

**Minute of Western Outcomes Group
held on 22 August 2012 in
Strabane Enterprise Agency**

Present: Ms Deirdre Mahon, A/Director of Women & Children's Service [Chair]
 Mrs Kate McDaid, Assistant Director [Health Care]
 Ms Una Geelan, Business Support Manager, HSCB
 Mr Barny Heywood, Omagh District Council
 Ms Brenda MacQueen, Dry Arch Centre
 Ms Maeve Linton, SureStart Manager
 Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid
 Ms Carina Boyle, Action for Children
 Ms Philomena McDermott, WELB
 Mr Sean Mackie, Area Manager, NIHE
 Mr Gerry Conway, Commissioning Lead, HSCB

In attendance: Ms Priscilla Magee, Action for Children
 Ms Alison McNulty, Parenting NI
 Ms Maria Herron, Parenting NI
 Mr Kieran Downey, Assistant Director [Children's Mental Health & Disability]
 Ms E Forrest, Personal Assistant, Western Trust

1	<p>Apologies Ms Maura Mason, Western Area Child Care Partnership Ms Cathy Mullan, Public Health Agency Ms Bronagh Donnelly, Action for Children Mrs Anne Donaghey, Business Manager, Western Trust Mrs Anne Hardy, Children's Services Planning Officer, HSCB Mr Paul Laughlin, Department of Social Development Mr Eamon O'Kane, Local Commissioning Group Ms Marie McGale, MENCAP</p>
2	<p>Western Parents Reference Group Ms Mahon welcomed Ms Alison McNulty and Ms Maria Herron from Parenting NI to the meeting.</p>

	<p>Ms McNulty from Parenting NI advised that they worked across all five Outcomes Groups and managed the Parents Reference Groups. She said the Western Parents Reference Group, of which there are 24 members, of differing ages and from a wide geographical area, met for the second time in June 2012 to consider the Western Outcomes Group Action Plan 2011-2014.</p> <p>Ms Herron distributed a copy of the points raised by the Parents Reference Group at their last meeting. Members gave verbal updates to Ms McNulty & Ms Herron on the issues highlighted.</p> <p>Members said that they would like feedback from the Parents Reference Group about how best to let parents know about initiatives, events and health promotion activities.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Infant Mental Health Strategy</p> <p>Ms Mahon welcomed Mr Kieran Downey, Assistant Director [Children’s Mental Health & Disability], to the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Downey advised that the Western Trust had launched the Infant Mental Health Strategy in 2011 and said it was a key priority of the Trust which would underpin the work of all staff in the Women & Children’s Directorate. He said global emerging evidence clearly showed the benefits of an early years intervention strategy. He advised that he had attended an international research symposium in Canada earlier this year where leading psychologists had presented new compelling evidence from 2011.</p> <p>Mr Downey outlined the prevention approach of the strategy as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No smoking in pregnancy ▪ No alcohol in pregnancy. ▪ Breastfeeding. ▪ Promote secure attachments. ▪ Parents reading to their children. <p>He said that during the first year of the launch of the strategy the Trust had organised general awareness training events which had been attended by over 750 people and were led by leading speakers such as Suzanne Zeedyk, Robin Balbernie and Simon Ward. Presentations had also been made to elected representatives and regional strategy groups. Mr Downey said that the Project Board for the Infant Mental Health Strategy had revised its membership for the second year and had adopted the following key strands and outlined the planned work for each strand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrated Pathway. ▪ Education. ▪ Training and Development. <p>Mr Downey said the Trust needed to be able to measure outcomes to see if changes were being achieved. Mr Mackie suggested that it may be helpful to talk to the</p>

