

**The Minutes from the West Belfast Locality Group Meeting Held in
the Frank Gillen Centre at 2.30pm on 12 March 2014**

Present:

Name	Organisation	Sector
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap	Voluntary
Tina Gregory	Clan Mór SureStart (LPG Chair)	Community
Kelly Maxwell	Niacro	Voluntary
Joe Coneré	Digital Media Solutions	Community
Jackie Redpath	Greater Shankill Partnership	Community
Tina Black	Roden Street Community Development Group	Community
Gerry Largey	BHSCT	Statutory
Michael Doherty	Glen Parent Youth Group	Community
Irene Cooke	Shankill SureStart	Community
Una Casey	CYPSP	
Dympna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership	Community
Angela Mervyn	WBISCYP	Community
Roisin McGrann	Early Years	Voluntary
Sue Pentel	Ionad Uíbh Eachach	Community
Jim Girvan	Blackie River	Community

Apologies:

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Danny Power	Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership	Community
Tish Holland	Upper Andersonstown Community Forum	Community
Karen Burns	BHSCT	Statutory
Lorraine Morrissey-McCann	Co-Chair of the Children, Young People & Families Theme Team of the Upper Springfield & Whiterock Integrated Partnership	Community
Joan Davis	Family Mediation NI	Voluntary

Marie-Therese Cassin	Cedar Foundation	Voluntary
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount SureStart	Community
Renee Crawford	Lenadoon Women's Group	Community
Mairead McCrea	Kids Together	Community
Karen Buchanan	Parent	

1: Welcome and Introductions

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

2: Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

Una received an email from Lorraine Morrissey-McCann to inform the group that she will no longer be representing the Upper Springfield & Whiterock Integrated Partnership, Children, Young People & Families Theme Team and that from now on Deirdre Walsh will be representing this group on the LPG.

3: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4: Matters Arising

Tina explained to the group that she had been in contact with Barnardos to invite them to do a presentation about their service for children with a family member in prison. It is hoped that they will be able to do this at the meeting in April and if not they will send information leaflets etc about the service. Kelly Maxwell added that the NIACRO Family Links project work along with the Barnardos project and would be able to do a presentation if someone from Barnardos is unable to do one.

Tina highlighted that she had contacted Jim Donnelly, the programme manager for Active Communities Network in relation to the SIF funding allocation for NEETs, he explained that this is not what is happening but would come to the group to talk about Active Communities.

The members agreed that it would be beneficial for organisations that aren't able to attend meetings regularly but who provide services in West

Belfast to give one presentation per meeting to help increase networking and understanding of the work that is going on in the area.

4: Key Issues

Tina tabled a discussion paper on resilience (See attached). The group discussed different points in the paper such as the effective strategies for 5-13 year old age group complimented by afterschool's and effective strategies for adolescence. It was pointed out that the group should look at what is already happening in the area too, for example, nurture units in schools and the evaluation of these. Jackie Redpath commended the working paper as a great opportunity to show value to the emotional resilience thread that is running through the BSP and BAOG work. Family resilience was discussed.

Discussions took place about the effects of Integrated Services finishing on 31st March and concerns about what will happen to the families who are on Integrated Services live caseloads. Jackie highlighted that he thought that the development of the Family Support Hubs had a new significance and offered a fresh approach to family support and that members needed to show resilience themselves on this issue.

Discussions took place about the commissioning of the Intensive Family Support Services funding. Some members felt that the community sector was being squeezed out by the commissioning process and it was felt that a resolution should be sent to the Belfast Area Outcomes Group to take forward to the HSCB expressing the LPGs concerns.

Action: A resolution to be tabled at the next Belfast Area Outcomes Group

5: Family Support Hub Development Update

Gerry highlighted that there had been good attendance at a meeting in Upper Springfield about a Family Support Hub for this area and that minutes and actions had been circulated. The next meeting will take place tomorrow (13th March). The process to appoint a lead body will be clear and transparent. The Trust is working to a 4 meeting framework to get the areas ready for the hubs. The lead bodies will need to have a readiness to coordinate referrals and meet the referred families, with an emphasis on partnership, capacity, and relationships in the area. There is likely to be a 2 week turnaround on the application process. Part of the requirement of the lead body will be to sit on the LPG and report any

issues arising at the hub meetings such as a gap in provision. There will be good safe guarding and information sharing protocols.

6: Action Planning

A sub group will meet to draft an action plan for the group which needs to be ready to be tabled at the next Belfast Area Outcomes Group on 9th April.

Action: Una to circulate dates for a sub group meeting.

7: Member Updates

The application process for new members from the Community and Voluntary sectors for the CYPSP, Belfast Area Outcomes Group and Regional Sub groups will begin soon and will probably have a quick turnaround. It was agreed that there should be someone representing the 4 areas of Belfast (North, South, East and West) on the Outcomes Group. There may be a process whereby outgoing voluntary/community members on the groups will support the new members.

8: Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 16th April at 2.30pm in the Spectrum Centre 331 Shankill Road, BT13 3AA

9: Future Meetings

Wednesday 11 June 2014	2.30pm	TBC
Wednesday 6 August 2014	2.30pm	TBC
Wednesday 8 October 2014	2.30pm	TBC
Wednesday 10 December 2014	2.30pm	TBC