

**MINUTES OF THE WEST BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE AT 2.30PM IN
UPPERSPRINGFIELD ROAD DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

PRESENT:

Name:	Organisation:
Tina Gregory	Clan Mór SureStart (LPG Chair)
Una Casey	CYPSP
Diane Hill	Employers for Childcare
Teri Haggan	Employers for Childcare
Jim Girvan	Blackie River Community Group
Angela Mervyn	West Belfast Partnership Board
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount SureStart
Tina Black	Roden Street Com Devt/Grosvonor Community Centre
Kelly Maxwell	Niacro
Dympna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership
Elizabeth Gracey	Action Ability Belfast
Paula McMurrin	Action Ability Belfast
Pamela Hughes	Kids Together
Marie-Therese Cassin	Cedar Foundation
Karen Burns	BHSCT
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Karen Buchanan	Parent Representative
Anne Donnelly	Belfast Lisburn Women's Aid
Deirdre Walsh	Whiterock Children's Centre & Lead for Upper Springfield & Whiterock Family Support Hub
Bernie Martin	Simon Community NI

APOLOGIES:

Declan Morris	Simon Community NI
Sue Pentel	Ionad Uíbh Eachach
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Joan Davis	Family Mediation NI
Jackie Redpath	Greater Shankill Partnership
Michael Doherty	Glen Parent/Youth Group
Tish Holland	Upper Andersonstown Community Forum

Welcome and Introductions

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

Apologies

Were noted as above

Presentations

Tina explained that the group were having presentations by members of the LPG and organisations that deliver services in the area. She explained that the presentations today were themed around services for children with disabilities.

Presentations: Kids Together - Pamela Hughes

Pamela outlined the service delivery, core services, after-schools project, youth provision, time for me project, rainbow programme, play days, outreach programme, family support, parents/carers support group. Pamela highlighted some of the outcomes achieved through the different services. (See attached Presentation)

Presentations: Cedar Foundation - Marie-Therese Cassin

Marie-Therese outlined the Cedar services including training, living options, brain injury and more specifically the children and young people's services. Marie-Therese described the short break services for children and young people, these are the Outlook service and the inreach. She outlined the transitions service, the youth matters and the project to help young people access socially inclusive activities that has been funded by the Belfast Area Outcomes Group. She also talked about the Right 4 U ☺ work. She explained that Cedar work with children and young people who have a physical disability and may have associated learning and sensory disabilities also. Cedar also offers disability training for youth workers. Marie-Therese outlined some of the outcomes of the projects such as building up a young person's social skills. (See attached presentation).

Presentation: Action Ability Belfast

Elizabeth outlined that Action on Disability had recently rebranded as Action Ability Belfast and therefore focuses on a person's abilities.

Elizabeth highlighted the adult service, the befriending service, the children and young people's service, the staffing structure and a mapping exercise which will be carried out to identify the numbers of people with a disability living in West Belfast and Shankill.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Members perused the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th April. Karen expressed that she felt that these did not accurately represent a discussion that took place at this meeting. An indepth discussion took place. It was agreed that Karen would submit a term of words to Una to be included in these minutes so that members can adopt these at the next meeting in August. Members agreed that the remainder of these minutes were an accurate recording of the meeting.

Action: Karen to email Una with a term of wording to be submitted at the next meeting

Matters Arising

The new Voluntary and Community members for the CYPSP, Outcomes Groups and Regional Sub Groups have now been appointed for the next three years.

The new members on the Belfast Outcomes Group are:

Voluntary Sector:

Alison McNulty - Tiny Life;

Gemma Donnelly - Extern;

Anne Donnelly - Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid;

Colette Slevin - Mencap

Community Sector:

Tina Gregory - West Belfast;

Maria Morgan - North Belfast;

Maggie Andrews - East Belfast

Natasha Brennan - South Belfast.

BME:

Dawn Thompson - Bryson

There will be a transitions period for the new members to get inducted into the group before the outgoing members leave the group.

Jim Girvan - Blackie River Community Group is one of the community sector representatives on the CYPSP.

West Belfast Locality Planning Group Action Plan

Members asked for the NEETS strategy, Bright Start and EITP to be included in the action/milestone column for action number 2.

A discussion took place about the action/milestone for action number 6 and whether the statement about the inclusion of children with life limiting conditions needed to be included. The general consensus was that this statement would remain in the action plan.

A discussion took place about action number 8 and how we needed to make people more aware of the services available to them in West Belfast. Members discussed the logistics of organising an event. Members highlighted that there were already a number of community and health fairs already taking place across West Belfast and that maybe these could be tapped into. There were also a number of open days taking place in some of the schools in the area and a summer transitions school. Members agreed that it would be useful to firstly collate all these events and then identify if there are any areas where there aren't any such events and who these would be open to. It was agreed that a task group of the full LPG could meet to work on this.

Action: Task Group to meet, including, Angela, Kelly, Deirdre, Tina, Una

Family Support Hub Update

Deirdre updated that the Whiterock/Springfield Family Support Hub has been meeting in shadow and as of tomorrow (Thursday 12th June) will hold the first core group meeting. This meeting will involve looking at what services are available in the area, and case scenarios. The link person from gateway and CAMHS will also be attending the meetings. It is anticipated that this Hub will be fully operational and taking referrals from 1st September. Deirdre highlighted that there seemed to be a lack of services in the area.

Dympna updated that the Greater Shankill Partnership was appointed as the lead body for the hubs in the Shankill Area. The Shankill Hub held

its first shadow meeting yesterday (Tuesday 10th June) to firm up the responsibilities of the lead body. There is a site visit planned to the Shantallow and Dungiven hubs soon. It was suggested that they might visit a hub in the Northern or Southern Areas also. Shankill are also anticipating being ready to go live in September.

Gerry gave an update on the other hubs in Belfast. The Hub in the Inner East area is established and has held its second shadow hub meeting and is planning on a low level soft launch at the end of June. A second hub planning meeting will be held on Friday (13th June).

Gerry also discussed the Belfast Area Outcomes Group commissioning arrangements and the Early Intervention Transformation Programme.

Member Updates/Any Other Business

Tina highlighted that the Belfast Strategic Partnership has a paper on Emotional Resilience Strategy currently out for consultation.

Elizabeth explained that the Mental Capacity Act strategy was also out for consultation.

Tina Black explained that Grosvenor Community Centre are holding a celebration event on 2nd July everyone is welcome. Tina will email Una with the invitation to circulate to the group.

Action: Tina Black to email Una invitation for circulation to the group

Diane explained that she was at the meeting from Employers for Childcare which is a social enterprise to support parents back into work. They offer flexible childcare solutions including specific childcare for children with a disability. Diane will forward information to Una for circulation.

Kelly highlighted that there was a conference held on 30th May about how Article 21 in the Youth Justice Act has been dropped - she will provide more information at the next meeting.

Tina highlighted that the Department of Education have begun a review into Sure Starts on 9th June.

Date, Time and venue for Next Meetings

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 6 August 2014	2.30pm	Frank Gillen Centre
Wednesday 8 October 2014	2.30pm	Spectrum Centre
Wednesday 10 December 2014	2.30pm	Maureen Sheehan Centre (TBC)