

**Minutes of the South Belfast Locality Planning Group Meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in Ballynafeigh Community House, 283 Ormeau Rd, BT7 3GG**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Kelly Maxwell	Niacro (LPG Chair)
Una Casey	CYPSP
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT
Anita Duff	BELB (Youth Service)
Sarah Saulters	ADDNI
Jim Potts	South City Development Resource Centre
Katherine Wylie	Employers for Childcare
Stephanie Thompson	South Belfast Partnership Board
Natasha Brennan	LORAG
Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Joy Poots	South Belfast Sure Start
Leah Bell	Ballynafeigh Community Development Association
Anne McKay	Mornington

**Apologies:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Joan Henderson	Solas
Aine Kelly	Save the Children
Eelco Westerhuis	Home Start
Ann Marie Doyle	The Prince's Trust
Richard Mealey	Donegal Pass Community Forum

**Welcome and Introductions**

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

**Apologies**

Apologies were noted as above.

**Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were agreed as an accurate recording of the meeting.

### **Matters Arising**

Members agreed that there would need to be further discussions in regard to projects about fathers. It was agreed that most organisations hold projects for the whole family; not just fathers; as it has been trialed before and not been successful.

The group agreed that the mental health mapping document was a comprehensive view of the organisations which are available, however it would change on a regular basis and may be subject to changes in the next financial year.

**Action: Mental health mapping document to be reviewed at the same time as the action plan.**

James Scott came to a sub group on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 to talk about the TATI/ Safe-talk training. He suggested that it would be useful to know that the level of need is in the area. Members suggested it would be a good idea if they had access to training then they could deliver it to the families they work with. It was also agreed that it would be good to know what training the members already have.

**Action: Natasha to forward details of what training is available in South Belfast.**

It was highlighted that not all organisations know what all other members around the table do.

**Action: In 'member updates' in each Locality Planning meeting, a member of the group will give a 10 minute talk about the main purposes of their organisation making it particularly relevant to South Belfast.**

Katherine told the group that Employers for Childcare have spaces on some of their training courses, which members of the Locality Planning Group may be able to avail of.

**Action: Katherine to send details of training to Una to circulate**

## **Belfast Outcomes Group Update**

Natasha fed back from the last meeting of the Belfast Outcomes Group, which took place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. The group had a lengthy debate about the possibility of joining the Outer South FS Hub with Outer East, which was suggested at the Outcomes Group and had positive feedback from the East Belfast LPG. It was outlined that this could be beneficial due to the lack of services in the area. Also these services may not be maximised due to their location, so this may help relieve stress on other organisations with long waiting lists. This option would give an entire coverage of South Belfast and mean that a wider geographical area is covered over the whole of Belfast. Some members of the Locality Planning Group expressed concern at the idea of having a hub which connects two LPG areas. This is due to the fact that families may have to travel a distance to avail of the services provided and this model may not have a natural geographical 'fit'. It was highlighted that families do not need to travel to a hub as it is virtual and that many services provide services in the home.

It was made clear that the current South One hub cannot be extended out to take in part of Outer South because it has now been contracted and is up and running; it would mean the hub would have to close down and be retendered. Members agreed that this was not an option at this stage. Natasha emphasised that a decision needs to be made as soon as possible as the second hub in South Belfast is ready to go. In order to do this, it was agreed that there needs to be a fair representation around the table, and this may not currently be the case. Una and Kelly stressed that the Locality Planning Group is an open door and new members are always welcome.

The discussions developed further looking at format of hubs, funding and formation of launches. The group agreed structures in place and South West 2 should be second hub in South Belfast to launch. The group after further overview reached a consensus that to have a hub in Outer South even if shared with Outer East would capture data and feedback that could be used to shape hubs in South after March 2016.

**Action: If members feel they know a group which should be involved, to invite them along to the group or send contact details to Una.**

**Action: Natasha to take views to the Outcomes Group re: Family Support Hubs**

Natasha and Mary told the group about the family support funding. A new round of Belfast Outcomes Group funding for Family Support services will be launched at an information event in NICVA on 26<sup>th</sup> February. The availability of this funding and the associated information event will be advertised in the local press. This will be an open call rather than a formal procurement process and the funding will be allocated on a 1 year + 1 year + 1 year basis. i.e. funding available for a three year period, initial funding allocation for a 1 year period with the possibility of extension.

**Family Support Hub Update**

Natasha told the group that there is now funding available for the full 11 hubs. The South One hub is now up and running and the official launch date for the hub is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm in Shaftesbury Community and Recreation Centre. There have been 13 referrals so far in the hub, from a variety of sources including Gateway, health visitors and self-referrals. Most of the referrals so far have been in connection with social isolation.

