

BELFAST OUTCOMES GROUP MEETING HELD IN SHANKILL WELLBEING & TREATMENT CENTRE ON 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 AT 10.00 A.M.

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Ms. Lesley Walker (Chair)	Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
Statutory Sector			
Mr. Tommy Boyle	Belfast HSC Trust		✓
Ms. Carol Diffin	Belfast HSC Trust		✓
Mr. Des Marley	NIHE, Belfast Area	✓	
Ms. Brenda Martin	BELB		
Mr. Séamus Mullen	PHA	✓	
Ms. Elaine Black	Belfast City Council	✓	
Ms. Alison Allen			
Ms. Patricia Muldoon	Youth Justice Agency		✓
Mr. Danny Power	HSCB Belfast Local	✓	
-	Commissioning Group		
Mr. B. McIlwaine	PSNI		✓
Community Sector			
Ms. Maggie Andrews	East Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Tina Gregory	West Belfast Community Rep.		✓
Ms. Natasha Brennan	South Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Maria Morgan	North Belfast Community Rep.		✓
Voluntary Sector			
Ms. Anne Donnelly	Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid	✓	
Ms. Alison McNulty	Tiny Life		✓
Ms. Gemma Donnelly	Extern		✓
Ms. Colette Slevin	Mencap	√	
BME Sector			
Ms. Dawn Thompson	Bryson Children's Services		✓
Partnership Sector			
Ms. Roisin McCooey	Belfast Childcare Partnership	√	
Mr. Jackie Redpath	Belfast Strategic Partnership	√	
Mr. Ben Hanvey	Belfast Strategic Partnership	√	
In Attendance			
Ms. Anne Hardy	CYPSP Children's Services	✓	
Ms. Una Casey	CYPSP		✓
Mr. Gerry Largey	Belfast HSC Trust – Hub Lead	✓	
Mr. Maurice Leeson	HSCB – CYPSP Link		✓
Ms. Bette McDowell	Minute Taker	√	
Ms. Helen Dunn	CYPSP	✓	
Ms. Amanda McLean	PHA		✓
Mr. Maurice Meehan	PHA		✓
Ms. Laura Rankin	CYPSP	✓	

Action by: Apologies were duly noted, as above. Introductions were made around the table. 2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising. Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th August, 2014 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. There were no amendments or additions. Ms. Walker gave an update regarding matters arising: EITP:- It had been agreed that Mr. Maurice Meehan and Mr. Maurice Leeson would prepare a briefing report regarding EITP to be circulated for discussion in advance of today's meeting, and then brought back to the Outcomes Group for discussion and endorsement. This has not been received, although there had been some developments.

Action - Mrs. Anne Hardy to follow up.

Ms. Walker stated that the launch of EITP to be held at Stormont on 17th September, 2014 is by invitation only. Ms. Walker to check the date and explore if there is any opportunity for others to attend.

Locality Planning Groups are holding Stakeholder Workshops to discuss the Early Intervention Service on the following dates-

West Belfast 8th October, 2014 1.30 - 4.30 p.m. at Spectrum Centre, East Belfast 15th October, 2014 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Venue to be confirmed.

North Belfast 21st October, 2014 9.30 - 12.30 p.m. Venue t/b/c South Belfast 30th October, 2014 9.30 - 12.30 p.m. Venue t/b/c.

Membership.

Gaps in Statutory membership on Locality Planning Groups had been raised. Mrs. Hardy to progress this at Chief Executive level with CYPSP for all organisations.

Action - Ms. Hardy to write to Chief Executives.

Previous discussions highlighted the need for linkages between the Belfast Outcomes Group and the CYPSP. Ms. Walker confirmed she had raised the need for a link person. This is to be raised at the Chairs meeting and needs to be reflected in the evaluation of the process. Belfast recognised it needs to maintain consistency regionally. If there are any other views, please send to Ms. Lesley Walker before the 6th October, 2014.

Action - Ms. Hardy to discuss with Mr. Leeson.

Ms. Walker informed the group that a survey had been conducted by Mr. Maurice Leeson regarding the process for appointing new members. She queried how widely the survey had been circulated. The Group thought it would be useful for all members to complete the survey. This is to be

followed up with Mr. Leeson.

