

Belfast Outcomes Group Meeting held in Conference Room, Carlisle Health & Wellbeing Centre, Wednesday 6 March 2013 10.00 am-12.30 pm

Present:

Ms Lesley Walker Belfast H&SC Trust

Statutory Sector

Mr Tommy Boyle BHSCT

Ms Anne Hardy Children's Services Planning Officer

Mr Danny Power HSCB Belfast Local Commissioning Group

Ms Brenda Martin BELB

Ms Suzanne Gowling Belfast City Council

Mr Jim Morgan Belfast Strategic Partnership

Ms Nuala Toner Belfast HSCT

Mr Seamus Mullen PHA

Ms Martina McCoohy Youth Justice Agency

Community Sector

Mr Jim Girvan

Blackie Community Group

Ms Geraldine O'Regan

East Belfast Sure Start

Ms Roisin McCooey
Mr Jackie Redpath
Ms Maggie Andrews

Belfast Childcare Partnership
Belfast Strategic Partnership
East Belfast Partnership

Vountary Sector

Mr Kevin McCormick Assistant Director, Barnardos NI

Ms Zelie Sheerin Early Years
Ms Charlene Brooks Parenting NI

In Attendance

Ms Lesley Addidle Minute Taker

Apologies

Ms Patricia Muldoon, Youth Justice Agency
Chief Inspector Ian Campbell, District PSNI N&W Belfast
Mr Des Marley, NIHE, Belfast Area Office
Mr Maurice Leeson, H&SC Board
Ms Tina Gregory, Clanmore Sure Start
Ms Jill Trotter, BELB
Mr Michael McAvoy, PSNI
Ms Una Geelan, CYPSP

Ms Walker

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ms Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were duly noted.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meetings were agreed as an accurate reflection of the discussion. All factual inaccuracies were noted and amended.

4. Matters Arising

Ms Hardy

Parents Reference Group (Documents Circulated)

Ms Hardy advised that representation from the Parents Reference Group will attend the Outcomes Meeting in May 2013. Ms Hardy spoke to the Cross Reference documents from the report of the first meeting of the Belfast Parents Reference Group.

Ms Martin

Following discussion Ms Martin agreed to feedback via Ms Jill Trotter of the BELB.

Ms Hardy

Ms Hardy agreed to re-circulate the document which requires a response to be fed back ahead of the meeting scheduled for May 2013.

Ms Hardy

Ms Hardy advised that Sandra Couser from Parenting NI received feedback from the parents and these responses will be returned to Ms Hardy by mid-April 2013. On receipt of same a discussion will follow and the outcome will be fed back to the Parents Reference Group.

Hidden Harm

Ms Hardy

Ms Hardy reported linkages between the Hidden Harm Group and the Belfast Outcomes Group. It was agreed that clarity needs to be sought around Hidden Harm regionally. There was a general consensus that it needed protected time and focus.

Mr Mullen

Finances are limited but Hidden harm needs to be integrated into existing services. Mr Mullen explained the future search process and advised there is a 10-year strategy vision around alcohol misuse in the Belfast area.

Presentations from Regional Sub Groups

Ms Walker

Ms Walker advised that suggestion had been made for presentation from Regional Sub Groups. The Chairs of the Groups were concerned how their actions link into Belfast Outcomes Action Plan. A lot of work remains outstanding regionally. There is a rolling programme of presentations from each of the Regional Sub Groups.

Mr Power

Mr Power reported that discussion had already taken place and it had been agreed that presentations would be done at Belfast Outcomes Meeting.

Mr Boyle

Mr Boyle advised that infrastructure is required to support the Belfast Outcomes Group to undertake work between meetings and to ensure the Outcomes Group delivers on actions.

Ms Walker

Ms Walker advised that she would seek clarity at the next Regional Chairs Meeting around offending, disability, transition, BME and Early Intervention.

It was proposed to set up a sub group to consider how the key messages and actions from the sub-groups can inform the work of the Outcomes Group. This will be tabled for discussion at the May 2013 meeting.

Ms Hardy

Ms Hardy agreed to link in with Mr Maurice Leeson and Mr Andrew Hawthorne.

Procurement Process

Ms Walker

Ms Walker reported that there were concerns raised by representatives of a number of groups around the procurement process due to time and complexities - these concerns were also raised at CYPSP. There are issues around social clauses in procurement in social care generally, nationally and internationally. The Partnership met a short time ago and raised the issues around the impact of procurement. Some CEOs expressed concerns and they suggested a task group to take the issues forward.

The current position is that Specifications are not ready to issue in March 2013. As timescales are very prescribed and there is a potential for a funding gap; roll over of contracts is not an option. Development of Family Support Hubs will identify gaps in services for local areas and based on these issues it is proposed to go for an 'open call' from April 2013. The proposal is therefore for an 18-

month open call following the same process as procurement.

Mr Boyle

Mr Boyle advised that the 'open call' will be against the three priorities already set by the Belfast Outcomes Group, which were discussed and agreed at previous meetings.

A lengthy discussion followed Ms Walker's proposal. Mr Girvan stated that he welcomes an open, competitive bid.

Mr Power

Mr Power reiterated that 'open call' is open and competitive and is a form of procurement.

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to support the proposal for 'open call'.

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a. Feedback from Regional Chairs Meeting

Ms Walker

An issue had been raised at a previous Outcomes meeting regarding deputies attending in the absence of a member. It was agreed that a deputy could be nominated provided they were well briefed in advance of the meeting and their name provided to the Chairperson prior to the meeting.

Any feedback/suggestions regarding community/voluntary contacts are to be fed back to Ms Hardy. Ms Walker advised that she would be keen to maintain attendance and discussion followed around consistency of membership.

b. Family Support Hubs

Ms Hardy

Ms Hardy reported that The Sub Group met on 20 February 2013. A summary of the discussion was provided to all members of the Outcomes Group who were present. Ms Hardy spoke to the paper regarding the Family Support Hubs meeting. There was discussion around funding and how it is being utilised.

Mr McCormick

Mr McCormick asked for a written breakdown to be provided for Belfast and where the money is to be allocated. It was agreed that a breakdown would be drawn up and circulated to members of the Outcomes Group.

There was lengthy discussion around the two proposals:

Go to tender for 4 organisations to take forward and develop the plan for North, South, East and West;

One person seconded from a statutory organisation to develop a plan then move to a more localised model.

Ms Hardy

Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that the preferred option would be one person to undertake a short-term piece of work to develop a plan.

Ms Hardy

Ms Hardy will feed back to Mr Leeson.

c. Locality Planning

Ms Hardy advised that there are 25 Locality Planning Groups. West Belfast has met and South Belfast has arranged a meeting. North and East Belfast have to agree and set initial meetings.

d. Feedback - CYPSP

Ms Geelan

Ms Hardy reported that Ms Geelan is drawing up a proposal for Locality Planning and she will feed back to the Outcomes Group.

6. Any Other Business

Date of Next Meeting

The Belfast Outcomes Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 June 2013 at 10.00 a.m. in the Conference Room, Belfast Trust Early Years Service, 124 Stewartstown Road, Belfast, BT11 9JQ.

The Sub Group will meet prior to the next Outcomes meeting.

