

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH BELFAST LOCALITY GROUP MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2014 AT 10AM IN THE
SHAFTESBURY COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTRE**

Present:

Name	Organisation
Kelly Maxwell	Niacro (LPG Chair)
Joan Henderson	Sólás
Natasha Brennan	LORAG
Gerard Rice	ISNP/LORAG
Jim Potts	South City
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Shirley Simpson	Windsor Women's Centre
Alison Robinson	South Belfast SureStart
Joy Poots	South Belfast SureStart
Stephanie Thompson	South Belfast Partnership Board
Una Casey	CYPSP
Geraldine O'Regan	East Belfast SureStart/Belfast Outcomes Group
Gabi Mornhingweg	BHSCT
Niall Houston	Markets Development Association
Sorcha Campbell	An Droichead
Anne McKay	Mornington Community Project

Apologies:

Name:	Organisation:
Roisin McGrann	Early Years Organisation
Darren Spence	BCDA
Kate Hanlon	BCDA
Michelle McNally	GEMS NI
Fionnguala McCotter	Scoil an Droichid
Heather Carey	Mornington Community Project
William Dickson	Donegal Road
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap

Welcome and Introductions:

Kelly Maxwell introduced herself as the new chairperson of the Locality Planning Group and welcomed everyone to the meeting. A round of

introductions took place. Stephanie Thompson highlighted that she is the new Strategic Health Officer for SBPB.

Apologies:

Were noted as above

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Gerard Rice noted that he had not been recorded as present in the minutes of the last meeting held on 27th February. Una will amend the minutes. The remaining minutes were agreed as a true and accurate recording of the meeting.

Action: Una to amend the minutes of the previous meeting.

Matters Arising

All matters arising are on the agenda of the meeting.

Family Support Hub Update

Gerry Largey explained that a series of meetings have been taking place in Inner East and Upper Springfield in the hub development process. He explained that these areas had been identified by the Locality Planning Groups in these areas as the initial hub areas. He outlined that there has been good engagement with the community and voluntary sector organisations. The BHSC have been looking at how the various relevant services will engage with the FSHs including the CAMHS Primary Intervention Workers.

Gerry highlighted that there is a Regional Family Support Hubs Handbook (operational draft) available on www.cypsp.org which gives a framework to work around hub development but is not prescriptive. He explained that the process for the application for the lead agency is underway for the Inner East and Upper Springfield hubs; the Trust is administering this process on behalf of the Belfast Outcomes Group with a panel of senior manager from the BHSC Trust and other statutory organisations that are members of the Belfast OG. The role of the FSH lead body will involve the administration and coordination of the hub

meetings and will need to have strong well developed relationships in the area. The next area that is ready for the development of a hub is the Greater Shankill area. The fourth hub area is undecided but it is anticipated that there will be 8 hubs in shadow or live form by Christmas.

The second role of the lead body will be to help families negotiate their way into the hub - this is not a “gatekeeper” role but will enhance the services in the area. Most hubs will be accessed through existing services and agencies with the lead body identifying if the referral is a Tier 2 referral. A discussion about the governance and information sharing within hubs took place. It was highlighted that the Family Support Hubs would add value to the existing networks between services and that they would also identify any gaps in services which would then be raised at the Locality Planning Group and Belfast Area Outcomes Group.

Gerry talked about the issues of scale relating to South Belfast that members have highlighted at previous meetings and the discussions that one hub may not be workable. He explained that there had been discussions with DSD about the funded services within neighbourhood renewal areas being able to stretch outside their boundaries. He also discussed the practicalities of having one hub covering the whole of the South Belfast area and the dearth of services in the outer areas such as Carryduff. Members discussed the possibility of 3 hubs or possibly 2 hubs with an aspirational third hub if needed; which is similar to what the East Belfast LPG has chosen.

A lengthy discussion took place about the areas that might be covered by the hub and about the coverage of services with these areas.

Gabi tabled a paper (see attached) showing a breakdown of community services for children and young people in each ward area within South Belfast. It was agreed that this was a useful paper, which demonstrated the dearth of services in the outer areas of South Belfast. It was agreed that this would be a very useful document for the LPG to use. Several

suggestions were made which included pooling Neighbourhood Renewal Areas or using them as the anchor for a broader area. Discussions also emerged about communities of interest. Members agreed that there needed to be a more in-depth discussion to move this issue forward in an extra-ordinary LPG meeting to be held as soon as possible.

Queries were raised about the potential service development and funding and the impact on hub development. Gerry highlighted the need for core members to have keeping safe training to a designated officer level and that there was training available for this. He explained that the hubs would operate a zero waiting list.

Action: All members to attend an extra ordinary LPG meeting on 14th April.

South Belfast LPG Action Plan.

Una tabled a draft copy of the action plan that a sub group of the LPG had worked on based on the exercise carried out at the February meeting. The group worked through each of the priorities in the action plan and amendments were suggested (see attached Action Plan). Members gave their endorsement to the action plan and agreed that the action plan will be a live document and would take cognisance of any issues that may emerge over the time frame of the plan or gaps in services that may arise from the family support hub/s when operational.

Action: Una to make suggested amendments to the action plan and circulate.

Any Other Business

The DSC for Children and Young People consultation closes on 31st March and members were urged to make a response.

The Application process was open for Voluntary and Community and BME Representatives on the CYPSP Partnership and Regional Subgroups and the Belfast Area Outcomes Group. The closing date for applications is 18th April. Further information is available on www.cypsp.org and through CiNI, NICEM and NICVA.

South Belfast Partnership Board hosted a Getting it Right for Early Years event which showcased the Good Start Compass. This compass includes social capital profile, linkages between services for those working with 0-4 year olds and includes support for parents. The compass has been piloted by SureStart, Windsor Women's Centre and Sólás. SBPB will be supporting and coordinating the training for the use of the Compass and are seeking funding for the analysis of the data.

Action: Stephanie Thompson to circulate papers on the Good Start Compass.

The first five bids have been successful through the Social Investment Fund which has left £800K for the Early Intervention Project therefore several tweaks have been made to the original proposal for re-submission which have been agreed at the SIF steering group. Each of the 4 components of the proposal has been reduced. There will be a perinatal programme, a mid-wife post, a transition programme for 2 year olds, 3-6 year olds and primary 7s; and 3 family support workers on 30 hr./wk. contracts. There will also be a special needs component and an afterschool's element. The steering group is awaiting a decision on this. The PHA is designated as the lead partner for the project.

Dates of Future Meetings

Extra Ordinary meeting specifically to discuss Family Support Hubs development in South Belfast - **14th April at 10am in Ballynafeigh Community House.**

Thursday 8th May at 10am

Thursday 26th June at 10am

Thursday 28th August at 10am

Thursday 30th October at 10am

Thursday 18th December at 10am

Thursday 29th January 2015 at 10am (All venues to be confirmed)