

## MINUTES

### **EAST BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 9.30AM IN THE SKAINOS CENTRE, NEWTOWNARDS ROAD.**

**Present:**

Una Casey	CYPSP
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Dermot Magorrian	Youth Justice Agency
Pauline Smart	BELB Youth Service
Mark Davis	East Belfast Mission
Karen Burns	BHSCT
Kelly Cochrane	NIACRO
Matt McCullough	Youth Initiatives
Karen Purdy	Bloomfield Community Association
Liz Greer	Extern Faces
Alison Templeton	Newlife Counselling
Cora De Baróid	Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid
Tracey Wilson	Oasis
Ashlea Berryman	Early Years Organisation Belfast Branch
Nicola Stewart	Tullycarnet Family Project
Lorraine Brennan	BHSCT
Carolyn Stewart	MECAP
Claire Humphrey	Barnardos
Maggie Andrews	East Belfast Partnership (Acting Chair)

**Apologies:**

Yvonne Cowan	NHSCT
Zara Monteith	Willowfield Parish Community Association
Liz Brown	NICMA
Michael Bryans	East Belfast Alternatives
Andy Moorhead	East Belfast Alternatives

## **1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies.**

Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting, a round of introductions took place and apologies were noted as above.

## **2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

These were circulated

## **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

## **4. Presentation on BHSCT Mapping - Karen Burns**

Karen had undertaken a mapping exercise for referrals to BHSCT Gateway Service identifying the busiest wards in the city. In the timeframe from September 2011 to March 2012 there were 5983 referrals to the gateway teams. After applying filters this number was reduced to 1456 and then a random sample of 408 UNOCINIs was examined in depth to look into the detail of what the referrals were for and where they were referred on to.

Families were often referred with more than one issue. Karen pointed out that many of the assessed families that were not transferred had tier 2 family support needs and these would benefit from services from the Family Support Hubs. Mental health issues were prevalent in the majority of the referrals. Karen explained that the main referral reasons for parents were; Allegations of Physical Abuse, Mental Health, Alcohol/Drug Abuse, Neglect/Supervision, Family Relationships and Contact Issues. The main referral reasons for children were Alleged/Inappropriate Sexualised behaviour, Behaviour issues, Disability, Drugs/Alcohol and Mental Health.

Una agreed to circulate the detailed presentation with the minutes. .

## **5. Overview of Family Support Hubs - Gerry Largey**

Gerry explained the structure of the CYPSP describing how hubs would improve co-ordination and delivery pathways for families in need in an area. No extra funding was being anticipated to deliver services - the focus will be on people responding in a more structured way to families in need. Locality Planning Groups (LPGs) will take the lead in recommending to the Belfast Outcomes Group the location of the hubs and planning for these.

Currently the BHSC are working to enable, coordinate and support the setting up of the hubs, but will not have an on-going role in running and sustaining them. There is some limited funding available for the operational costs of the hubs.

A regional document which lays out guidelines for the hubs is available on the website [www.cypsp.org](http://www.cypsp.org). Belfast may require slightly different arrangements due to the high concentrations of poverty and large numbers of services. In addition hubs may vary in size and capacity and can link with existing structures such as Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships.

Gerry highlighted that BHSC Trust wants to ensure that the referrals are appropriate for the hubs, emphasising that the hubs will not be inappropriately used to reduce their existing workload. He will work with each LPG to establish what services they think are required in the hub.

Hubs will be governed by information sharing protocols and conform to high levels of quality assurance; to provide confidence for both members of the hub and the families referred. There was a discussion about the need for common language and information sharing protocols.

## **6. Locality Planning Exercise**

Given the existing demands on peoples time and the pressure to begin developing the Locality Action Plan for east Belfast, Maggie and Kelly suggested that some volunteers may wish to be involved in a 'task and finish' group to develop an outline plan which could then be presented to the main LPG. This group would meet more intensively for a short period. The LPG would continue as the wider group – open to those who feel they need to be involved. Others may opt only to participate in the planned family support hub or hubs. Attendees were asked to undertake an exercise to identify what level of involvement they wish to have in future. They were also asked to identify any other organisations who should be involved. Maggie agreed to circulate this to everyone involved to date, for any additional input.

## **7. Dates of Future Meetings**

To Be Confirmed