

**MINUTES OF THE WEST BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER AT 2.30PM
IN THE FRANK GILLEN CENTRE, 1A CULLINGTREE ROAD, BT12
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PRESENT:

Name:	Organisation:
Tina Gregory	Clan Mór SureStart (LPG Chair)
Una Casey	CYPSP
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Elizabeth Gracey	Action Ability Belfast
Sue Pentel	Ionad Uíbh Eachach
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Carolyn Stewart	MENCAP
Damien Magee	Simon Community NI
Dympna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership
Marie Therese Cassin	Cedar Foundation
Pamela Hughes	Kids Together
Karen Burns	BHSCT
Janice Clarke	Girls Model School Belfast
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount Sure Start
Angela Mervyn	Integrated Services
Tina Black	Roden Street Community Development group
Michael Doherty	Glen Parent Youth Group
Deirdre Walsh	Whiterock Children's Centre
Ihintz Olliden	Whiterock Children's Centre
Irene Cooke	Shankill Sure Start

APOLOGIES:

Colm Walsh	Extern
Bernie Toner	Holy Trinity Centre
Joan Davis	Family Mediation NI
Roisin McGrann	Early Years Organisation
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Jim Girvan	Blackie River Community Group
Tish Holland	Upper Andersonstown Community Forum
Jackie Redpath	Greater Shankill Partnership

Welcome and Introductions

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

Apologies

Were noted as above

Presentation: Kelly Maxwell- NIACRO

Kelly outlined the main mission statement and service provisions of NIACRO CAPS. Kelly gave the group an overview of the support which NIACRO provides to families and young people as well as how the services which are available through the CAPS project. (See attached presentation). Kelly highlighted concerns around the filtering legislation for children and young people over 10 years of age. Kelly encouraged members to follow NIACRO's Off the Record campaign.

Action: Angela Mervyn to give a presentation at the next LPG meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Matters Arising

The Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership plans have not been finalised and therefore cannot be reviewed until this process is complete. This item has been deferred to the next meeting.

EITP consultation – Members expressed concern that the referral process is directly through the hubs. Another point was raised about the difficulty of defining which tier a family may be in.

Tina asked the group if there are any members who could offer a room for a future meeting, if so could they email Una.

Action: If anyone has a room they could offer for a meeting, could they send Una an email.

Action Plan

The group agreed that the new action plan layout is attractive. The current action plan will be a living document; however members agreed it would be a good idea to have a separate document to record the

progress of the action plan. The action plan will be reviewed in February/ March. A sub group will meet to discuss the action plan in more detail.

The group agreed it would be appropriate for a number of smaller groups to get together for individual outcomes on the action plan. These groups will enable others to help who are not members of the locality planning group or cannot make all the meetings.

Action: Una to get sub group together to discuss the action plan

Family Support Hub Update- Deirdre/ Dympna

Upper Springfield & Whiterock Hub

The Upper Springfield & Whiterock Hub launched on 7th November and has taken 7 referrals on paper to date. The biggest number of referrals so far have been for respite for families dealing with disabilities or complex needs. Deirdre emphasised that the hub has been beneficial for working relationships, and this has been a great advantage to the collaborative initiative of the hub. A further advantage of the hub is that, because all referrals are recorded then the biggest needs will be identified.

There was a wide range of statutory, voluntary and community organisations present at the launch of the Hub in November, however there are concerns about educational representation. Deirdre explained that schools have not yet bought into the process, except for Education Welfare Officers.

Any feedback which the Hub receives should come back to the LPG, and this information will then be fed back to the Outcomes Group.

Shankill Hub

Dympna gave the group an update on the Shankill hub. To date there have been 5 referrals. There have been a number of smaller meetings with families and relevant people to give them the help and support they need. Dympna explained the process of how the referrals are given out- the scenario is discuss at the hub meeting (without disclosing any personal information) and then the relevant organisation will take the case and provide the families with the help they need.

There was a meeting held on Monday 8th December to discuss the situation with the hubs. Funding for the existing hubs has been confirmed for the next financial year, additional information will follow.

Members of the group expressed concern that there will not be full coverage of hubs in West Belfast, and this would be a difficulty for the EITP. The group proposed that a letter should be written to the Outcomes Group about this matter.

Action: Tina to draft a letter to the Outcomes Group, expressing concern about the hub situation in West Belfast

Feedback from Belfast Outcomes Group

Tina gave the group an update on what happened at the Belfast Outcomes Group on the 12th December 2014. She explained that the hubs need to be more community lead, instead of being associated with the Trust. Karen explained that the Trust will be dealing with the procurement of the Hubs and will be a support mechanism for the process.

The EITP project was discussed briefly at the Outcomes Group. The plan is to have a team of workers on the ground by August 2015.

Tina raised the issue of communication within the CYPSP structure. The group agreed that there needs to be a better feedback as different people sit on each group. Information needs to go from the bottom of the structure up, and the top of the structure down.

The family support funding was discussed. There has been an extension to the funding until March 2015, and groups should have heard at this stage if they have received an extension. Tina was unable to confirm what will happen concerning the funding in the next financial year. Karen explained this is due to a complex procurement process, which takes a number of weeks to complete. It was confirmed that there will be a separate pot of funding available for summer specific projects.

LPG Chairing arrangements

Tina explained that she would like to have a co-chair for the group as she may not be able to attend every meeting due to work commitments. The group decided that a term for the chairing of the group would be suitable, around two years. It was agreed that nominations should be put forward for co-chair of the group.

Action: Nominations for co-chair position to be emailed to Una before the next meeting.

Any Other Business

Various members expressed concern that they have been unsuccessful for the Bright Start application process, without any clear justification. It was agreed that this issue should be tabled for the next meeting and someone will come along to answer questions about the process.

Action: A member of the Bright Start team to come out to the next LPG.

City Church Belfast will be providing free Christmas dinners on Christmas Day, from 12 noon to 3pm in Common Grounds Café.

Date, Time and venue for Next Meetings

Dates for future meetings are as follows:-

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 11 th February 2015	2.30pm	Whiterock Centre
Wednesday 15 th February 2015	2.30pm	The Spectrum Centre
Wednesday 10 th June 2015	2.30pm	Upper Springfield Development Trust
Wednesday 12 th August 2015	2.30pm	Frank Gillen Centre
Wednesday 14 th October 2015	2.30pm	Spectrum Centre
Wednesday 9 th December 2015	2.30pm	TBC