

South Belfast One Family Support Hub Update

LORAG, were appointed as the Lead Body for the first Family Support Hub in South Belfast. It is aligned alongside the Ormeau Road bus route and neighbouring areas. It was decided to implement a 3 stage action plan for hub development. This process involved;

Stage One – Contacting all potential partners and holding a stakeholder event for all those interested in being part of the hub

Stage two – Development of a partnership database and assessment of training needs

Stage Three – Implementation and delivery of the Hub

On Friday 19th September as part of stage one of Hub development a stakeholder event involving all partners was held in the Ramada Plaza Shaw's Bridge. To ensure the process was inclusive the planning and breakout session of the workshop was facilitated by S3 Solutions. The stakeholder event was attended by over 40 organisations from community, voluntary and statutory sector and the participation and feedback was extremely beneficial for further hub development. The reason for this event was to ensure that organisations and partners were involved in the planning and development of the hub from the outset. This approach has not only created an inclusive atmosphere but has also given great networking opportunities for all the organisations involved and ensured a wide breadth of expertise and knowledge was evident within partner membership.

Feedback from this event has been received on tracking outcomes for children and families, membership and the processes surrounding the hub. This will be taken to the first shadow hub meeting for further discussion and implementation as part of our stage 2 and stage three developments.