

Quality Care - for you, with you

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Notes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 12 June 2013 at 9.30 am
in the Boardroom, Main Hospital, Craigavon Area Hospital.

Present:

Geraldine Maguire, SHSCT
Colm McCafferty, SHSCT
Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
Gerard Houlahan, Armagh & City District Council
Una Magee, Barnardos
Jackie Valentine, Parenting NI
Sandra Couser, Parenting NI
Drew Neill, Voypic
Merissa McGeary, HSCNI
Shirley Gillespie, Toybox
Una Geelan, HSCNI
Mairead Abraham, HSCNI
Nicola Lane, Craigavon Borough Council
Deirdre Wiggins, NIHE
Una Cushenan, PHA (on behalf of Gerry Bleakney)
Nicola Topping, SELB
Eddy Curtis, Newry & Mourne Borough Council
Jacinta Linden, South Down Family Health

Apologies:

Paul Morgan, Chair, SHSCT
David Douglas, SHSCT
Maurice Leeson, HSCNI
Valerie Maxwell, HSCNI
Claire Linney, Dungannon Council
Julie Bolton, HSCNI
Allison Patterson, HSCNI
Catriona Regan, Banbridge Borough Council
Marie Kavanagh, Gingerbread NI
Supt Jason Murphy, PSNI
Anne Hardy, HSCNI
Gerry Bleakney, PHA
Stephen Smith, CIP

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Geraldine welcomed members to the meeting and advised that she will chair today's meeting as Paul Morgan is attending a CINI Study Visit in Scotland. A round of introductions followed.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 April 2013 were approved as an accurate record.

4.0 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Performance Indicators

Geraldine confirmed that, as agreed at the last meeting, a sub-group met to consider the priority areas which have been agreed by the Outcomes Group. The meeting noted that a draft paper has been prepared and that Una is taking the lead. Una confirmed that a base-line for information including qualitative information has been established. Una agreed to share report with the group when finalised.

ACTION: Una to share final report with members

4.2 Parenting NI

The meeting noted that Julie Bolton is attending the next parent reference meeting.

5.0 Outcomes Money and Procurement Process

Colm reported that a minimum of £360 K is available to go out to tender to run services for the next 2 years. Colm continued to

explain that a sub-group met in May 2013 and a final draft specification has been actioned in relation to areas which were previously agreed by the Outcomes Group. Colm confirmed that the draft specification will be submitted to Paul Morgan for sign off however, due to the procurement process can only be shared with statutory providers. Colm stated that the Trust should be aware of funding received by the end of June 2013 and it is hoped that this will run for 2 years ie., through to September 2015. Following this the procurement process will be commenced and discussion will take place with the Southern Trust Contracts Department.

Colm reiterated that the Trust submitted a bid to the Social Investment Fund and the outcome of this should be known by early July.

Colm referred to a seminar which was recently hosted by the Big Lotto. Colm advised that advertisements for funding will be placed on line in July 2013 and this is an important opportunity for organisations to apply for funding. Colm stated that a number of conditions apply and that partnership bids will be considered and a statutory provider must be included. Discussion followed regarding how this connects to the Southern Area Outcomes Group and members agreed that this is essential otherwise this will be a missed opportunity.

Geraldine suggested that it would be useful if OFMDFM and other large funding bodies including the Big Lottery were made aware of the structures which currently exist and how connections/linkages could be strengthened in order to ensure greater co-ordination.

Michael asked that if any members of the Outcomes Group receives funding that they should consider how this links with the plan which was previously agreed by this group. Discussion followed and it was suggested that it might be advisable to have a reserve list in case any additional funding becomes available. Mairead stated that, if possible, areas where there is already a significant input of resources such as Surestart should be avoided. Colm concluded by stating that it will be both a bonus and a challenge if any additional funding is received.

6 Locality Updates

Una Geelan spoke to update report for June 2013. Una gave an overview of events/updates in the Southern area which have been organised by Locality Planning Groups. These include a family fun and information event which is taking place on 21 June 2013 in Fivemiletown College. It was also noted that the five chairs from the Southern area locality planning groups are meeting with Paul Morgan on 1 July 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how work can be undertaken collaboratively across the Locality Planning Groups and the infrastructure to support the groups.

7 Any other business

- 7.1 Una Cushnahan tabled “Early Intervention Resources Collation Template”. Members were asked to provide any feedback to Una and in particular highlight any good news stories.
- 7.2 Jackie gave an update regarding parenting programmes which are being delivered. Jackie asked that members continue to circulate emails regarding notification of programmes within their relative areas.
- 7.3 Mairead reported that the Banbridge Surestart is now operational, however, there has been a few issues regarding funding. The meeting noted that funding has been secured from the Department of Education for upgrade of some buildings and this will contribute greatly to the number of play groups.
- 7.4 Gerard gave an overview of ongoing developments in the Armagh and surrounding areas. It was noted that summer schemes are being concentrated around the rural areas and there is significant ethos around engaging with young people. Work is also ongoing with the PSNI in Tandragee. Geraldine asked how engagement takes place with hard to reach disabled children and Gerard confirmed that the Council is aware of the issues especially in rural areas. Gerard also confirmed that the Council employs a specific Disability Officer.

7.5 With regards to the Craigavon Council area, Nicola confirmed that a number of play parks have been refurbished together with two Community Centres in Portadown. The People's Park in Portadown is also being "designed up" using Peace 3 funding.

7.6 Michael highlighted the importance of members of the Southern Outcomes Group making proper use of their connections and stated that it is very much about members learning what each other does so that there is improved connections. Una Cushnahan suggested having an information sharing session where members would provide a short presentation regarding their respective Organisations. Discussion followed and it was agreed that Geraldine would discuss further with Paul Morgan regarding the possibility of holding a workshop in September 2013.

ACTION: Geraldine to discuss possibility of holding an information sharing workshop in September 2013 with Paul Morgan

7.7 Eddy reported on a new information system (datahub) which has been developed in the Newry and Mourne area. It was noted that the statistics provided are evidence based and are run on a monthly basis. Eddy continued to explain that the information is secure and safe and helps to assist in shaping services. Eddy suggested that it might be useful at some stage to demonstrate to the group how the system works. Discussion followed and members agreed that this is something which could be included at the proposed workshop in September 2013.

8.0 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday, 6 August 2013 in the Boardroom, Trust HQ, Craigavon Area Hospital.

