

## MINUTES

### **EAST BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 11AM IN THE SKAINOS CENTRE, NEWTOWARDS ROAD**

**Present:**

Brónagh Ní Dhonnghaile	Extern
Kelly Maxwell	Niacro
Una Casey	CYPSP
Jayne McConkey	New Life Counselling
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Claire Humprey	Barnardos
Mary McManus	East Belfast Independent Advice Centre
Yvonne Cowan	BHSCT
Eelco Westerhuis	Homestart
Geraldine O'Regan	East Belfast SureStart
Ann Martin	TCSS
Michele Bryans	Alternatives
Mark Davis	EBM
Megan Miller	EBM
Raymond Laverty	IEYP
Lorraine Brennan	BHSCT
Maggie Andrews	East Belfast Partnership (Chair)

**Apologies:**

Alison Templeton	New Life Counselling
Martina McCooley	Youth Justice Agency
Cora De Baroid	Women's Aid
Ashlea Berryman	
Zara Monteith	WPCA
Matt McCullough	Youth Initiatives
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Liz Brown	NICMA
Marie Wright	Opportunity Youth

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions took place.

## **Apologies**

Noted as above

## **Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2013 were agreed as an accurate recording.

## **Matters Arising**

Una agreed to recirculate the presentation given by Karen Burns in a previous meeting.

A discussion took place about possible venues for the Locality Planning meetings; room size and cost are an issue. Maggie agreed to explore options for future meetings on that basis.

Discussion took place about the membership of both the LPG and the Family Support Hubs. Members felt that there was good representation on the LPG and that as it has open membership that anyone working with children, young people and families can attend the LPG. Hubs will have closed membership of service providers who will be required to sign up to information sharing protocols etc.

## **Task and Finishing Subgroup Notes and Draft Action Plan**

The notes from the task and finishing subgroup were explained. The group had examined all the available statistical information, looked at the information available on the interactive map on the cypsp website as well as their own knowledge of local issues to produce a draft action plan (also tabled). The subgroup had identified actions that they believed were achievable and impacted across the age range.

Discussion with the wider group identified other outcomes for inclusion - risk-taking behaviour among young people and high numbers from East Belfast attending the Brook Clinic. A one-stop-shop to include the alcohol response planning, Brook, FASA is being considered currently.

The statistics for the percentage of pupils with English as an Additional Language were relatively high in some wards in East Belfast and the group agreed that better connections to BME organisations was needed as well as including the following outcome “Better access and integration to services and improved networking for BME Communities in East Belfast.”

The need to make better connections with education such as school clusters, link officers and EWOs was highlighted.

The group agreed that the outcome around school attendance issues needed to be divided into primary and post-primary ages.

Self-safeguarding and emotional resiliency was also discussed. The group agreed that this would be best expressed in the Action Plan introduction and narrative as it impacts across all the outcomes.

### **Update on Family Support Hubs**

Gerry Largey gave an update on Family Support Hubs; highlighting that the Inner East Family Support Hub will include 9 wards. The Trust will be convening the initial 4 meetings at fortnightly intervals; meeting dates will be circulated to an extensive mailing list. There will be core and associate members within the hubs who will be required to undertake bespoke safeguarding training. The Trust will also be running a process to appoint the lead body for the hub. Gerry outlined the possible level of involvement that Gateway, CAMHS, and Health Visiting will have on the hub.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10am in Skainos Centre.