

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 10AM IN THE
SHAFTSBURY SQUARE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTRE,
BELFAST**

Present:	Joy Poots	South Belfast Surestart (Interim Chair)
	Una Casey	CYPSP
	Kelly Cochrane	NIACRO
	Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
	Dermot Magorrian	Youth Justice Agency
	Natasha Brennan	LORAG
	Gerry Largey	Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
	Mary Murphy	Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
	Garret Busby	Belfast South Community Resources
	Shirley Simpson	Winsor Women's Centre
	Catherine Roulston	Blythefield Primary School
	Briege Arthurs	South Belfast Area Partnership
	Fionnuala McCotter	Scoil an Droichid
	Grainne McHugh	South Belfast Surestart
	Billy Dickson	Blackstaff CDA & SBPB
	Dermot Glackin	South Belfast Partnership Board
	Samuel Killeby	Sandy Row Community Forum
	Anita Duff	BELB Youth Service
	Roisin McGrann	Early Years
Apologies:	Tom McEneaney	Aware NI
	Joan Henderson	Sólás
	Anne Hardy	CYPSP
	Geraldine O'Regan	Belfast Outcomes Group
	Tom Ekin	
	Joan Rodgers	
	Hilary Woods	
	Dee Corbett	

1. Welcome and Introductions

Joy welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended thanks to LORAG for hosting the meeting today. Joy also reminded the group that this the last meeting she will be acting as interim chair at and that there will be an opportunity to elect a permanent chair later on in the meeting.

2. Apologies - noted above

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Joan Henderson via email wished to raise the following point that had been missed in the minutes of the previous meeting that a very important point made by Mary Murphy (BHSCT) namely her assertion that there are 2 gaps in service provision in the South Belfast area for children and young people including 1. **Children and Young People with a Disabilities** and 2. Children and Young people from BEM (Black & Ethnic Minority) backgrounds. Joy countered the second area (BEM) saying that in the past year a significant amount of funding and support has been provided in the area. (E.g. Roma project, Interface project etc.)

Matters Arising

Briege gave an update on the Education Forum that she will be having a visit to look at different models of integrated services models including early years. Briege is also carrying out a mapping exercise of after-schools provision. Briege also highlighted that planning permission for a new school in the area which will see 3 primary schools merging into the one site. Briege also spoke about the Department of Education's Community Education Funding which would strengthen dialogue between schools and community.

Kelly explained that the group needs to focus on outcomes for children and not to lose focus of that and to look at collaborative working based on the data that is already available to the whole group.

Members felt that there was still a lack of representation from statutory organisations on the South Belfast Locality Planning Group and agreed

that needed to be raised with the Outcomes Group in order for them to mandate their staff to attend.

Action: Issue to be raised at the Belfast Outcomes Group

A discussion took place about the Family Support Database available at www.familysupportni.gov.uk and it was agreed to invite Helen O'Neill the website manager to demonstrate it at a future meeting.

Action: Una to invite Helen O'Neill to a future meeting

Action: Billy to follow up about a Church Forum for the area.

4. Getting to Know about Each Other's Work in South Belfast

The members of the group each took a few minutes to explain what their organisation does in the area

Grainne McHugh. Family Support Coordinator South Belfast SureStart

The family support service is offered to families with children aged 0-4 years. There are 9 key workers in the area covering the areas Beaver, Taughmonagh, Sandy Row, Lower Ormeau and Ballynafeigh, Markets, Village and Donegall Pass. There is a Chinese family worker who covers all of South Belfast. The Surestart runs Parent and Toddler groups, 2 year old programmes, crèche and one-to-one family support in the home to help parents with issues such as child's behaviour, autism etc. SureStart receive referrals from different agencies e.g. health visitors, midwives, schools and other voluntary organisations in the area. The Parent and Toddler group are open to people outside of the SureStart areas. SureStart also runs parenting programmes such as peri-natal, aqua babies, anti-natal, personal development programmes such as self-esteem, goal setting etc.

Billy Dickson - Blackstaff Community Development Association

Billy explained that the forum meets once per month and discusses feedback from members in the area involved in other associations. Constitution to respond to local government proposals and react to these

the main focus of this is the new local school development another is new housing.

Dermot Glackin - South Belfast Area Partnership

Dermot has recently come into post. His role involves working on integrated services and partnership building and collaboration and to provide strategic leadership on issues such as TYC and to respond to new policies. He will be involved in procurement and tendering and will have a public health focus. He will be looking at how South Belfast is represented on a funders map as there is a lot of hidden pool of need in the area and there are a lot of economic interfaces.

Samuel Killeby - Sand Row Community Forum

Samuel is new into post. He is training to be a young people's leader. He highlighted some of the activities carried out by the Sandy Row Community Forum, such as the Charter Youth Club, Homework club, SureStart.

Roisin McGrann - Early Years the Organisation

The role of Early Years is to support 0-3 year olds. They support parent and toddler groups, crèches, day care and after schools groups. They provide support visits to groups. Early Years also offers training and is an umbrella organisation for Access NI and they work closely with the Department of Education. Early Years supports PEAG and funded groups and also offers support management programmes and helps with supervision etc. Early Years also has the Toy Box project for travellers. They are also the lead body for a small number of SureStarts. They also carry out a lot of work about inclusion, such as the media initiative.

Kelly Cochrane - Child and Parent Support (CAPS) NIACRO

Kelly is the CAPS Co-ordinator and provides early intervention for children and young people aged between 8 and 13 years at risk of offending and also their families. Most of the young people that Kelly works with will have come to the attention up to and including caution. CAPS takes phone referrals and will deliver the service as quickly as possible so that the family gets the help right away when they need it.

The service provides family support in crisis situations, helps to build resilience. It could take up to 6 weeks to get to know the family and then there will be a programme of interventions put in place in partnership with other agencies and put together whole family support by identifying who has the best skills to work with the family. There are 4 project workers in CAPS and one education support worker who liaises with schools, education psychologist. The project helps to remove barriers for participation in local communities and develops connections between home, school and community which helps to promote resilience. The work with young people could last between 6 to 12 months and could involve working with the young people twice per week. Kelly explained that many of the outcomes of the project outlive the time of the project.

Carolyn Stewart - MENCAP

Carolyn explained that she is the manager of Segal House Nursery which has 54 places for children with Learning Difficulties or development delay. The nursery takes children from the greater Belfast areas but has a long waiting list. The nursery provides a key worker who works with the children who could be autistic, or have profound learning difficulties and children who require speech and language therapy or physiotherapy. The nursery has a child development clinic including a child psychologist - a one stop shop model. The nursery also links with special and main stream schools. The service is about fun and learning. Mencap also provides summer schemes, support at the transitional stages of a child's life and advocacy. They also link with families where there are adults with learning difficulties and for siblings.

Joy Poots - South Belfast SureStart

The Village SureStart centre provides full day-care for 0-3s for working parents or those in full time education and is a social economy which was set up in response to the lack of registered childcare in South Belfast which creates a big disadvantage to parents in the area. Joy wanted to raise this as a huge gap in service provision in the area.

Dermot Magorrian - Youth Justice Agency

Dermot explained that the Youth Justice Agency is part of the Department of Justice and is therefore a statutory agency. They work with young people aged 10-18 and use a restorative approach such as youth conferencing. This provides the opportunity for the young people

to meet with the victim in a safe environment and plan how to payback for the harm caused to the victim. All their referrals are from the court system or PPS and occasional from the Probation Board. The work of the Youth Justice Agency is to reduce re-offending and take a family centred approach working closely with the young person's family/carers to build resilience, increase their employability and build relationship with parents/carers. The Youth Justice Agency also works with young people in the Juvenile Justice Centre with young people in the custodial system to help plan their exit.

Natasha Brennan - LORAG

To be added

Garret Busby - Belfast South Community Resources

The community hub on Sandy Row offers support to systemic issues such as barriers to education. It offers support to local groups, and advice service, young mothers group, substance abuse support (with FASA), addresses community issues, family disputes, IT skills such as ECDL. The group also offers essential skills training and an after-schools project and carry out work with the Short Stand through schools and youth clubs.

Shirley Simpson - Winsor Women's Centre

Windsor Women's Centre is made up of three building one housing day care and education, on after-schools and computer suite and the third houses health and wellbeing and a counselling service. The centre offers education for women. There are approximately 200 women registered with the centre. There is a baby/toddler room and there are around 35 afterschool places. The centre also offers an advice service for men and women as well as sponsored day-care, family support programmes and play development work. The centre also offers a food for thought programme which includes breakfast for children and lunches for OAPs. There are 23 classes run in the centre. The counselling service has 3 counsellors who offer therapies which are open to both men and women.

Catherine Roulston - Blythefield Primary School

Catherine is the principal of Blythefield Primary School. She highlighted that the school has a parents group which is coordinated by a parent. The school is involved in the FAST project which includes cook-it programmes and is a great asset from the community and gets parents more involved in school life. The school offers a breakfast club and an after-schools club. The BHSCT Chess project is housed within the school. Blythefield Primary has got small classes - between 12 to 18 pupils and also has pupils with complex needs attending.

Fionnuala McCotter - Scoil an Droichid

Fionnuala is the principal of the Irish medium school; Scoil an Droichid which has an intake of 156 pupils. She explained that around 20% of the pupils have special educational needs and 70% are in receipt of free school meals. Fionnuala highlighted that the children at the school are achieving high outcomes at each of the key stages. The school also has an intake of pupils from North Belfast.

5. Family Support Hubs - Gerry Largey

Gerry gave an overview of Family Support Hubs. He explained that the Belfast H&SC Trust are giving some of his time over to support to enable, facilitate and support the establishment of the Family Support Hubs in Belfast. He explained that different areas have different views on how the hubs will progress. Gerry explained that hubs will work at early intervention level with families with additional needs which aren't meeting the gateway threshold. Hubs will be a network of service providers giving a rounded and joined up approach. He also highlighted that family support hubs are not about extra money for members.

6. BELB Integrated Services - Brenda Martin

This agenda item has been deferred to the next meeting

7. Locality Group Chair

Joy explained that she had agreed to chair the Locality Group meeting in an interim capacity for the first 3 meetings and it was now time for a chairperson to be elected. Dermot Glackin put himself forward for the chair it was agreed by the group.

Date of Next Meeting

Friday 29th November 2013 at 10am in Blythefield Primary School Blythe St, Belfast, County Antrim BT12 5HX