

**Minutes of the North Belfast Locality Planning Group Meeting Held
on Wednesday 14th May 2014 at 10am in the Vine Centre, Crumlin
Road**

Present:

Name	Organisation
Katrina Newell	Ashton Centre (LPG Chair)
Una Casey	CYPSP
Stephen Reid	Vine Centre
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Kelly Maxwell	Niacro
Laura Forte	Barnardos
Janice Clarke	Belfast Model School for Girls
Alison Templeton	New Life Counselling
Harry Bradley	Youth Justice Agency
Fionnuala Black	Ashton
Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
David Ferris	BUANP
Maria Morgan	Ligoniel Improvement Association
Maria Burke	LHLC
Una McRoberts	Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership
Joan Totten	NB Alternatives
Ashley Neill	Good Morning North Belfast
Declan Morris	Simon Community NI
Caroline Milligan	Glenbrook SureStart
Sarah Kelly	Star Neighbourhood Centre
Maria McCafferty	Star Neighbourhood Centre
Craig Carlisle	Boys Model School

Apologies:

Name:	Organisation:
Nuala McCallum	Simon Community NI
Sean Montgomery	Common Purpose
Julie Jamison	New Lodge Duncairn Health Partnership
Rachel Compton	New Lodge Duncairn Health Partnership
Helen Holland	Glenbank Community Association
Brenda Lappin	CCRF
Gabi Morninweg	BHSCT

Justine Brown	NBPB
Brian Maguire	NBPB
Christine McKeown	Ashton
Kelly Gill	Benview Community Centre
Sally Smith	Grace Women's Development Ltd

Welcome and Introduction

Katrina welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked The Vine Centre for providing the venue for 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 8th April were proposed by Caroline and seconded by Gerry as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Matters Arising

Una and Justine haven't had a meeting yet.

Action: Una to arrange this.

Action Plan

Katrina recapped for new members the background to the Locality Planning Group's Action Plan and how the group had developed the action plan in a workshop which included examining the available statistics, scoping the neighbourhood renewal action plans and identifying emerging needs of children, young people and families in the area. The group agreed that in today's meeting they would discuss the first four of the outcomes in the plan.

Outcome 1

A discussion took place around better collaboration and bridging between services and schools with children, young people and families. It was agreed that the first action needs to be reworded to read "Targeting information to parents at an earlier stage".

Improved partnerships between schools and communities were discussed. Craig and Janice advised the group that there were a number of principals groups existed in the area as well as an Area Learning Community. The group agreed that it would be essential to make linkages with these groups. It was also highlighted that the NBPB

are also currently working on the Community Education Initiative Programme and the LPG needed to engage with this. It was also agreed that linkages need to be made with primary schools. Alison highlighted that there wasn't universal counselling services available in primary schools and this was a gap that needs to be addressed.

An in-depth discussion took place about how help services engage with children, young people and parents. A discussion about an information type event took place and the 3 pronged benefits of this; i.e. networking between services, raising awareness of services with children and young people and awareness raising with parents.

Action: Task group to come together to work on an information sharing event.

Action: Linkages to be made with the various principals' forums and Area Learning Community.

The seventh action needs to be reworded to read "Engaging parents and expectant parents at an early stage."

Outcome 2:

Members were reminded to ensure that their information was on www.familysupportni.gov.uk website and that it was up to date. Una highlighted that this website now had a free smart phone app.

A discussion took place about the work that was being undertaken by the North Belfast/Shankill Youth Workers Collective Initiative and how much of this linked to the actions under this outcome. Katrina highlighted that one of the issues faced by youth workers was organised fights. She discussed the plan that detached youth workers were going to do coordinated "pop up youth clubs" across North Belfast and Shankill at a planned strategic time. She also highlighted the recommendations from this collective for parents.

The issue of young people both travelling into and out of North Belfast for fights were also discussed.

Members also discussed the issue of young people hanging around parks who are engaging in anti-social behaviour and how if they are moved on from one area they just move onto another. The need for an alternative to this; initiatives such as mid-night soccer and mid-night boxing were discussed.

A member highlighted that Belfast City Council are currently piloting a park project in 3 areas but none these were in North Belfast.

Members discussed how youth services needed to become better at sharing resources and be more aware of what other services are doing. It was agreed that the youth work collective was a good opportunity for this to happen and that communication between the LPG and youth workers collective needed to be 2-way.

Katrina noted that some of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships have subgroups on youth and also that the BELB have a youth services steering group in North Belfast and that linkages need to be made with these.

Action: Una to circulate minutes and presentation from the Youth Workers Collective to the LPG

Outcome 3

Better use of existing funding.

Members felt that this was core work of the LPG and therefore there needed to be an introduction added to the plan laying out the core work of the LPG along with background information about the area and so on.

Action: Una to add introduction to the action plan

Outcome 4

ALL children and young people are supported through transition

Members discussed how the word 'transition' and what was meant by it; for some it is about ages and stages of development, also moving from one service to another, or life events; changes between class room assistants. It was agreed that the LPG would strive for a common language.

Members deliberated about the issue of puberty. Kelly explained that the FPA deliver projects called Just Ask and Speak Easy to enable parents talk to their children about sexual health. Craig and Janice highlighted that HYPE project are no longer funded to deliver sexual health talks through schools and that DE have advised schools that teachers have to deliver sexual health talks themselves, a discussion followed about the impact of this.

Action: Una to update the Action Plan to include an introduction and rewording of some actions. (See attached updated action plan)

Family Support Hubs

Gerry explained the background to the family support hubs and detailed the remit of the BHSCT in the development of the hubs across Belfast.

He explained that family support hubs will work with families in need of early intervention family support at tier 2 i.e. families not in receipt of statutory services intervention. He highlighted that at last month's meeting the members had prioritised the Outer North Belfast area (Ligoniel NRP area plus Ballysillan Upper Ardoyne NRP and the area between) for the first hub in North Belfast. There will be a series of workshops hosted by the BHSCT for family support service providers in this Outer North area. These will take place on 20th May, 3rd June and 17th June at 10am. The first workshop will be held in Ballysillan Community Forum, Willowgrove the appointment of a lead body to service the hub will then take place. The work of the lead body will include coordinating and administration of the referrals, and safeguarding, information protection and meeting with families.

He explained there will be representation from CAMHS, Health Visiting and Gateway on the Family Support Hubs.

Helen Dunn introduced herself to the LPG and explained that her role with the CYPSP was that of Regional Family Support Hub Co-Ordinator. Her role is to oversee the development of the Family Support Hubs in Belfast and across Northern Ireland and to share learning across all of the Hubs to ensure that any family can get the help and support they need in a more coordinated way.

Feedback from Inner North Youth Platform Conference

This has been deferred to a future meeting.

Chairing Arrangements

Una explained that an email calling members for an expression of interest in the chairing role of the LPG. Members agreed that Katrina had been doing a great job of chairing and all agreed that she should continue to do so on a permanent basis. Members congratulated Katrina.

Any Other Business

Kelly explained that Autism NI have launched a new website for young people www.wethinksafetostaysafe.com. This website includes information about feelings, budgeting advice etc. Una will circulate a electronic version of the flyer. Members are advised to circulate this further and bring it to young people's attention.

Una advised the group that she is having a meeting with Parenting NI about how to involve parents in all stages of planning and the LPG.

Date of the Next Meeting

24th June at 10am in Belfast Model School for Girls, 35 Dunowen Gardens, Belfast BT14 6NQ