

**BELFAST OUTCOMES GROUP  
MEETING HELD IN  
CONFERENCE ROOM, KNOCKBREDA CENTRE,  
ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014 AT 10.00 A.M.**

**Present:**

Ms Lesley Walker

Chair – Belfast H&SC Trust

**Statutory Sector**

Mr Tommy Boyle

BHSCT

Mr Des Marley

NIHE, Belfast Area Office

Ms Carol Diffin

BHSCT

Ms Roisin McCooey

Belfast Childcare Partnership

Ms Maggie Andrews

East Belfast Partnership

Mr Maurice Leeson

H&SC Board

Ms Jill Trotter

BELB

Ms. Jackie McBrinn

PHA

**Community Sector**

Ms Tina Gregory

Clanmore Sure Start

Mr Jackie Redpath

Belfast Strategic Partnership

Mr Danny Power

HSCB Belfast Local Commissioning Group

**Voluntary Sector**

Ms Roisin McGrann

Early Years

Ms Geraldine O'Regan

East Belfast Sure Start

Ms Jane Kremer

Belfast Women's Aid

**In Attendance**

Ms Anne Hardy

CYPSP Children's Services Planning Officer

Ms Una Casey

CYPSP

Ms Trisha O'Connor

Minute Taker

**Apologies**

Mr Seamus Mullen

PHA

Ms Claire-Ann Magee

Parenting NI

Ms Elaine Black

Belfast City Council

Mr Jim Morgan

BSP

Ms Patricia Muldoon

Youth Justice Agency

Mr Jim Girvan

Blackie Community Group

Mr Gerry Largey

BHSCT

Ms Dawn Thompson

Bryson Children's Services

Ms Sandra Buchan

DSD Rep

<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p><b>1. Welcome and Apologies:</b></p> <p>Ms. Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were duly noted. Ms. Jackie McBrinn was welcomed on behalf of Mr. Séamus Mullen.</p>
	<p><b>2. Minutes of last meeting on 6.11.13:</b></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013.</p>
<p><b>Lesley Walker/Anne Hardy</b></p>	<p>➤ <b>Matters Arising / Issues:</b></p> <p><u>Presentation Question</u> – Ms. O’Regan queried if DEL will now be asked to sit on Belfast Outcomes Group. Considerable discussion followed on the merits and difficulties re: this, i.e. good flow of information, important to know what services are available and to make connections, however, DSD already on Partnership, should the Departments be represented rather than individual Organisations, complex issue. Ms. Hardy noted that following the DEL presentation, she believes that DEL felt it would be unrealistic to be included on the Outcomes Groups membership but that a linkage with them would be required. This led to further discussion re: representation and Ms. O’Regan queried if there should be separate SureStart reps in addition to the Child Care Partnership reps.</p> <p><b><i>DEL Representation / Outcomes Group Membership to be discussed at the Regional Chairs Group and update to be brought back re: formal approach.</i></b></p> <p><u>Membership</u> Ms. O’Regan enquired re: the 3 year term for membership. Mr. Leeson advised that although they want to ensure this is an open process to allow different people to be involved, they do not want to lose everyone who is already involved or lose continuity. Discussion followed re: membership and the best fit, i.e. Family Support Hubs, Locality Planning Groups etc. Ms. Walker mentioned that this was one of the items in Jim Morgan’s recent email.</p> <p><b><i>To be discussed at Regional Chairs Group and update to be brought back to Outcomes Group.</i></b></p>
	<p><b>3. Update on Family Support Hubs:</b></p> <p>Mr. Boyle disseminated and gave a detailed overview of the ‘Hub Update January 2014’ document produced by Mr. Gerry Largey to all present. The document outlines the current development of the Family Support Hubs – a lot of work has been completed and the objective is that the two Hubs should become live before the end of March 2014.</p> <p>£5k has been granted by SBNI for dedicated training for the Family Support Hubs and this training ties in well with the Keeping Safe Training.</p> <p>Planning for the Hubs is taking place in the Locality Planning Groups initially and three localities have agreed their Hub priority. Mr. Boyle outlined the progress to date and discussion ensued re: progress both internally and</p>

	<p>within the community.</p> <p>Ms. Walker enquired re: the development of the new locality – North area, and was given an update that it had been a slower process to initiate the LPG in this area which has caused delay. There was a meeting in November but Family Support Hubs will be discussed at the February/March meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Walker enquired re: the current status of the SIF projects and whether this will assist hubs. Discussion followed, it is not a straightforward process. There have been problems re: distribution across areas and the reconfiguration of budgets. Ms. Andrews advised that all projects have been appraised. Some have been informed they will receive revenue. Ms. Walker advised that the Outcomes Group required to connect in with this. This is short-term money and process needs to happen very quickly over next 4 to 5 months.</p> <p><u>DSC</u></p> <p>Money is only currently available to support 7 areas. Ms. Walker suggested having a clear picture in place by next meeting re: the first 4 confirmed areas and then the following 3 areas. It had been agreed first 4 areas would be the original localities although this could change depending on size/number of people they encompass.</p> <p>Mr. Leeson added that process needs to be completed quickly, sites required to be identified and process put in place re: lead organisation beginning with first 4 hubs and need to align remaining hubs.</p> <p><b><i>Locality Planning Groups to identify priority hubs based on needs and bring forward proposals by March 2014.</i></b></p> <p>Mr Leeson spoke to Dr. Grainne Bonner’s recent presentation re: Early Intervention and Mental Health Hubs, the linkages with the Family Support Hubs and the possibility of future connections between the two Hubs. Mr. Power agreed that this will naturally lead to connections/linkages with other services and a possible reconfiguration of community based planning. He also enquired how Integrated Care Pathway connected and noted that conversations between Department, Board and Trust were required re: Commissioning.</p> <p><b><i>Ms. Walker and Ms. Hardy to have detailed discussions across agencies re: linkages to form part of discussion re: Planning Cycles and propose to have this as a future Agenda Item.</i></b></p> <p>Ms. Trotter enquired if a final decision has been made re: Information Sharing Protocol for the Hubs. Ms. Leeson confirmed that this has been finalised and sent to Education and Library Board’s Solicitors who have discussed and passed.</p> <p><b><i>Mr. Leeson to forward final document to Ms. Trotter.</i></b></p>
	<p><b>4. and 5. Commissioning Family Support Services Sub-group update and Action Plan Subgroup Update:</b></p> <p>Ms. Hardy spoke to this item. Dorothy Taggart had forwarded potential dates.</p>

<p><b>Ms. Hardy</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Kremer and Ms. McGrann</b></p>	<p>a) Commissioning sub-group – This was opened up to everyone who is attending evaluation toolkit and feedback. 3 people responded. Tina Gregory, Tommy Boyle and Dawn Thompson will join Ms. Hardy and Gerry Largey for the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January a.m. They will feedback to next Outcomes Group meeting.</p> <p>b) Action Plan sub-group – Nominations so far are: Anne Hardy, Clare Anne Magee, Dawn Thompson, Elaine Black, Tina Gregory, Tommy Boyle, Valerie Maxwell. Ms. Hardy asked if there were any further suggestions and it was agreed to invite Gerry Largey and Una Casey to join the group. 31<sup>st</sup> January suits most for the meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Hardy circulated a number of documents to the group, including list of work requiring action and timescales.</p> <p><b>Ms. Hardy will forward draft Action Plan to Ms. O'Connor to be circulated to the Outcomes Group for additions re: general comments, actions, milestones and updates / amendments by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014.</b></p> <p>Ms. Walker added that the achievements and progress of the Locality Planning Groups must be reflected in the Plan.</p> <p>Mr. Power felt that the Plan was fairly ambitious especially re: NEETs Strategy. We require to be more realistic re: a short-term plan. Ms. Gregory added that some Family Support funding has gone into this and fed in to precursor work. Further discussion on this required. Ms. Hardy will be inviting Lorraine Boyd to present to Outcomes Group re: NEETS in the future.</p> <p><b>All to review detail and bring back proposals re: how to complete work and develop plan etc.</b></p> <p>Ms. Hardy mentioned that the Stakeholder Group had been mentioned at previous meeting and suggested this could be discussed in more detail at the proposed sub-group meeting. It was noted that there had been nominations from Statutory, Community and BME sectors but that no Voluntary sector nomination had been made.</p> <p><b>Jane Kremer and Roisin McGrann to check their availability for the 31<sup>st</sup> January and come back to Ms. Hardy.</b></p> <p>Ms. Walker advised that Mark Friedman's work made it very clear that not every outcome can be influenced. It is important to choose 1 or specific outcomes for the plan and then there is more opportunity to turn the curve i.e. improve specific outcomes, i.e. choose something that can really make a difference. This will require some detailed thought by the sub-group!</p>
	<p><b>6. Family Support Monies:</b></p> <p>Ms. Gregory apprised the group that following the last meeting, she had written to the Trust re: this funding. Cecil Worthington, Director has since telephoned her to confirm that the Family Support money will be returned. She has also received letter of confirmation Colm Donaghy, Chief Executive, Belfast Trust.</p>

<p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Walker</i> <i>Ms. Hardy</i></p>	<p>Ms. Walker added that there are ongoing discussions with the Board. There are a number of issues, i.e. length of time in which to use the money, how to spend, issues re: tendering – has to be from April: Mr. Boyle to check with Kathleen McDonnell, Contracts Manager, Belfast Trust. Mr. Boyle stated that in his opinion the group need to look at £70k separately. Considerable discussion followed re: funding and tendering and what money could be used for with a number of suggestions being made, i.e. small grant scheme possibly over summer period or April to June or supporting and organising events to encourage collaboration with certain programmes such as the Supporting Families Programme.</p> <p>Ms. Hardy suggested that the original priorities may need to be reconsidered and go out to tender to stay within confines of framework. The Commissioning Group on 24<sup>th</sup> January can review this.</p> <p><b><i>Bring back recommendations re the £70k to February’s Outcomes Meeting.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Feedback re: any other relevant issues back to Ms. Hardy prior to Commissioning Group meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Ms. Walker / Ms. Hardy to double-check re: recurrence past April</i></b></p> <p>Mr. Marley enquired re: the availability of financial statements to provide a summary of financial transactions, status and timescales regarding the Belfast Outcomes Group. This led to a considerable discussion re: finance and tendering process. Mr. Leeson advised that the Partnership Governance paper addresses these issues.</p>
	<p><b>7. Belfast Project:</b></p> <p>Mr. Leeson spoke to this item and gave a detailed overview of the Project. The Project is under procurement at the moment. Funding is provided by 5 Government Departments: Department of Education, Department of Justice, Department of Health and Social Services and Public Safety; Department for Employment and Learning and Department for Social Development.</p> <p>The Project is part of the Early Intervention Transformation Programme currently being considered and to be signed off by end of the month by OFMDFM and Atlantic Philanthropy. This Programme is a £30 million project which includes the money re: prevention and Family Support Hubs spanning over 4 years considering an overall approach to Early Intervention across the Region. £5 million is committed to the Belfast Project in relation to Intensive Family Support Project work looking at level 3 needs.</p> <p>Discussion followed re: the commissioning/procurement process and Mr. Leeson confirmed the commissioning process. There was also discussion around the number children and young people initiatives available at the minute and the Early Intervention Transformation Programme will offer an opportunity to pull these together and make linkages.</p> <p>Ms. Walker informed that the Belfast Project tender process will be led by HSCB and that the specifications are available on their website. Further information will be fed back at next Outcomes meeting as it becomes available.</p>

<p><i>Ms. Walker</i></p> <p><i>All</i></p> <p><i>Anne Hardy and Lesley Walker</i></p> <p><i>Trisha O'Connor</i></p>	<p><b>8. Locality Planning:</b></p> <p>Ms. Una Casey spoke to this item. She distributed her summary report re: the Locality Planning Groups and gave a detailed outline of the report. She also commented that there had been a good turn-out at all meetings.</p> <p>She raised an issue taken from the South Belfast LPG regarding the withdrawal of the planned site of the new school.</p> <p><b><i>Ms. Walker to feed back to Trust's Estates Director to clarify and raise the issue of communication with the public and Community Groups. Ms. Walker will then feed back to the Outcomes Group at the next meeting.</i></b></p> <p>Ms. Casey stated that representation from the Voluntary and Community sector at the LPG is good but Statutory sector representation is not.</p> <p><b><i>All Agencies to reflect on the membership to Outcomes, Locality Planning Groups etc. to ensure the correct person is representing them and to ensure that good attendance occurs.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Formal invitations will be sent from the CYPSP to Chief Executives re: membership and to be raised at Outcomes Chairs Group.</i></b></p> <p>Ms. Casey advised that the minutes of each LPG are sent out following each meeting and are also available on the website as well as the calendar for future dates.</p> <p><b><i>The Family Support Hub Update paper, LPG report and Action Plan Review to be distributed following the meeting.</i></b></p> <p>Ms. Walker advised that she, along with Ms. Hardy, had recently met with Suzanne Wylie and other Belfast City Council colleagues. They discussed linkages in Community Planning. A follow up meeting has been scheduled and they will feed back in detail at a future meeting.</p>
	<p><b>9. BSP Planning Day Paper:</b></p> <p>Mr. Redpath spoke to this item and gave a summary of the purpose and membership of the Belfast Strategic Partnership and the link to Outcomes Groups. BSP have adopted an early Framework for Action with 5/6 theme groups with a range of actions. Mr. Redpath gave an outline of the recent event at Malone House where each group provided 1 priority rather than a lot of actions and the main group then looked at the linkages between the priorities and they will be going to the BSP meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February with their proposals.</p> <p>Mr. Redpath noted that there had been linkages to 'Emotional Resilience' and groups will be asked to build this into their work. A micro local-level group will also be asked to carry out research on this. There was a considerable conversation on this subject re: local work already being completed around the subject of emotional resiliency and work which could be done.</p>

<p><b>Trisha O'Connor</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>	<p><b>10. A.O.B:</b></p> <p>Jackie Redpath noted that the BSP Poverty Workshop will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. It will be hosted by the Lord Mayor and if any further details are required, please contact Mr. Redpath directly.</p> <p><b><i>Ms. O'Connor to check if Nurture Group Staff information was disseminated to the Group.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Any feedback re: future venues please feedback to Ms. O'Connor.</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Dates of Future Meetings</b></p> <p>Please note the following dates have been agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 10.00 am, Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Shankill Centre</b></li> <li>• <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 10.00 am, venue tbc</b></li> <li>• <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 10.00 am, venue tbc</b></li> <li>• <b>Wednesday 10 September 2014 at 10.00 am, Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Shankill Centre</b></li> <li>• <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 10.00 am</b></li> </ul>