

**Minutes of the North Belfast locality planning group meeting held
on Wednesday 17th September 2014 at 10am in Ligoniel
Improvement Association, Wolfhill centre, 148 Ligoniel road,
BT14 8DT.**

Present:

Name	Organisation
Katrina Newell	Ashton Centre (LPG Chair)
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Caroline Milligan	Glenbrook SureStart
Brenda Lappin	Let Youth Lead- Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum
Laura Forte	Barnardo's
Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Christine McKeown	Ashton Community Trust
Maria Burke	Ligoniel Improvement Association
Alison Templeton	New Life Counselling
Helen Dunn	CYPSP

Apologies:

Name:	Organisation:
Una Casey	CYPSP
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Katherine Magennis	FNP
Janice Clarke	Girls Model School
Arthur Atcheson	Ligoniel Village NRP
Shane Whelehan	Ardoyne Youth Providers Forum
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Maria Morgan	Ligoniel Improvement Association
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Helen Holland	Glenbank Community Association

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 24th June were proposed by Alison and seconded by Caroline as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Action Plan

Laura showed the group the West Belfast action plan and Katrina went through the structure of the new plan with the group. Katrina told the group that she had met with Una and Laura to discuss how to take the action plan forward. Katrina explained that when looking into the Action Plan in further detail, some of the previous actions were more experience than outcomes which could be measured.

Outcome 1

Mary pointed out that even though the title includes 'ALL children', it would need to be more specific, so that needs can be met e.g. disability or ethnic minority. It was discussed that in the first section 'How do we know this needs to be addressed?' statistics should include generic population and minority groups.

The group agreed that throughout the outcome there should be a particular focus on disability and ethnic minority groups. As part of the education based information sharing event, members of the group suggested there should be education packs available in various languages; it is important to communicate about what information is already accessible to the public.

Christine pointed out that the 'partners' section needs to be consistent in each outcome, all relevant partners should be listed or else 'All members' stated. The list of partners can be added to at any time.

Outcome 2

The members agreed that Outcome two does not currently need to be amended.

Outcome 3

The wording within Outcome 3 should be changed as follows:

How will we achieve this?

- Courses around issues of life transition including puberty (including schools) - such as Talking about Tough Issues.

Include 'weaning children' and other life transitions such as emigration.

The group discussed that schools have a vital part to play in supporting children and young people through life transitions and so this should be

included in the 'How will we experience this?' section. Caroline noted that schools need to be ready for children as well as children being ready for school.

Outcome 4

Members of the group had a lengthy discussion about the meaning of 'resiliency' as it is now becoming a commonly used term. There is also a difficulty in how to measure 'resiliency' e.g. those coming forward with mental health issues- if there is a higher number does this mean the service is working as more people are coming forward or not?

It was pointed out that 'resiliency' attached to all activities in everyday life and different people may have different view of what the term 'resiliency' means. Mary informed the group that there are currently 'resiliency programmes' being invested in by the PHA and BSP and it is important not to roll out further programmes.

The members agreed it would be important to develop a culture to establish and resilience and not just have specific programmes. It is vital that all groups work together in using the facilities which are already available to support resiliency. Therefore, it was agreed to change the title of the outcome to 'Support resiliency for ALL children and young people'.

Outcome 5

The group discussed that changing the title to 'Promoting participation of ALL children, young people and families in the North Belfast LPG' would be more attainable as not all young people will attend LPG groups. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to get children and young people to attend LPG groups so they can have their voices heard, as this is a core value of the LPGs. This could happen maybe two or three times a year, just so that the young people can be involved.

Outcome 6

Katrina stressed that outcome six would be a core function of the Locality Planning Group and so members of the group agreed that Outcome six should be included in the introduction.

The group discussed Arthur Acheson's suggestions about the Action Plan, sent via email. These comments, the group agreed could be directed towards the hubs; however it is beneficial to see some practical feedback on the Action Plan. The group thanked Arthur for his contribution.

Early Intervention Transformation Programme (EITP)

Laura gave the group the dates for the upcoming EITP stakeholder events and agreed to circulate these. The stakeholder event in North Belfast will be held on the 21st October at 9.30am, the location for this event has yet to be confirmed.

Action: Laura to circulate EITP stakeholder event dates

Family Support Hub Update

Mary gave a short update on the hub situation in North Belfast. She relayed the discussion from the Outcomes group regarding the current DSC funding situation. Mary explained that all money which has not been committed will be put on hold, and this will apply to the hubs. This therefore means that the Outer North hub is going to be servicing the whole of North Belfast. The group expressed concern that this would not be feasible as it would not be easily accessible for all groups.

Action: Helen and Katrina to feedback concerns about the hubs situation, as the members of the group are deeply dissatisfied with the outcome.

Mary added that the Family Support funding was in place for 18 months and is due to run out at the end of November. There is going to be a process of rolling out existing funding according to a criteria, some groups may not need more money e.g. summer schemes. This means that there will be a new procurement process for the new financial year.

Feedback from Inner North Belfast & Shankill Youth Workers Collective Initiative

Katrina fed back to the group that meetings have been held about youth work practise and contested spaces. There are youth consultations planned around bonfires with young people who are active in building the bonfires. This will initially be in the Nationalist community, leading to a conference on the 14th November with Jarlath Benson speaking.

The group were also informed that due to the return to school in September, there has been a significant increase in arranged fights and knife crime. Local groups are working together with the PSNI to address this.

Any Other Business

There is a lantern parade on Thursday 30th October in North Belfast with workshops, mainly for children and young people.

Halloween event being held in Ligoniel Dam on the 30th October.

There is a coffee morning for Macmillan cancer on Friday 26th September in Wolfhill as part of World's biggest coffee morning.

Helen informed the group that the EITP launch was straight after the LPG group, in the afternoon of Wednesday 17th September.

Action: Members to send Laura any information they would like circulated.

Date of the Next Meeting

To be confirmed