



**Minute of Western Outcomes Group**  
**held on 29 February 2012 in**  
**Strabane Enterprise Agency**

**Present:** Mr John Doherty, Director of Women & Children's Service [Chair]  
 Mrs Kate McDaid, Assistant Director [Health Care]  
 Ms Jenny Irvine, ARC Healthy Living Centre  
 Ms Carina Boyle, Action for Children  
 Ms Marie McGale, MENCAP  
 Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid  
 Ms Monica MacIntyre, Department of Social Development  
 Mr Sean Mackie, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

**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>          Ms Deirdre Mahon, Assistant Director [Family &amp; Child Care]          Ms Maeve Linton, ARC Healthy Living Centre          Ms Clionagh Boyle, Early Years          Ms Cathy Mullan, Public Health Agency          Mrs Anne Hardy, Children's Services Planning Officer, HSCB          Mr Gerry Conway, Commissioning Lead, HSCB          Mr Eamon O'Kane, Western Local Commissioning Group          Mr Paul Loughlin, Department of Social Development</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 25 January 2012</b>          All present confirmed that 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>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Membership</b>          Mr Doherty welcomed Ms Jenny Irvine, ARC Health Living Centre, to the meeting. Ms Irvine was representing Ms Maeve Linton who had recently been involved in a</p>

road traffic accident. Mr Doherty asked Ms Irvine to pass on the good wishes of members to Ms Linton.

Mr Doherty advised that Ms Colleen Heaney, Assistant Director, would be the new representative from the Youth Justice Agency. He also advised members that Ms Hazel Deeney, had resigned from the group as her contract with First Housing had expired. Staff in CINI had been apprised that there was now an opportunity for a new member to join the group. Mr Doherty agreed to keep members apprised of developments in relation to representation from District Councils and the PSNI.

Ms Donnelly suggested inviting a representative from Youth Education to join the group in addition to the WELB representative. Mr Doherty agreed to pursue this.

Mr Doherty noted that a schedule of monthly meetings for 2012 had already been issued, but said the frequency of meetings may be reviewed in the near future.

Mr Doherty asked Ms MacIntyre for clarification on the DSD representative for Family Support Hubs in the Omagh area. Ms MacIntyre agreed to speak with Ms Cynthia Porter, DSD, and request her to contact Mr Doherty.

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

Ms McGale withdrew from the meeting for this item.

Mr Doherty advised that two organisations had already been allocated payments totalling £47,000 from the Western Outcomes Group's budget of £100,000 for 2011/12. Following a second call for applications, Mr Doherty advised that seven applications totalling £46,822 had been received from the following organisations:-

Foyle Down's Syndrome Trust	£7,139
Omagh HomeStart	£2,400
Dry Arch Centre	£9,435
Positive Futures, Fermanagh	£9,998
Foyle Women's Aid	£13,350
Mencap	£2,500
Fermanagh Women's Aid	£2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£46,822</b>

Mrs Donaghey advised that due to time constraints, the invitation to apply for in-year non recurrent funding had been forwarded to groups who already had an existing contract. The following criteria, which had been used by other Outcomes Groups, had been stipulated:-

**Family Support Interventions are locally based perspective activities targeted as vulnerable children living in adverse family situations that are designed:-**

- **To build on the strengths of families.**
- **To develop the resilience of children and young people.**
- **To alleviate stress and promote parental competencies and behaviours to increase the ability of families to successfully nurture their children.**
- **To enable families to use other resources and opportunities available in the community and create supportive networks to enhance their child rearing abilities.**

Members raised concerns as to whether groups could actually spend their allocation before the end of March 2012. Following discussion, it was agreed that groups should be contacted to confirm that they could guarantee they could incur the costs in this financial year.

Mr Doherty advised that as the Western Outcomes Group could not carry forward monies to the next financial year, further discussion would be required on the remaining balance of £6,000. It was agreed that when groups were contacted about the in-year spend, they would be offered the option of increasing their financial request, but they would be required to complete a revised application for audit purposes.

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

Mr Doherty advised that a standardised commissioning framework was being devised by the CYPSP for 2012/13 and beyond which would ensure a transparent and standardised process in the future for all Outcomes Groups.

Ms MacIntyre advised that DSD were in the process of entering a three year funding period and were eager to access the completed action plan to inform decision making and to ensure allocations where granted to achieve the best investment for outcomes. Mr Doherty said the Western Outcomes Group needed to look at how investment streams could best interface with each other to deliver resources in the most meaningful way.

