



**Minute of Western Outcomes Group  
held on 25 January 2012 in  
Strabane Enterprise Agency**

**Present:**

- Mr John Doherty, Director of Women & Children's Service [Chair]
- Mrs Kate McDaid, Assistant Director [Health Care]
- Ms Brenda MacQueen, Dry Arch Centre
- Ms Carina Boyle, Action for Children
- Ms Clionagh Boyle, Early Years
- Mr Donnie Sweeney, NIACRO
- Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid
- Mr Sean Mackie, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Ms Marie McGale, MENCAP
- Mr Eamon O'Kane, Western Local Commissioning Group
- Ms Anne Hardy, Children's Services Planning Officer, HSCB
- Mrs Una Geelan, HSCB
- Mr Gerry Conway, Commissioning Lead, HSCB

**In attendance:**

- Ms Priscilla Magee, Action for Children
- Ms Bronagh Donnelly, Action for Children
- Mrs Anne Donaghey, Business Manager, Western Trust
- Ms Elaine Forrest, Personal Assistant, Western Trust

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Ms Deirdre Mahon, Assistant Director [Family and Child Care]          Ms Philomena McDermott, WELB          Ms Maeve Linton, SureStart Manager, ARC Healthy Living Centre          Ms Cathy Mullan, Public Health Agency          Mr Paul Laughlin, Department of Social Development</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 21 December 2011</b></p> <p>All present confirmed they had received a copy of the minutes and that they were a true and accurate reflection of the discussion that had taken place.</p>

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### **Matters Arising**

#### **Membership**

Mr Doherty welcomed Mr Eamon O’Kane to his first meeting. Mr O’Kane advised that he was Director of the North West Alcohol Forum and was representing the Western Local Commissioning Group.

Mrs Hardy said she hoped to be able to advise of the five District Councils representatives in the near future. Ms Magee agreed to advise Mrs Hardy of District Council representatives on the Locality Planning Groups. Mrs Hardy agreed to check progress in respect of PSNI representation.

#### **Parenting NI**

Members acknowledged receipt of an email from Ms Maria Herron, Parenting NI, requesting suggestions in identifying individual parents or parent groups across the west who may be interested in participating in the consultation process. Members agreed to reply directly to Ms Herron.

Mrs MacQueen and Mrs McGale advised that arrangements and already been made with Ms Herron to meet with parents from the Dry Arch Centre and MENCAP.

It was agreed that Ms Alison McNulty/Ms Maria Herron from Parenting NI should be invited to the next Western Outcomes Group meeting to give an update on engagement with parents. It was also agreed that Mrs Hardy would invite a representative from CINi to the next meeting to discuss proposals for engaging young people in the consultation process.

#### **Finance and Commissioning Process 2011/12**

Mrs Donaghey advised that two allocations had been agreed from the budget of £100,000 in the current financial year. This left a remaining balance of £53,000. Mr Conway confirmed that this money could not be carried forward to 2012/13. He advised that the Western Outcomes Group would be required to report back to the Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership regarding allocations awarded in 2011/12.

Members discussed various proposals for allocating the remaining balance, but due to time constraints, it was agreed that a call out would be sent to organisations with existing contracts, stipulating revised application criteria. Mrs Hardy agreed to forward Mr Doherty and Mrs Donaghey criteria used by another Outcomes Group.

#### **Finance and Commissioning Process 2012/13**

Mr Doherty noted that the consultation process would help prioritise ideas and proposals for the financial year 2012/13. He said he was hopeful that other sources of funding could be channelled into this process to get the best

