

**MINUTES OF THE WEST BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST AT 2.30PM
IN THE FRANK GILLEN CENTRE, 1A CULLINGTREE ROAD, BT12
4JU**

PRESENT:

Name:	Organisation:
Tina Gregory	Clan Mór SureStart (LPG Chair)
Una Casey	CYPSP
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Elizabeth Gracey	Action Ability Belfast
Jim Girvan	Blackie River Community Group
Declan Morris	Simon Community NI
Jackie Redpath	Greater Shankill Partnership
Joan Davis	Family Mediation NI
Dympna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership
Tish Holland	Upper Andersonstown Community Forum
Pamela Hughes	Kids Together
Karen Burns	BHSCT
Gerry Largey	BHSCT

APOLOGIES:

Bernie Donaghy	Lifestart Foundation
Sue Pentel	Ionad Uíbh Eachach
Irene Cook	Shankill SureStart
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Seana Talbot	Soal Úr SureStart
Bernie Martin	Simon Community NI
Carolyn Stewart	MENCAP

IN ATTENDANCE:

Amanda McLean	EITP
---------------	------

Welcome and Introductions

Tina welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions took place.

Apologies

Were noted as above

Presentation: Tina Gregory- Clan Mór SureStart

Tina outlined the main service provisions by SureStart, with a focus on Clan Mór. Tina gave an overview of the aims and the support which SureStart projects can offer to families as well as how the services can be accessed. (See attached presentation)

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

Matters Arising

Members are keen to keep inviting local organisations to give presentations at the meeting.

The group agreed that they should have a presentation on the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships; perhaps the chairs should give presentations. Una suggested that she could pull out the NRP plans and put together the main themes for the group.

Action: Una to combine NRP plans and put together the main themes.

Action Plan

Una confirmed that the action plan was a live document and could be amended if needed, however she stressed the fact that the action plan should be focused on early intervention for children and young people. Tina further emphasised this point also.

Outcome 6: The group decided to keep both suggested amendments made by Karen Burns and Pamela Hughes for outcome 6 as together they made up an appropriate milestone.

Una tabled an updated version of the layout of the action plans which contained an introduction to the WB LPG, a brief background to the CYPSP Locality Planning Process, a demographic profile of the LPG area, some statistics and the outcomes the group want to achieve.

Action: Una to combine both options within Outcome 6 together.

Action: Una asked the members of the group to send any pictures of children and young people involved in their groups in the local area via email so they can be incorporated into the action plan.

Action: Una to include the PHA, 'Making Life Better' strategy into action plan.

The group discussed that it may be a good idea to have a specific focus in the action plan so that are more achievable, rather than the broad outcomes that are currently in place. Jim advised it would be better not to have one focus, it would be better to have a number of ideas. Tish added that the key point is alignment of services and funding so there is no duplication. The group agreed to have a sub group to focus the action plan and narrow down the outcomes.

Action: Jim to circulate matrix of government departmental services.

Action: Sub group to meet Wednesday 13th August, 2pm in Blackie River Community Centre, Beechmount.

Family Support Hub Update

Gerry gave an update on the Family Support Hubs. Initial referrals have taken place in 3 hubs, with a formal launch around the beginning of October. There have been lead bodies appointed for a further 2 hubs; Ligoniel Improvement Association for the first hub in North Belfast and LORAG for the first South Belfast hub. Gerry fed back from the Outcomes Group that the initial plan of 11 hubs in Belfast is still going ahead for the foreseeable future. Tish outlined her concerns regarding the risk of funding with this approach, leading to alignment problems. It was also made clear that although the hubs will be similar in format, there will also be differences in the hubs, depending on the area in which they cover.

The group discussed that the hub would be able to take referrals at tier 2, but not above and noted that this could be a difficulty.

Una confirmed that the Family Support Hubs will be standing item on the agenda which will give the Hub co-ordinator the opportunity to raise issues such as gaps in provision so that these can be addressed at the LPG or raised at the Outcomes Group.

Early Intervention Transformation Programme (EITP)

Amanda gave the group some background information on the EITP. It aims to deliver social change through and is funded by 5 government departments, OFMDFM and Atlantic Philanthropies, amounting to £30 million regionally up until 2017. This will take place over 3 work streams; WS1 Equipping parents with the skills to give their child best start in life; WS2 Supporting families locally when problems arise at an early stage; WS 3 Changing outcomes for children facing particular adversity.

Amanda explained that she is the change manager for work stream 2, which would be carried out in 3 ways- Family Support Hubs, regional parenting programmes and Early Intervention Service. An outline of 5 recommendations presented to the Belfast OG by a task group of it, for the development of EIS was given out to the members of the group, which included the following:

- Early Intervention will be aligned and will learn from other interventions/ initiative such as Youth Engagement Programme
- Gaps in service provision area and what the local assets are and also need to be innovative
- EIS is a small pot of money and small scale, which mean limited impact so we therefore need to be realistic and use the funding as strategically as possible
- The service needs to be a whole family approach. Needs to support the family irrespective of need, but to raise their potential and create sustainable pathways for all life issues
- Two levels of criteria to be set; essential by the outcomes group and desirable by the LPGs

Amanda emphasised that it is up to the locality groups to decide where the gaps in services are locally so this will influence the jobs of the 3 workers. EIS will differ in every area depending on need; however there may be some set criteria but will take into account local need.

The group agreed there should be an extended LPG meeting with the single agenda being gaps in services for EITP.

Action: Amanda to send through the latest EITP presentation.

Any Other Business

Jim noted that the Family Support money is due to run out in October, and queried if there were any monies that can be rolled over. Una said she would bring this to the Outcomes Group sub group on Monday 11th August.

Liz notified the group that the S3 solutions research paper is now underway and asked the group to fill in a questionnaire.

Action: Liz to disseminate information regarding S3 solutions research

Jackie made the group aware that on the 2nd September the Greater Shankill Partnership Area is going to be branding as a children and young people's area.

If any members have any events coming up or information they would like circulated, Una let the group know that she would be happy to do this. Una added that when she is not available any information or details could be sent to Laura.

Date, Time and venue for Next Meetings

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 8 October 2014 EIS Workshop	2.30pm	Spectrum Centre
Wednesday 10 December 2014	2.30pm	Maureen Sheehan Centre