**Action: Anyone who would like to have a stand at the hub launch, could they contact Natasha.**

**Social Investment Fund Update – Joy Poots**

Joy outlined that the Social Investment Fund has been granted funding for an Early Intervention Service to the value of £800,000. The Public Health Agency has sent a letter of offer and is currently preparing the tendering arrangements. The project will consist of 3 family support workers over 4 different categories. These are primary school age children, peri-natal, special needs/support groups and transitional periods. This service will be a 2 year delivery and a 6 month roll in period from September 2015. It will work in the following areas – The Markets, Taughmonagh, The Village, Sandy Row, Lower Ormeau,

Annadale, Belvoir, Woodstock (taking in lower Ravenhill and Lagan Village), Botanic and Donegal Pass as well as a Super Output area in Carryduff.

### **Early Intervention Transformation Programme**

Amanda McLean gave an update on EITP. Amanda outlined that the proposal for EITP was to establish 20 Early Intervention services across Northern Ireland on a 3 year phased plan. This business case was presented to the EITP Project Board for approval on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The Project Board agreed to 5 Early Intervention Services, with one EIS contract being offered in each Outcomes Group area for a period of 33 months from July 2015 to April 2018.

Due to the Social Investment Fund Early Intervention Service this may change the position of the Locality Planning Group regarding the location of the Belfast EITP service. Members suggested that the service could be located in the Carryduff area to build into what SIF does not cover.

**Action: Natasha to feedback to Outcomes Group that South could put the service in an area which is not covered by SIF.**

### **Action Plan**

Una told the group that the action plan has been updated. Richard had sent in suggestions regarding outcome 2 in the action plan, which have been added in red. The group agreed to include these comments with an amendment to include voluntary (point 5 in red). Stephanie added that the South Belfast Partnership Board are working with disadvantaged protestant boys and may have additional resources which the LPG could tap into.

**Action: Una to contact Stephanie re: the work they are doing with disadvantaged protestant boys in South Belfast.**

**Action: Una/Laura to include Richard's points in action plan.**

Una advised it would be a good idea to have an Action planning sub group to discuss the action plan in more detail. This group includes Gabi, Jim, Richard, Claire, Una and Joy. Una suggested the group should move outcome 7 to core business as a linkages exercise has been carried out. Members of the group suggested that this may need to be added to. It was also emphasized that members need to raise the issues in the action plan within their networking groups and report back

any progress. It was agreed that when the action plan has been approved by the group, a progress report will be used to track the development of the action plan.

**Action: Action planning group to get together to discuss the action plan in more detail.**

**Action: Members to return the linkages template to Laura/Una to complete the exercise.**

**Action: Members to raise issues in the LPG action plan in their networking groups and report back progress.**

### **Update from Fun Day Sub Group**

The Working Group submitted the application to the Belfast City Council Parks Grants. Unfortunately the group wasn't able to apply for the full amount of the grant and therefore couldn't include the cost of a marquee in the application. If any members know of any organisations that might be able to lend a marquee please contact Una with details.

Pending a successful application the family fun day will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 12-2pm in Ormeau Park. The aim of the fun day is for the entire family to play and have fun together while finding out information's on local services and learning fun low cost/ no cost ways of having fun as a family. There will be information stands available in the marquee and other activities outside including; doodlebugs, Ulster Wildlife Trust mini-beast hunts and bird seed cake making, mini-Olympics, PSNI, Fire service, St. John's ambulance, face-painting and a selfie-booth.

The group agreed it would be a good idea to have a quiz with an answer at each stand so parents will not feel self-conscious about the stands they visit. Katherine suggested that Employers for Childcare could run a competition to win free childcare.

**Action: Katherine to send Una information about what they may be able to provide for the event.**

**Action: Any groups who have a marquee to contact Una.**

**Action: Members to keep Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May available for the event.**

### **Any Other Business**

The date of the next meeting has been changed to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 10am in Shaftesbury Recreation and Community Centre. This is due to the Family support funding launch on the 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Safeguarding Board are having a child sexual exploitation event to link with families- it was agreed that it might be useful for a member of SBNI to come to the next locality meeting to link with the group. This could also address some issues within the action plan.

**Action: Member of SBNI to come to the next LPG meeting re. child sexual exploitation event.**

### **Member Updates**

The group decided that each time there are 'member updates' a member should give a 10 minute overview and update on their organisation.

### **Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

<b>**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February @10am (Note change of date)</b>	Shaftesbury Recreation and Community Centre
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 @ 10am	Prince's Trust
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2015 @ 10am	TBC
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2015 @ 10am	Shaftesbury Recreation and Community Centre
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 @ 10am	TBC
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 @ 10am	TBC