Investment Fund and the outcome of this will not be known until July 2013. Colm therefore recommended that a plan is put in place to allow this money to be issued to Organisations by the end of the summer. Paul stated that it is the group's intention that any money which is received from the Social Investment Fund will come through the Southern Area Outcomes Group. Discussion followed and it was agreed that this issue needs to go back to the Strategic Group. Maurice explained that decisions regarding SIF are made by OFMDFM.

Paul asked members if they are aware of any potential small amounts of money that may become available from their organisations. Marissa reported that there has been some work and recommendations around contracts and allocations shifting to the Southern Area Outcomes Group. Ann stated that this has not been finalised and is subject to further discussion. Paul expressed concern and stated that this group will not be taking this on unless there is a proper structure in place to manage the process.

Colm explained that partnership funding is being considered and there may be a particular project/area of interest of this group could seek funding for. Claire referred to projects which already exist and suggested that it might be opportune to provide additional support to these projects. Paul agreed that the group needs to be creatively thinking along these lines and if Local Councils have ongoing projects the Outcomes Group could add to these. Maurice suggested approaching Maurice Meehan, PHA, regarding proposals for the roll out of parenting programmes in the Southern Area. Discussion followed and the meeting agreed that this would be useful as it is important that there is consistency in approach. Paul asked that it might be useful if Agencies could provide a profile of funding which they are already putting into Family Support Services. Ann suggested using the template which was used previously and information can then be collated into a separate paper. Ann also suggested that the Family Support data base could be used as a baseline.

ACTION: Maurice Leeson to make contact with Maurice Meehan and report back to members. Ann Hardy to recirculate template to members for population.

Discussion followed regarding drawing up a specifications around the two target/theme areas which were agreed at the previous Outcomes meeting. It was agreed that a sub-group consisting of Colm, Michael, Claire, Ann, Gerry and Nicola should meet before the end of April with a view to developing a specification by the end of May 2013. The PALS process, which can take up to 3 months, also needs to be factored in. Colm stated that it would be useful if the sub-group could have access to guidance from PALS in advance of meeting in April 2013. It was also noted that the specification when developed will not be shared with the wider Outcomes Group due to any conflict of interest which may arise.

5.0 Performance Indicators

Valerie circulated Locality Monitoring 2006-2012 report for period 2006 to 2012. Discussion followed and it was agreed that it would be useful to establish a sub-group to discuss the priority areas which have been identified. Valerie advised that she would be happy to work with the sub-group to examine gaps, successes and identify a base-line. It was also agreed that this group needs to set realistic and achievable targets.

It was agreed that Julie Patton, Geraldine Maguire, either Gerard Houlahan or Catriona Regan, Shirley Gillespie and Valerie Maxwell should participate in the sub-group and bring forward a paper for the Outcomes Group by the end of May 2013.

6.0 Locality Updates

Julie spoke to update report for March 2013. It was noted that 200 young people from four local schools in the Dungannon area attended a Volunteer Fair on 20 March 2013 in Dungannon Youth Resource Centre. Julie reported that the Armagh Volunteer youth fair has been postponed until June 2013. This was due to a lack of numbers from local schools.

Julie continued to advise that a meeting of the Locality Chairs came together on 22 March 2013 to consider putting in a bid for

the CYPSP money. A second meeting will be held in April to look at pulling together a joint application for the Southern Outcomes area.

Julie gave an overview of the emerging needs identified in the Southern Outcomes area and in particular highlighted the high volume of children 0-12 years having teeth removed. The meeting agreed that this is a long standing issue and Julie explained that work is ongoing with Michelle Oliver, Head of Dental Services, SHSCT. The meeting noted that Surestart are also running dental programmes and that access and travel to dentists is a big issue for parents.

Julie continued to highlight a positive message where young people in the Banbridge area are currently designing the local logo for the new Sure Start. Discussion followed regarding the importance of cascading positive messages such as this into the public arena via local papers etc.

7.0 Any other Business

7.1 Parenting NI

Allison spoke to report on 4th meeting with Parents Reference Group held on 13 March 2013. Allison reported that the Parents Reference Group were informed about the establishment of the Southern Outcomes Sub-Group, its remit and the areas identified for prioritisation. Parents were asked for comments regarding the target areas and a number of responses were given. Allison explained that the issue of non registration of children with a dentist was also discussed in detail at the meeting on 13 March 2013. Julie stated that she would be happy to attend the next meeting in May.

Allison continued to speak to Proposed Task Document for Southern PRG. Allison referred to template which has been designed and reported that there has been significant progress in the tasks which have been identified. Allison stated that it has been suggested that a participation sub-group be set up from the Southern Area Outcomes Group. This group could liaise with the Parents Reference Group to

target and drive the work forward. Valerie stated that views of parents can also be sought regarding the indicators which the sub-group are progressing. Discussion followed and it was agreed that Paul and Ann should raise the issue of the establishment of a participation sub-group in the Southern area at the Chairs meeting later in the week.

- 7.2 Stephen Smith gave an overview of projects which are ongoing in his area and in particular highlighted the Curbs Project which is a 3 year youth engagement programme providing a range of activities and opportunities for youth across the interface area of Portadown. Stephen continued to report on a project which is commencing in the near future for 11-18 year olds especially for those who are in risk of opting out of education. Stephen also circulated information on a project "Freedom Acts" which deals with Human Trafficking.

8.0 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was agreed for 12 June 2013 at 9.30 am in the Boardroom, Trust HQ, Craigavon Area Hospital.