



Minute of Western Outcomes Group
held on 30 May 2012 in
Strabane Enterprise Agency

Present: Mr John Doherty, Director of Women & Children's Service [Chair]
 Ms Carina Boyle, Action for Children
 Ms Brenda MacQueen, Dry Arch Centre
 Ms Clionagh Boyle, Early Years
 Ms Orla Conway, Omagh Women's Aid
 Ms Monica MacIntyre, Department of Social Development
 Ms Colleen Heaney, Assistant Director, Youth Justice Agency
 Ms Marie McGale, MENCAP
 Mrs Una Geelan, HSCB
 Mr Eamon O'Kane, Western Local Commissioning Group
 Mr Gerry Conway, Commissioning Lead, HSCB
 Ms Deirdre Mahon, Assistant Director [Family & Child Care]
 Mrs Kate McDaid, Assistant Director [Health Care]

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

1	<p>Apologies Ms Cathy Mullan, Public Health Agency Mrs Anne Hardy, Children's Services Planning Officer, HSCB Mr Paul Laughlin, Department of Social Development Mr Sean Mackie, Northern Ireland Housing Executive</p>
2	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 25 April 2012 All present confirmed that they had received a copy of the notes of the meeting and that they were a true and accurate reflection of the discussion that had taken place.</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Membership Mr Doherty welcomed Ms Colleen Heaney, Assistant Director, Youth Justice Agency,</p>

	<p>to the meeting. He advised members that Ms Maura Mason, Co-ordinator, Western Area Child Care Partnership, would also be joining the Western Outcomes Group.</p> <p>Mr Doherty confirmed that District Council and PSNI representation was being taken forward on a regional basis and nominations continued to remain outstanding.</p>
4	<p>Parenting Forum Mr Doherty welcomed Ms Maria Herron, Parenting NI, to the meeting.</p> <p>Ms Herron advised that following a recruitment campaign, 24 parents [21 women and 4 men] from across the Trust, had joined the Parents Advisory Group and the first meeting had taken place in March 2012. She advised that parents had discussed how outcomes could be better improved, the signposting of services, equity in services across the Trust, and gaps in services for teenagers. Ms Mahon said she would be interested to hear examples of what services parents would like to see provided for adolescents. Ms Herron agreed to raise this at the next meeting. She distributed copies of a report on the consultation with the Parents Advisory Group.</p> <p>Mr Doherty agreed that Ms Herron could share copies of the finalised action plan with the Parents Advisory Group at their next meeting scheduled for 13 June 2012 as the action plan would be adopted by the Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership at their meeting on 11 June 2012.</p> <p>Ms Herron suggested that parents could be invited to join the Western Outcomes Group in the future. Mr Doherty said that invitations could also be extended to young people to join the group in the near future. Ms Herron withdrew from the meeting.</p>
5	<p>Draft Action Plan Mr Doherty thanked members of the sub group who had met on 17 May 2012 to begin to populate the action plan.</p> <p>Mr Doherty advised that today’s meeting would be dedicated to agreeing the content of the final draft of the action plan for submission to the Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership by the deadline of 31 May 2012. He reminded members that the template and its relevant headings were regionally agreed and could not be altered.</p> <p>Mrs Donnelly undertook to make the changes on her laptop as they were agreed. The following overarching statement of the Western Outcomes Group was adopted by members:-</p> <p>The Western Outcomes Group will promote better outcomes for children by supporting parents and carers in their role as they nurture their children’s physical, social, emotional and intellectual development. We will strive to reduce inequalities by working together to create communities where children, young people and families are safe and secure and can reach their full potential.</p>

	<p>The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to systematically working through each of the draft outcome responses and agreeing their content and sequence.</p> <p>Ms Boyle suggested that Ms Maria Herron be asked to raise disability issues with members of the Parents Advisory Group.</p> <p>Mr Doherty thanked everyone involved in the preparation of the action plan which would allow the group to meet the submission date of 31 May 2012. It was agreed that Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Magee and Mrs Geelan would meet to populate the final two columns of the action plan – “Other Outcomes” and “By When”.</p> <p>Mr Doherty noted that due to the absence of the education representative, it had not been possible to include their contribution in the action planning process.</p> <p>Mrs Geelan advised that she hoped to prepare a young person’s version of the plan in the future.</p> <p>Mr Doherty agreed to forward members a copy of the final draft of the Western Outcomes Group action plan for 2011/14 and said the next meeting of the Western Outcomes Group would discuss the next steps beyond this process. He noted that the action plan was very much a live document and would continue to be refined and developed.</p>
6	<p>Any Other Business There was no further business.</p>
7	<p>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting 20 June 2012 at 10.00 am in the Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency.</p>