A discussion took place regarding the role and responsibilities of member organisations with some organisations querying if they needed to be present at all meetings. It was also recognised that we have a number of new members. Mr. Mullan suggested that a workshop looking at the role of the group and members' roles and responsibilities particularly in relation to the action planning priorities would be very useful at this time. Mr. Mullan, Ms. Hardy and Mr. Hanvey to discuss how this could be taken forward

3. Action Planning and Commissioning Priorities

A sub group had been set up to take this work forward. Minutes and recommendations from the group had been circulated. The Group have been tasked with developing the action plan from the facilitated workshop held in April. This would inform the future work of the group and priority areas for funding. Timescales for commissioning have added an urgency to the task as previous funded contracts will end in November / December?

Mr. Gerry Largey summarised recommendations from the group with regard to funding. This included three strands of funding, the main one to focus on an overarching outcome, the second - summer activities and third - a small grants scheme to address very local issues. It was also recommended that where possible future contracts would be on a 3 year basis.

As contracts are due to end at the end of November it was agreed that the existing contracts would be extended to April, 2015 subject to successful monitoring and where it would be appropriate to do so. It was noted that some contracts provided short term programmes and it may not be possible or feasible to extend given the timescales. It was recognised that Summer Schemes would not be eligible for extension.

Members stressed that the work of the Outcomes Group is not just about new funding, the challenge is to look at what we are already doing and if there is something we can do differently, how to interface better, communicate better with children and their families and how to focus on improving specific outcomes.

One overarching outcome emerging from the sub-group is around resilience and emotional wellbeing. What we wanted to do here was to test how we can have various ways of delivering on resilience. It is recognised that the BSP has adopted the theme of resilience and members stressed the opportunities of ensuring synergy with that work. Seamus Mullan and Ben Hanvey will provide the links to the work of the BSP. It was agreed that Ms. Walker, Ms. Hardy and Mr. Mullen would meet immediately after to work out how this could be done.

Ms. Elaine Black stated there is a healthy interest in the happiness factor self-efficacy and how that links in to Emotional Resilience – there may be some opportunities there in the longer term. She also asked about connections to what the Council is endeavouring to look at its own summer provision and will link with the sub group around this.

It was recognised that much work has still to be achieved. The Sub Group

will meet again to finalise their work around the action plan and priorities linking with the BSP work on resilience. With regard to the tight timescales members agreed that if necessary the next meeting of this group could be rearranged for an earlier date.

5. DSC Funding Position & Implications

Ms. Walker – We are aware there is a funding review being carried out by OFM/DFM across all its programmes. Within the Delivering Social Change Programme all planned activity not commenced has been suspended at this time. This has major implications for family support hubs and locality planning in the Belfast area. At the last meeting it was agreed to commit a portion of the family support funding to the hub process to support the DSC funding. This will now also need to be reconsidered. Members discussed the current situation and agreed that the only course of action at this time is to pause until we have clarity about the funding and can reassess our plans.

Members stressed the difficulties and knock on effects of promoting partnerships and raising expectations across member agencies.

6. Family Support Hubs.

Mr. Gerry Largey tabled an up to date report on the progression of implementation of the Family Support Hubs.

Ms. Walker informed the group that a presentation had been made to the Safeguarding Panel about the Family Support Hubs. It was also noted that the Safeguarding Panel had provided funding for some of the training for the Hubs.

7. Safeguarding Panel Community Roles

Safeguarding panels have been discussing how best to ensure community representation. Ms. Walker had suggested that advice be sought from the community representatives on the Outcomes Group because we have some of the structures already in place. It was stressed that the nature of the work of this group would require that members would have the appropriate experience, knowledge and support within their own organisation. A personal specification is being drawn up. Ms. Walker asked the group to reflect and come back separately to her with suggestions.

8. Any Other Business

Ms. Black indicated a couple of events to take place -

Inter-generational Toolkit for launch on the 1st October, 2014 at 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. at City Hall.

CYPSE Awards regarding the achievements of Young People. Open at the moment for application by young people. Here is a link to the PSCP Youth Awards for all the information and all nominations to be received by 3rd October.

http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/News/News-42167.aspx

Seamus Mullen – PHA Small grants application. Email has been forwarded to Outcomes Members.

Links with Mental Health Hubs

Ms. Walker noted there had been some discussion within the Trust regarding an offer of a presentation if people felt it would find it useful to gain an understanding of this subject. To be retained on Agenda.

9. Dates of Future Meetings

Please note the following date has been agreed:

- Date next meeting 12th November, 2014.
- Dates for next year to be confirmed.

18th September, 2014