	<p>outcomes for children. Mrs MacQueen noted that the consultation would identify pressures and gaps in services which would inform the allocation process in 2012/13.</p> <p>Mrs Hardy confirmed that a standardised commissioning framework was currently being finalised and was being presented to the CYPSP in March 2012 for consideration and approval.</p>
4	<p><b>Preliminary Action Plan for the Western Area</b></p> <p><b>Timescale</b> Members noted that responses to the action plan were to be forwarded to Mrs Hardy/Mrs Geelan, HSCB. Closing date for responses was 11 April 2011.</p> <p><b>Arrangements for Dissemination</b> Mr Doherty passed on his sincere thanks to Ms Magee, Ms Mahon, Mrs Donaghey, Mrs Hardy, Mrs Geelan and everyone who contributed to the production of the preliminary action plan. Mr Conway noted that work in progress was also evidenced in the plan.</p> <p>Mr Doherty advised that the action plan was available on the Western Trust’s website and had been issued to the Chief Executive, Directors and senior managers in the Women &amp; Children’s Directorate. He asked members if they would undertake to disseminate the document within their respective organisations.</p> <p>Mrs Hardy confirmed that the action plan had been forwarded to members of the Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership, District Councils, MLA’s, CINI, NICVA and Participation Network. Mrs Hardy requested members to advise Mrs Geelan of all actions taken regarding dissemination. Mrs Geelan distributed extra copies of the action plan to members.</p> <p>Ms Magee suggested that copies of the action plans should be available at forthcoming conferences to reach as wide an audience as possible. Mrs Donaghey agreed to speak with Mrs K O’Brien, Assistant Director [Workforce Development and Governance – Social Work], to take this forward within the Western Trust.</p> <p>Ms Donnelly joined the meeting.</p> <p>Mrs McGale said it would be important to discuss the best ways of involving young people with a learning disability in the consultation process.</p> <p>Mr Doherty encouraged members to view the actions plans of other Outcomes Groups which would assist with future planning. Mrs Hardy said viewing other action plans would identify areas of commonality.</p>

	<p>Mrs Geelan agreed to email members her contact details as she had prepared a presentation on the action plan which she could deliver to community groups. She said this could also be linked into Ms Maria Herron’s current work with the groups.</p> <p><b>Arrangements for Revising Action Plan after Consultation</b> Mrs Hardy confirmed that Mrs Geelan would collate responses to the action plans in all five Trusts. It was agreed that a sub group should be established to consider similar themes emanating from responses. Mr Conway said summary findings could then be discussed at the Western Outcomes Group meeting on 25 April 2012.</p>
5	<p><b>Our Children and Young People – Our Pledge</b> <b>A Ten Year Strategy for Children and Young People in NI, 2006 – 2016</b> Mr Doherty encouraged members to read the report “Our Children and Young People – Our Pledge, A Ten Year Strategy for Children and Young People in NI 2006 – 2016”, and provided members with a web link to access the report. He said it was an excellent document which outlined the strategic direction for children and young people.</p> <p>Mr Conway endorsed Mr Doherty’s comments and said the report was a vision for organisations working with children and their families.</p>
6	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Mencap Conference</b> Mrs McGale advised members of a MENCAP conference “Working Together for Change” organised for 23 &amp; 24 March 2012 at the Ramada Hotel, Belfast.</p> <p><b>Visit by Chief Executive, Public Health Agency</b> Mrs Hardy advised that Mr Eddie Rooney, Chief Executive of the Public Health Agency, and a member of the CYPSP, had requested to visit the Trust’s Family Support Hubs and to attend a meeting of the Outcomes Group. Following discussion, it was agreed that Mrs Hardy would devise a programme for Mr Rooney to visit two of the Hubs in the Trust and a separate meeting with a representative group of members of the Western Outcomes Group would be arranged.</p> <p><b>Conferences – Western Trust</b> Mrs Donaghey agreed to email members information on forthcoming conferences organised by the Western Trust on Infant Mental Health in February and March 2012. Conference speakers were Dr Suzanne Zeedyk and Mr Robin Balbernie.</p>

	<p><b>Briefing for New Members</b> Mrs Hardy advised that herself and Mrs Godfrey had arranged to meet new members of other Outcomes Groups on an individual basis to brief them on their role and the work of Outcomes Groups. It was agreed that a workshop for the Western Outcomes Group would be arranged when there was full membership.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b> 29 February 2012 at 10.00 am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency.</p>