

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

Present:

Name	Organisation	Sector
Tina Gregory	Clan Mór Surestart (LPG Chair)	Community
Una Casey	CYPSP	Statutory
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap	Voluntary
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO	Voluntary
Dympna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership	Community
Gerry Largey	BHSCT	Statutory
Karen Burns	BHSCT	Statutory
Marie-Therese Cassin	Cedar Foundation	Voluntary
Danny Power	Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership	Community
Jim Girvan	Blackie Community Group	Community
Joan Davis	Family Mediation NI	Voluntary
Anne Donnelly	Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid	Voluntary
Angela Mervyn	Integrated Services West Belfast	Community
Lorraine Morrissey- McCann	Co-Chair of the Children, Young People & Families Theme Team of the Upper Springfield & Whiterock Integrated Partnership	Community
Tish Holland	Upper Andersonstown Community Forum	Community
Michael Doherty	Glen Parent Youth Group	Community
Tina Black	Roden Street	Community Group

Apologies:

Name	Organisation	Sector
Jackie Redpath	Greater Shankill Partnership	Community
Joe Coneré	Digital Media Solutions	Community
Janice Clarke	Girls Model	Statutory
Blanche Thompson	Belfast City Council	Statutory
Seana Talbot	Saol Úr SureStart	Community
Anne Sharvin	BHSCT Health Visiting	Statutory
Irene Cooke	Shankill SureStart	Community
Sue Pentel	Ionad Uíbh Eachach	Community
Penny Amborse	Beechmount Surestart	Community
Renee Crawford	Lenadoon Women's Group	Community

1: Welcome and Introductions

Tina welcomed everyone to the group and extended congratulations to Kelly Maxwell on her recent nuptials. A round of introductions took place.

2: Apologies

As noted above

3: Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 15th January 2014

Kelly asked for her name to be added to the apologies list for this meeting. Una will amend this. Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

4: Matter arising

Tina informed the group that a meeting took place 2 weeks ago of the sub group of Belfast OG about the commissioning funding; including the £70K that had been returned to Outcomes Group one of the recommendations was for some of this funding possibly going towards an innovation type fund. This funding is not available until 1st April. Another recommendation from the sub group is to include previous unsuccessful applicants who didn't apply for the correct amounts of funding etc. No decisions have been made yet; this will be discussed

further at the next Belfast OG meeting. Tina will keep the LPG informed about the decisions made.

Tina advised members to check their details in the member's directory and contact Una with any amendments and keep it as a live document.

Action: Members to forward any amendments for the member's directory to Una

Tina explained that she had asked members to look at key priorities and issues that can inform the LPG action plan which will feed into the Belfast Outcomes Group's action plan. This will be discussed under agenda item 5.

Gerry explained about the recent work around hubs and their implementations. He explained that LPG chairs had initially been contacted about the number of hubs and hub readiness in each of the LPG areas. He highlighted that emails inviting service providers to series of meeting for the initial Family Support Hubs in Upper Springfield and Inner East. There will be regular meetings staggered on a fortnightly basis to get the hub process running.

Dates have been booked for bespoke keeping safe training for core hub members training policy and procedures. Sheena to attend next LPG meeting to talk about the training.

A discussion took place about who would be appropriate to be on hubs and how there needs to be a top down delegation for this, Tina highlighted that there has already been CEO buy in through the CYPSP.

The issue of lead bodies for the hubs was discussed. Gerry explained that there will be a transparent process which will include the capacity to work locally and start immediately.

5: Key Issues and Action Planning

Tina explained that the key issues for the West Belfast Locality Planning Group would be taken back to Belfast Outcomes Group to ensure that these issues are included in their action plan too. A discussion too place

about the issue raised by Jackie Redpath at January's meeting about resilience as an overarching theme and encompasses a lot of issues

Tina suggested that the LPG action plan needs to be realistic and also explained that hubs will identify emerging needs gaps in services.

A discussion took place about the need for resiliency at different stages including transition, self-safe guarding for P7 upwards.

Other issues discussed in relation to resilience was parental separation high percentage of mums are the gateways to children and that dads estrangement impacts on children and is manifested in classroom in streets therefore there is a need to look at parenting as it is difficult to build resilience in children alone without including parents. Parental ambiguity of more than one father in a family was also discussed

The Take 10 and Heart Math exercises were discussed as was the need.

The issue of parents/sibling in prison was highlighted and a discussion took place including the different needs such as preparation for visiting to the end stage of reintegration back into the family. Members highlighted that Barnardos have a programme relating to this and that it would be useful to invite them to give a presentation to the LPG.

Action: Invite Barnardos to give a presentation at a future meeting.

Tina offered to work up core themes with an overarching, theme of resilience, from the groups discussions and feed this back to the group for comment.

6: Member updates

Tina tabled a copy of the OFMDFM press release about the first tranche of SIF funding. The projects in the West Belfast area were the Integrated Employment Programme, the Early Intervention Programme

Members suggested that it would be very useful for the LPG to invite these projects to give a presentation to the group about the projects.

Members highlighted that there had been articles in the local press recently about some of the SIF projects particularly about the capital funding but hasn't been released from OFMDFM yet and they felt this was causing a lot of confusion and anxiety among community groups.

From a LPG point of view this flux about funding streams will have an impact on level of need and priorities and influence the priorities of the LPG. It was agreed that more clarity on who has been successful with SIF funding, and other streams such as Intensive Family Support. Angela explained that there should be clearer information about the Intensive Family Support by the end of the first week of March.

Members discussed that Integrated Services was definitely ending on 31st March and how this could impact on Family Support Hubs and the West Belfast LPG. In the meantime there were concerns about where current families get signposted to etc.

ACTION: Invite organisations that were successful in securing SIF and Intensive Family Support Funding

Action: Regular presentations from external organisations

8: Any Other Business

There is a meeting taking place about Bright Start on Thursday WBPB informal presentation Jenifer McCann

Members highlighted that they had some issues with using the CYPSP and Family Support NI websites. Una will invite Helen O'Neill (www.familysupportNI.gov.uk manager to a meeting)

9: Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th March at 2.30pm in Frank Gillen Centre.

Future Meetings

Wednesday 16	2.30pm	TBC
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April 2014

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