

**Belfast Outcomes Group
Meeting held in
Conference Room, Shankill Wellbeing and Treatment Centre
Wednesday 11 September 2013
10.00 am-1.30 pm**

Present:

Ms Lesley Walker Belfast H&SC Trust

Statutory Sector

Mr Tommy Boyle	BHSCT
Ms Anne Hardy	Children's Services Planning Officer
Ms Jill Trotter	BELB
Ms Elaine Black	Belfast City Council
Mr Jim Morgan	Belfast Strategic Partnership
Ms Nuala Toner	Belfast HSCT
Mr Maurice Leeson	H&SC Board
Mr Des Marley	NIHE
Mr Seamus Mullen	PHA
Ms Patricia Muldoon	Youth Justice Agency
Mr Danny Power	HSCB Belfast Local Commissioning Group
Mr Gerry Largy	BHSCT
Mr Maurice Meehan	PHA – Guest Speaker

Community Sector

Mr Jim Girvan	Blackie Community Group
Ms Geraldine O'Regan	East Belfast Sure Start
Ms Maggie Andrews	East Belfast Partnership
Ms Tina Gregory	Clanmore Sure Start
Ms Roisin McCooney	Belfast Childcare Partnership

Vountary Sector

Mr Kevin McCormick	Assistant Director, Barnardos NI
Ms Zelie Sheerin	Early Years
Ms Clare-Ann Magee	Parenting NI
Ms Jane Kremer	BLWA

In Attendance

Ms Lesley Addidle Minute Taker

Apologies

Emma Bond, District	PSNI N&W Belfast
Mr Jackie Redpath	Belfast Strategic Partnership
Ms Dawn Thompson	Bryson

<p>Ms Walker</p>	<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p><i>Ms Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting.</i></p> <p>2. Apologies</p> <p><i>Apologies were duly noted.</i></p> <p>3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p><i>The Minutes of the previous meetings were agreed as an accurate reflection of the discussion. All factual inaccuracies were noted and amended.</i></p>
<p>Mrs Trotter</p>	<p><i>Mrs Trotter reported for the purposes of clarity with regard to the signature projects (page 5 previous minutes). Mrs Trotter advised that there are two new signature projects from OFM/DFM operating in Belfast Schools from September 2013.</i></p> <p><i>The first is funding for 30 Nurture Groups until June 2015. 20 of those are new starts with 11 allocated to the BELB.</i></p> <p><i>The second signature project is to support literacy and numeracy by new qualified, unemployed teachers being funded and allocated to schools with identified challenges.</i></p> <p><i>Mrs Trotter will keep the group updated on developments.</i></p> <p>4. DSC PHA Signature Projects</p>
<p>Mr Meehan/Mr Mullen</p>	<p><i>Mr Mullen advised that his remit covers a large area and for each area there is a regional lead. Mr Meehan is the regional lead for Early Years. Mr Meehan outlined the background to the outworking of the projects he is involved with. Mr Meehan reported that the Family Nurse Partnership project is very significant. The model had positive outcomes – 3 teams are established and it is hoped to increase to 5 teams over the next 2 years. Others areas of work are around promoting breast feeding and Infant Mental Health. A Parenting Programme Audit was undertaken. The report was a tool to allow more informed decisions to be made. Discussion followed around the definition of ‘what is a parenting programme’ and whether the audit gave the full picture due to confusion re: the same. Mr Meehan advised that the parenting programme audit produced</i></p>

	<p><i>by PHA was not definitive. Mr Meehan welcomed suggestions relating to strategic investment for improved outcomes; these suggestions would be fed back to OFM/DFM.</i></p>
Ms Sheerin	<p><i>Ms Sheerin asked if consideration had been given to the difficulty of maintaining fidelity within Sure Start Groups.</i></p>
Mr Meehan	<p><i>Mr Meehan addressed concerns raised by the Outcomes Group re: Belfast Projects and lack of information re: same by outlining the proposed programmes.</i></p>
Ms Gregory	<p><i>Ms Gregory reported that the length of time that parents are expected to attend programme training is unrealistic.</i></p>
Mr Power	<p><i>Mr Power asked around the Locality Planning Groups and asked if this should be an agenda item for a Locality Planning Meeting. Should Parents influence what programmes come to the area? Discussion followed around asking Locality Groups what is working well in areas in relation to programmes and what is not.</i></p>
Mr Girvan	<p><i>Mr Girvan asked how decisions were taken around how the money should be spent and what would be delivered.</i></p>
Mr Meehan	<p><i>Mr Meehan explained how decisions were arrived at and he advised there is £2K to fund the development of programmes.</i></p>
Mrs Walker	<p><i>Mrs Walker suggested things need to be taken forward in a more strategic way and be more joined up.</i></p> <p><i>Mrs Walker suggested Locality Groups provide the best opportunity for such discussion and measuring improvements in outcomes locally.</i></p> <p>Action – <i>Mr Meehan will liaise with Mr Mullen and agree who will feed into the Outcomes Group in relation to progress.</i></p> <p>Action – <i>Ms Hardy to link in with Mr Meehan and Mr Mullen to consider how this information is best shared with Locality Groups.</i></p>
	<p>5. Update on Family Support Funding</p>
Mr Boyle	<p><i>Mr Boyle spoke to the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2013.</i></p>
Mrs Walker	<p><i>Mrs Walker reported that further work had been undertaken to ensure feedback to unsuccessful groups and Mr Leeson suggested that training be identified around completing applications for funding.</i></p>
Mr Leeson	<p><i>Feedback at locality level re: the process linked to procurement. Mr Leeson to liaise and feedback around evaluation process.</i></p>

