

**MINUTES OF THE WEST BELFAST LOCALITY GROUP MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER AT 2.30PM IN UPPER
SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elizabeth Gracey	Action on Disability	community
Danny Power	Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership	Community
Gerry Largey	BHSCT	Statutory
Joe Coneré	Digital Media Choices	Voluntary
Tina Gregory (Chair)	Clan Mor Surestart	Community
Anne Donnelly	Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid	Voluntary
Kelly Cochrane	NIACRO	Voluntary
Ann Marie Doyle	Princes Trust NI	Voluntary
Una Casey	CYPSP	Statutory
Lorraine Morrissey	ISCYP/ Co Chair USW IP	Community
Liz Brown	NICMA	Voluntary
Dympna Johnston	GSP	Community
Jackie Redpath	GSP	Community
Christina Black	Grosvenor Community Centre	Community
Angela Mervyn	WB ISCYP	Community
Michael Doherty	Glen Parent Youth Group	Community
Jim Girvan	Blackie River Community Group	Community
Sue Pentel	Ionad Uíbh Eachach	Community
Carolyn Stewart	MENCAP	Community
Karen Burns	BHSCT	Statutory
Joan Davis	Family Mediations NI	Voluntary
Seána Talbot	Saol úr SureStart	Community
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount SureStart	Community
Irene Cooke	Shankill SureStart	Community

APOLOGIES

Kate Lavery	Centre for Health and Wellbeing	Community
Clare-Anne Magee	Parenting NI	Voluntary
Margaret Marley	NIHE	Statutory
Renee Crawford	Lenadoon Women's Group	Community
Tish Holland	UACF	Community
Mairead McCrea	Children Together	Community
Annette McCann	Save the Children	Voluntary
Nicola Verner		

1: Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Tina Gregory welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Upper Springfield Community Development Trust for providing the meeting room for meeting. There were a number of new members at the meeting and a round of introductions took place. Apologies were noted as above. Tina also highlighted that Locality Planning was an open process and anyone working with children, young people and families were very welcome to attend. Tina extended a welcome to those attending for the Greater Shankill area which will come under the West Belfast Locality Planning Group area.

2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 October 2013 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate representation of the meeting.

3: Matters Arising

All action points had been completed. Tina highlighted again the CYPSP and Outcomes Group membership process and that the CYPSP are taking cognisance of the need for this to be a gradual process and that it may involve an induction period etc.

Tina also explained that she has re-written letters to John Compton and Colm Donaghy about the withdrawn of funding that had been allocated to the Outcomes Group to commission services with.

4: Getting to Know Each Members work in the West Belfast Area.

Tina explained to the group that it would be useful for members to give a short description of their organisations work in West Belfast, referral mechanisms and remit in order to help to build up the partnerships in the Locality Planning Group. (See attached).

5: Family Support Hubs

As highlighted in the previous meeting, the chair of the Belfast Area Outcomes Group, Lesley Walker had written to the Locality Group Chairs/community representatives on the Outcomes Group asking them about the number of hubs and suggested areas to be covered by the hubs. It has been suggested that there should be 3 hubs covering West Belfast and one for the Greater Shankill Area, with the hub covering Upper Springfield being the first hub to go live.

Gerry highlighted that the Family Support Hubs are working to the Belfast Area Outcomes Group and that the BHSCT are not taking the lead but are facilitating the networking in order to get the hubs up and running and that a lead organisation will take on the role of administrating the hubs.

Gerry explained that hubs are a coalition of services to co-ordinate and align the family support services delivered to a family and to set a bench mark and enable discussions. There is a regional paper which is an indicative document not a blue print for hubs, and that there is scope to make them work at a local level. Belfast is different from other hub areas in that there is a high density of poverty and deprivation and also a high density of responses to the issue that it this creates. There is also the additional challenge of the strong sense of place among people in Belfast. Gerry explained that while there are a number of area based family support needs there are also communities of interest that spanned the whole of Belfast area e.g. Young people at risk, disability, and so on.

Gerry discussed the importance of information sharing protocols and safeguarding and also the need to create confidence in the process.

ACTION: Gerry to give a comprehensive presentation on Family Support Hubs

6: Key Issues

Tina explained the planning cycle timeframe of the next CYPSP Children and Young People's Plan and how Locality Planning Groups need to produce their action plan first to feed into the Outcomes Group's plan. She highlighted that the group needs to be more "real" about emerging issues. This will be discussed in more detail in the January Locality Planning Group meeting. All members are to think about 2 issues that need to be addressed and suggestions on how this can be achieved together. The next meeting will also look at Outcomes Based planning and how members can turn the curve collectively. Una to put together a profile of services in West Belfast from the Family Support Database.

ACTION: All members to send through issues and suggestions to address these to Una (una.casey@hscni.net)

ACTION: Una to profile family support services on Family Support database

Dates of Future meetings:

Wednesday 15 January 2014	2.30pm	Alessie Centre, 60 Shankill Road, BT13 2BB
Wednesday 12 February 2014	2.30pm	TBC
Wednesday 12 March 2014	2.30pm	TBC
Wednesday 16 April 2014	2.30pm	TBC
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

Action Points	
1:	Gerry Largey to give a comprehensive presentation on Family Support Hubs at January meeting
2:	All members to email Una Casey with issues to be addressed by the locality planning group and suggestions on how the group can collectively address these
3:	Una Casey to profile family support services from the family support database