	<p>Parents Reference Group regarding measuring outcomes. Mr Conway noted that there was a bigger debate on measuring impact and on how evaluations were carried out.</p> <p>It was also suggested that Mr Downey give a presentation on the Infant Mental Health Strategy to the Parents Reference Group and seek their comments on the draft posters for the forthcoming poster campaign.</p> <p>Ms Mahon confirmed that Solihull training was one of a range of programmes within the Trust’s current training plan.</p> <p>Mr Downey recommended the following two books to members to read:- “The Boy who was Raised as a Dog” by Bruce Perry & “Ghosts in the Nursery” by Robin Karr Morse.</p> <p>Members thanked Mr Downey for his informative presentation and endorsed the Infant Mental Health Strategy.</p> <p>Mr Downey withdrew from the meeting.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 20 June 2012 All present confirmed that they had received a copy of the notes of the previous meeting.</p> <p><u>Final Draft Action Plan 2011-2014</u> Ms Geelan advised that a resources column had not been added to the action plan as originally planned.</p> <p><u>Connections with Regional Sub Groups</u> Ms Mahon reported that further meetings were to be organised between the Chairs of the Outcomes Groups and the Chairs of the Regional Sub Groups.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Matters Arising Ms Mahon welcomed Mr Barney Heywood, Chief Environmental Health Officer, Omagh District Council, to the Western Outcomes Group.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Commissioning Framework Ms Mahon advised that the Western Outcomes Group currently only received funding from the Health and Social Care Board and formally asked representatives from other organisations to consider if they would be in a position to jointly commission. Mr Conway said it would be beneficial for the group to be apprised of funding programmes within other organisations such as the Department of Social Development, Derry City Council, Social Investment Fund etc.</p> <p>Ms Geelan advised that the plan for the current financial year was that there would be an open call with funding to be allocated by the end of December 2012. It was</p>

	<p>agreed that a small sub group [Carina Boyle, Anne Hardy, Una Geelan, Kate McDaid, Brenda MacQueen, Priscilla Magee/Bronagh Donnelly, Anne Donaghey] would meet to identify key areas for funding applications for this financial year.</p> <p>It was agreed that the commissioning priorities would be shared with the Parents Reference Group.</p>
7	<p>Summary of Priority Areas Ms Mahon advised that she had circulated to members a summary of priority areas from other Outcomes Groups and Regional Sub Groups. She pointed out to members that under the priority area “Enjoying Learning and Achieving”, all five Outcomes Groups had listed the following as a priority:- “Provide support for parents, children and young people to attend and fully participate in school or alternative education, removing barriers to learning, transition years”.</p>
8	<p>Regional Sub Groups Action Plans Ms Mahon advised that the Regional Sub Group Action Plans had been forwarded to members and asked members to take the opportunity to read the plans.</p>
9	<p>Update from Locality Planning Groups and Participation of Children, Young People, Parents and Communities It was agreed to bring this item forward to the next meeting on 31 October 2012 for discussion.</p>
10	<p>Report from Save the Children “Developing Children’s Zones for England” Ms Mahon noted the report from Save the Children and said the group would take stock of the report at the forthcoming development day.</p>
11	<p>Development Day Ms Mahon agreed to organise a development day for the Western Outcomes Group and said she would secure a facilitator and advise members of arrangements.</p>
12	<p>Stakeholder Events Ms Mahon advised that an event was being planned at the Long Gallery in Stormont to raise awareness of the Children’s and Young People’s Strategic Partnership. She also advised that local events were being planned for early next year. Ms Geelan said that local events would promote awareness among community and voluntary groups.</p>
13	<p>Presentation to Local Commissioning Group – 12 September 2012 Ms Mahon reported that she had been invited to attend the Local Commissioning Group meeting on 12 September 2012 to give a presentation on the work of the Western Outcomes Group. Members agreed that this was an opportunity to influence the LCG on the work of the group.</p>

14	Any Other Business Ms Mahon advised that the Trust was launching its Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy on 1 October 2012. Ms Mahon thanked Mr Mackie for his contribution to the Western Outcomes Group and wished him well in his retirement.
15	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting 31 October 2012 at 10.00 am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency.