

**Minutes of the North Belfast Locality Planning Group Meeting Held
on Tuesday 24th June 2014 at 10am in the Belfast Girls Model
School, 35 Dunowen Gardens, BT14 2AG**

Present:

Name	Organisation
Katrina Newell	Ashton Centre (LPG Chair)
Una Casey	CYPSP
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Kelly Maxwell	Niacro
Janice Clarke	Belfast Model School for Girls
Fionnuala Black	Ashton
Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Maria Morgan	Ligoniel Improvement Association
Declan Morris	Simon Community NI
Caroline Milligan	Glenbrook SureStart
Craig Carlisle	Boys Model School
Helen O'Neill	FSNI
Diane Hill	Employers for Childcare
Julie Jamieson	New Lodge Duncairn CHP
Kelly Gill	Benview Community Centre
Ceri O'Reilly	Pathways

Apologies:

Name:	Organisation:
Laura Forte	Barnardos
Katherine Magennis	FNP
Caroline Rutherford	Pathways
David Ferris	Ballysillan Upper Ardoyne NRP
Sean Montgomery	Common Purpose
Brenda Lappin	Let Youth Lead- Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum
Shane Whelehan	Ardoyne Youth Providers Forum
Donna Neill	Home Start North Belfast
Christine McKeown	Ashton Community Trust
Justine Brown	North Belfast Partnership
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT

Welcome and Introductions

Katrina welcomed everyone to the meeting. A round of introductions took place.

Apologies

Were noted as above

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May were proposed by Declan and seconded by Gerry as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Action Plan

Outcome 4:

The group agreed the phrasing 'that they need' in the first action was not necessary in the description of Outcome 4 and should therefore be removed from the Action Plan.

Discussion around how it is possible to 'de-stigmatise support services'. The members shared the opinion that 'de-stigmatise' has negative connotations and should be removed.

It was also agreed to remove the action of 'Promote family support services' should be written into the introduction of the action plan.

Members discussed the Health and Wellbeing directory for North Belfast and it was agreed that this should be circulated to the group.

Action: Una to circulate the Health and Wellbeing Directory.

Members were confused by the term 'time banking partnership model'. It was speculated that it is a way in which volunteers worked, however the group agreed it would be better to have an understanding of this phrase before including it in the action plan.

The final action of outcome 4 is to 'work in partnership'. It was agreed that this is a core value of the group and the delivery of support services in collaboration should be further highlighted in the introduction of the action plan.

Outcome 5:

'New language' to be removed from the first action and 'and families' to be added to the end of the action.

The phrase 'through collaborative working' should be added to the end of 'Networking to facilitate improved resilience' in order to tie in with the agreed introduction of the action plan.

The order of the final action should be changed to 'Universal confidence and resilience programmes for children and young people in homes, communities and schools'.

The group agreed that resilience should be an important and overriding concept in the action plan and emphasised the significance of this outcome.

Outcome 6:

First action to be reworded to 'Member organisations and parents to support children and young people to participate and contribute to the LPG and have their voices heard.'

Emphasis placed on the fact that children and young people's ideas should be paramount in the discussions within the LPG.

Outcome 7:

The members agreed on the stated actions of this outcome as written in the action plan.

Presentation: Helen O'Neill – Family Support NI

Helen outlined the main focuses of Family Support NI. She highlighted that the website provides details of a wide range of services provided by statutory, voluntary and community organisations. There is access to up-to-date information on a range of services available to support families.

Gerry queried if website could perhaps include the locality planning area, Helen agreed to look into this.

Action: Members to ensure that their service is on the website and all information is up-to-date

Presentation: Diane Hill – Employers for Childcare- Approved Home Childcare for families with Children with Disability.

Diane gave the group an outline of the service which Employers for Childcare provides. Employers for Childcare are widely known for their voucher services; however Diane noted that this is not the only service they provide. They also have charity services and childcare solutions- i.e. affordable, flexible childcare which comes to your own home.

Diane drew particular attention to families of children with a disability and the extra help and support they could provide these families with.

Presentation: Declan Morris – Simon Community NI

Declan asked the group to share their opinion of what they perceived was their home. He went on to share how a home should be a place of solace and safety, and this is what the Simon Community aim to provide for those who do not currently have this privilege.

The Simon Community also provide a number of services to young people and families such as programmes designed to help young people achieve sustainable independence. Training is often provided to assist with budgeting, personal development, living skills and resettlement.

Declan made the group aware that Simon Community have a space available in Belfast for use to provide a service to the community with no charge. Anyone who is interested in using this space should get in contact with Simon Community.

Please see attachments for all the above presentations

Family Support Hub Update

Gerry provided an update on the Family Support Hubs. He highlighted that in outer North Belfast there have been a number of workshops and the appointment of a lead body is underway. This will be a one year contract.

There is an on-going discussion at the Belfast Outcomes Group around the number and configurations of the Family Support Hubs in Belfast. Gerry discussed the Early Intervention Transformation Programme and in particular the work stream 2 part of it and the connections that it will have with the Family Support Hubs. He highlighted that there could be potentially 12-15 family support workers in the Early Intervention Service across Belfast.

Feedback from Inner North Youth Platform Conference

It was agreed that this feedback should be deferred to a future meeting.

Any Other Business

Cliftonville Community Regeneration forum's 'Let Youth Lead' is launching their research on family needs at interface areas in the 174 Trust today (Tuesday 24th June).

Kelly highlighted that there was a conference held on 30th May about how Article 21 in the Youth Justice Act has been dropped - she will provide more information at the next meeting

Date of the Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th September in Ligoniel Improvement Association