

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA SOUTH BELFAST LOCALITY GROUP
MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2014 AT 10AM IN BALLYNAFEIGH
COMMUNITY HOUSE**

Present:

Name	Organisation
Kelly Maxwell	Niacro (LPG Chair)
Una Casey	CYPSP
Paula Bradshaw	GVRT
Grainne McHugh	South Belfast SureStart
Alison Robinson	South Belfast SureStart
Joy Poots	South Belfast SureStart
Ruth Livingston	South Belfast SureStart
Gabi Mornhingweg	BHSCT
Richard Menley	Donegall Pass Community Forum
Elaine Mansfield	Donegall Pass Community Forum
Darren Spence	BCDA
Debbie Sterritt	BHSCT
Katie Hanlon	BCDA
Amanda Harper	Belvoir Women's Group
Allison Breadon	Belvoir Women's Group
Glenn Reid	Belvoir Besthill Community Association
Stephanie Thompson	SBPB
Darren Craig	Belvoir Football Club
Ann Marie Doyle	Prince's Trust
Bernadette Reid	SureStart Board Member
Geraldine O'Regan	EB SureStart & BAOG
Gerard Rice	LORAG
Natasha Brennan	LORAG
Ann-Marie White	LORAG
Bríd Duffy	An Droichead
Fionnuala McComb	An Droichead
Joan Henderson	Sólás
Gerard Davison	Markets Development Association
Justin Kouame	NICRAS
Sorcha Campbell	An Droichead

Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Gerry Largey	BHSCT

Name	Organisation
Tony O'Neill	Youth Justice Agency
Michelle McNeill	GEMS NI
Eelco Westerhuis	HomeStart
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Jim Potts	South City

Welcome and Introductions

Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that there were many new members in attendance today. She extended the groups gratitude to BCDA for providing the meeting room. A round of introductions took place.

Kelly highlighted that this was an extra-ordinary meeting of the LPG and therefore the review of the minutes of the previous meeting and so on would be deferred to the May meeting, but advised that members should have read the section on Family Support Hubs in order for them to be up to speed for the meeting today and so that the discussion could move to a conclusion about Family Support Hubs by the end of the meeting.

Family Support Hubs

Gerry gave a brief outline about the CYPSP and Belfast Area Outcomes Group and explained the role that the Belfast HSC Trust had as delivery agents for the development of Family Support Hubs across Belfast. He highlighted that there was a regional handbook for the development of hubs across Northern Ireland and that there were many Hubs across the region. He also highlighted that many of the hubs operating across Northern Ireland covered rural areas and therefore the hubs in Belfast were different and noted that levels of deprivation on Belfast were high.

Gerry outlined the development across Belfast to date:

Inner East Family Support Hub covered 9 wards with a population of approximately 35,000 people.

Upper Springfield Family Support Hub covered 2.5 wards of that neighbourhood renewal area and had a population of approximately 14,000 people.

These two areas were the “first pick” or pilot for these areas which the suggestion of a further 1 or 2 in East Belfast namely covering the Outer East with a population of 15,000 people and then the areas left between Inner and Outer East. There is a suggested further 2 hubs in West Belfast namely Falls which has a population of approximately 25,000 people and Outer West with a population of 20,000.

In North Belfast the Locality Planning Group has proposed a 3 hub model to cover that area. Their “first pick” area will be the Outer North area of the Ballysillan/Upper Ardoyne and Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Renewal Areas including the areas between. This has a population of approximately 15,000-20,000 people. The other suggested areas are Inner North/Loughshore, and another one servicing the “central” area which would include the Crumlin Ardoyne area.

There is also a Family Support Hub for the Shankill area which covers the 4 wards of Greater Shankill Partnership area with a population of about 20,000.

Gerry highlighted that the discussion today needs to be about the natural fit for Family Support Hubs in South Belfast, and where families would be happy to go for services.

He explained that members of a family support hub needed to work directly with families.

He outlined that there would be a lead body identified to service the administrative needs of the hub as well as having the capacity to meet with families. There would be a series of meetings to establish the membership of a hub once the areas were identified. There would be a focus on safeguarding, data protection and information sharing protocols. The lead body will need to have the experience of working with families also.

The members moved to a mapping exercise of marking services onto a map of South Belfast. They distinguished between services that cover all of Belfast, Services that covered South Belfast only and Services that worked in a smaller geographic area of South Belfast. This gave a clear idea of what services would be available for hubs.

After further discussion the group reached a consensus that there should be 2 possibly 3 hubs, which should follow a wedge shape running from the city centre out. The group also agreed that the first hub should start in the area running from Botanic outwards and covering Botanic, Shaftsbury, Strandmillis, Ballinafeigh, Rosetta, and Belvoir.

Meetings will be organised in due course for those members who will be core and associate members of the hub. These will be organised through the BHSC Trust.

The Date of the Future Meeting

8th May 2014 at 10am - Venue to be confirmed