<p>Mrs Walker</p>	<p>Action - There was discussion regarding a pilot scheme to look at evaluation tool. The monitoring process also needs to be discussed. Mr. Leeson will provide future information re: evaluation tool at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mrs Walker advised that the money that had been underspent and had to be used by the Trust towards savings. This was due to an unexpected extra financial levy placed on the Trust Children's Services by the HSCB of £0.25million. The Trust regrettably had no choice but to use the unspent funds to meet this savings levy. Discussion followed and Ms Gregory advised that she would write on behalf of the Outcomes Group as it had been originally agreed that the money was being given by the Department to the Trust for family matters.</p> <p>Action – Ms Gregory</p>
	<p>6. Family Support Hubs</p>
<p>Mr Leeson</p>	<p>Mr Leeson reported that within the Business Case, the Family Support Hubs are community and voluntary sector led. Meetings have been scheduled with Locality Groups in the next month to discuss the plans.</p>
<p>Mr Largey</p>	<p>Mr Largey outlined how they proposed to take things forward. It is proposed to ask the Locality Groups to advise of their 'wish lists' and have them ranked. By end of October a proposal will need to be drawn up by the Locality Groups.</p>
<p>Mr Girvan</p>	<p>Mr Girvan advised that the boundaries change in January 2014 and a discussion followed around the potential impact.</p>
	<p>Action – To ensure Locality Group Chairs have forwarded proposals by the end of October – LCG Chair</p>
	<p>7. Locality Planning</p>
	<p>a. Feedback from each group</p>
<p>Ms Gregory</p>	<p>West - Ms Gregory reported in relation to West Belfast. A report has been submitted and there is a further issue around funding for counselling in schools, lack of provision for counselling and a query around how many schools receive same.</p>
<p>Ms Trotter</p>	<p>Ms Trotter explained the process in relation to secondary schools and advised she would clarify with regard to primary schools.</p>
<p>Ms O'Regan</p>	<p>East - Ms O'Regan reported that the next meeting for East Belfast is 20 September and Mr Largey will attend that meeting.</p>

Ms Hardy	South - Ms Hardy reported that South Belfast Partnership lost their admin support and currently Ms Una Geelan is providing that support.
Ms Hardy	Ms Hardy reported that there have been initial development information sessions held in East Belfast.
Mr Girvan	North - Mr Girvan reported that North Belfast is progressing.
Mrs Walker	It was reported that Membership of statutory agencies is an issue at all Locality Groups. Mrs Walker suggested that people go back to their Organisation and influence the attendance of representatives at the Locality Groups.
Mr Largey	<p>b. Community engagement</p> <p>DSE funding pot – short term option to facilitate move forward. There are concerns around North and East Belfast and the level of engagement.</p> <p>Due to the timescales the Trust had again offered to assist in supporting this but there are issues re: ensuring community led engagement.</p> <p>Action - The options were discussed and it was agreed that Mary Murphy would be offered the position as a short term solution for 3 months to try to move this forward.</p>
	<p>8. Feedback from Regional Chairs</p> <p><u>Planning Cycle and Review</u></p>
Ms Hardy	Ms Hardy reported that her proposal was accepted re: the Planning Cycle and she spoke to the paper she had presented to the Outcomes Chairs Group. The existing plan will be reviewed within the stated timescales.
Ms Hardy	<p><u>Stakeholder's Event</u></p> <p>It is hoped that a stakeholder's event will be held in Spring 2014; this will be discussed further and Ms Hardy asked that bullet points be emailed to her and she will then collate in relation to the action plan. Responses to be submitted within 4 weeks.</p>
Mr Girvan/Ms Gregory	<p>Action – Mr Girvan and Ms Gregory will collate views of locality groups and bring to the next Outcomes meeting</p> <p>Action – Ms Hardy to issue template electronically with date for completion re: initial review by member agencies.</p>

<p>Mr Leeson</p> <p>Mrs Walker</p>	<p><u>Membership</u></p> <p><i>Mr Leeson advised the Group in relation to membership. Mr Leeson reminded the meeting that the current period of office is coming to an end. Mrs Walker stated that it is hoped that existing members would consider reapplying as it would not be productive to have a completely new Group at such a crucial time in the process.</i></p>
<p>Ms Magee</p>	<p><u>Parents Reference Group</u></p> <p><i>Ms Magee reported that she is looking to move forward in the planning process. Some parents prefer locality planning and some strategic; it is at the initial stages but is progressing.</i></p> <p><i>Ms Gregory reported that she met Parents Reference Groups and people indicated they were hoping to have representation at the Locality Planning Groups.</i></p> <p>Action – Ms Magee will feed back at the next meeting</p> <p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p><u>Open Funding Stream – City Council</u></p> <p><i>This will be targeted at Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships and any interest to be voiced to Ms Elaine Black.</i></p> <p>10. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p><i>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 10.00 am – Training Room, Parenting NI, 1st Floor, Salvation Army Building, 42 Dublin Road.</i></p>