Mr Doherty agreed to speak with Mrs Hardy regarding the publication of the commissioning process for 2012/13.

#### **Visit by Chief Executive, Public Health Agency**

Mr Doherty advised that Mr Conway and Ms Mullan were facilitating a visit today by Mr Eddie Rooney, Chief Executive, Public Health Agency, to the Shantallow Hub. He agreed to apprise members of the visit at the next meeting.

Mr Doherty said the Trust were planning to establish seven Hubs in the following localities – Limavady, Omagh, Fermanagh, Strabane and 3 in Derry. He said Hubs were the best way of collectively delivering statutory, voluntary and community services.

4	<p><b>Preliminary Action Plan for the Western Area</b></p> <p><b>Dissemination</b> Members agreed that they had disseminated the Preliminary Action Plan within their organisations.</p> <p><b>Consultation Sessions/Workshops</b> Mr Doherty said Mrs Hardy had advised of planned consultation meetings with the assistance of Ms Magee and Ms Donnelly as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Supporting Communities.</li> <li>➤ 5 Locality Planning Groups.</li> <li>➤ School Aged Mothers.</li> <li>➤ Disability Forum.</li> <li>➤ Omagh Early Years.</li> </ul> <p><b>Analysis</b> Mr Doherty reported that Mrs Hardy, Mrs Geehan, Mrs Magee and Mrs Donnelly had arranged to meet on either 12 or 13 April 2012 to collate consultation responses. They extended an invitation to members to join them. Ms Boyle advised that she would like to be involved in this process. Ms Conway was concerned that late applications received after the closing date of 11 April 2012 may not be considered. Ms Donnelly advised that another meeting to analyse the responses would probably need to be organised, so any late applications would be duly considered. Ms McGale said members should encourage people to respond to the consultation. Mr Doherty said summaries of responses would be shared with members.</p> <p>Mr Doherty agreed to speak with Mrs Hardy regarding involving Participation Network in the consultation process.</p> <p><b>Completion of Action Plan</b> Mr Doherty advised that the CYPSP had requested Outcomes Groups to have their analysis completed by 1 June 2012 and a finalised action plan ready by 11 June 2012.</p>
5	<p><b>Parenting NI Update</b> Mr Doherty welcomed Ms Maria Herron, Parenting NI, to the meeting.</p> <p>Ms Herron advised that to date 12 parents had agreed to join the Parents Advisory Group. She was in the process of recruiting another 3 members and acknowledged the assistance from the Locality Planning Groups in making contact with parents. The first meeting of the Parents Advisory Group was scheduled for 22 March 2012 at 6.30 pm in the Tara Centre, Omagh. Ms Herron shared with members a poster advertising the group. Members suggested distributing the poster to Community Midwives in GP Surgeries, SureStart groups, libraries, schools and forthcoming conferences.</p>

	<p>Ms Herron advised that she hoped to forward Mr Doherty a facilitation pack by 12 March 2012. Members agreed that it was important that parents were given the freedom to comment on issues that were important to them. Ms Conway suggested including a sheet in the facilitation pack for parents to record their comments and experiences anonymously.</p> <p>Mr Doherty thanked Ms Herron for attending the meeting.</p>
6	<p><b>Early Intervention Directory</b>  Mr Doherty apprised members that Mrs Magee had begun to collate information on effective early intervention models in the Southern Sector. He requested Mrs Magee and Mrs Donaghey to share with him the work prepared to date. It was agreed that the directory should be a Trust wide reference document and should include all models of good practice e.g., Roots of Empathy, Family Nurse Partnership, and would be brought forward to the next meeting for discussion.</p>
7	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Mencap Campaign</b>  Ms McGale advised that Mencap were running a campaign on “Hate Crime” and were working closely with the PSNI and young people with a learning disability who could be both perpetrators and victims of crime.</p> <p>Ms McGale advised that Learning Disability Week was taking place in June 2012.</p> <p><b>Restructuring of NIHE</b>  Mr Mackie apprised members of restructuring proposals to reduce NIHE regions from five to three in order to deliver efficiencies, with a proposed implementation date of 1 April 2012. Mr Mackie advised that no NIHE offices were to close, but that he himself planned to leave the service in the near future. Mr Doherty passed on the good wishes of members to Mr Mackie in his retirement.</p>
8	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b>  28 March 2012 at 10.00 am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency.</p>