

## MINUTES

### **EAST BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2015 AT 10AM IN EAST BELFAST PARTNERSHIP OFFICE, NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, BT4 1AF**

#### **PRESENT:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Maggie Andrews	EBPB (LPG Chair)
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Una Casey	CYPSP
Gillian Boyd	Cedar
Lorraine Brennan	BHSCT
Michele Bryans	East Belfast Alternatives
Mary McManus	East Belfast Independent Advice Centre
Tracey Wilson	Oasis
Aine Kelly	Save the Children
Claire Humphrey	Barnardos
Gareth Beacom	Charter NI
Seaneen MacCarthy	Cedar
Irene Blanchard	East Belfast Councillors
Bernie McConnell	Short Strand Community Forum
Michele Bryans	Alternatives
Yvonne Cowan	BHSCT
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Lindsay Cooper	Greenway Women's Centre
Martina McCooney	Youth Justice Agency
Linda Armitage	EBCDA
Eelco Westerhuis	Home Start
Karen Purdy	Bloomfield Community Association

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Amanda McLean	PHA (EITP)
Helen Dunn	CYPSP (Family Support Hubs)

#### **APOLOGIES:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Ashlea Berryman	Early Years Organisation
Zara Monteith	Willowfield Parish Community Association

Kelly Maxwell  
Geraldine O'Regan  
Marianne Fox

NIACRO  
East Belfast Sure Start  
Prince's Trust

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Tracey stood in as chair until Maggie joined the meeting. Tracey welcomed everyone and a round of introductions took place.

## **Apologies**

Apologies were noted as above

## **Early Intervention Transformation Programme**

Amanda McLean gave an update on EITP. A paper was passed around and she gave a brief introduction as to what the programme is all about. 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 board for approval on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The 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.

Amanda noted that there will be a discussion at the next Outcomes group concerning the location of the service. This will take place at the beginning of February. It was made clear to the group that the Early Intervention Service would also come to the hub and be used as a 'mop up', and not a duplication of the services which already exist. In the Belfast EIS team there will be 3 full time workers and the services provided will be based on the consultations with the Locality Planning Groups.

Tracey emphasised the need for the group to think strategically in order to put an argument forward as to why East would be the best area to have the Early Intervention Service. It was proposed that there should be a meeting in the next couple of weeks to put this together before the planning day and the next Belfast Outcomes Group meeting.

## **Funding Update- Lorraine Brennan**

Lorraine outlined that 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.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Una noted that a member of the Bright Start team will be coming out to the next meeting to answer any queries about their funding application.

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 were agreed as accurate by the group.

### **Inner East Family Support Hub Update**

Michele gave the group an update on the progress of the Inner East Family Support Hub. There have been 21 referrals to date, including 8 in December and 5 in January so far. They have been from various sources, such as schools, G.Ps and others. The main issues presented from the referrals have been support to ethnic minority families, housing, financial needs and families who need respite. Michele said there is also a concern with families who have been previously involved with social services and are no longer seen to be in that remit. This means those families will lose their free childcare places and other benefits. Early years primary school age children who need to have therapy was also a need in the referrals to the hub. It was pointed out that this evidence could be key in determining the gaps in services which EITP could be involved in.

Helen outlined the collaborative working of the hubs and various other sub groups. She also suggested the possibility of a hub which could cross Locality Planning Group areas in the next rollout. The group agreed this would make sense as many of the same organisations sit on all the Locality Planning Groups. It was discussed that Outer South/ Outer East could be a potential location for this as there are not as many services in these areas. Members of the group also pointed out that there is practical outreach done by churches in these local areas, it may be useful to link with this work.

**Action: Members of the group to have informal conversations about the possibility of a hub in Outer East/ Outer South to the local people to assess level of need.**

**Action: Una to discuss the possibility of an Outer East/ Outer South hub to the South Belfast LPG members.**

## **Action Plan**

### **Feedback from Dental Health Working Group**

The Dental Health Working Group met on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The group have applied for 'Awards for all' funding. With this money, the group are hoping that they can give 10 settings an amount of money so they can each host a dental awareness month, which would include information and goody bags which promote good oral health. The objective is to get all children within the group registered with a local dentist.

Maggie noted the absence of the Public /health Agency from the group and noted that it may be beneficial for representation, they may also be able to contribute some funding towards the event.

The directory of dentists which the sub group were working on is now a completed document; however this cannot be published as they do not have permission from individual dentists.

### **Networking event sub group**

The Networking event sub group met on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January in East Belfast Partnership. The group discussed how the event should be lively and interactive, with various workshops/ breakout groups.

The date and venue were discussed; to provide enough time to make the necessary arrangements it was recommended that the event takes place after Easter - proposed date Wednesday 22nd April. The Park Avenue Hotel was suggested. Please see attached minutes for further information.

### **Action: Maggie to send to Una for circulation**

### **Poverty Sub Group**

It was agreed that a group should get together to discuss poverty in the local area and what should be done. Maggie suggested that the group could write a 1 page document which lists the services specifically focussed on poverty as it is important to know which organisations are currently out there and what work they do, which could link into the Locality Planning Group. Members noted how this is critical as poverty is linked with many other issues which those around the table would have to deal with in the longer term. Yvonne, Mary, Aine, Gareth and Eelco agreed to be part of the group.

**Action: Yvonne agreed to speak to Jackie Fraser about attending the Poverty sub group.**

**Action: Una to set up a date for the group to meet.**

### **Action Plan**

Members agreed that the plan should be constantly under review, instead of having a specific meeting to do this, as it has not long been finalised. Michele proposed that members of the group should look at the action plan before attending meetings and let Una know if there are any amendments.

**Action: All members to read updates of action plan before LPG meetings and update Una of any changes.**

### **Member Updates**

Yvonne informed the group about a Sexual Health Forum, run by EBCDA will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 12-3pm in The Network Centre. Geraldine Daley will be speaking at this event. This event will link in with Outcome 7 on the action plan about risky behaviours.

Eelco told the group about an event Home Start is running based on collaborative working to be clever about resources. It will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 12-2pm in Consbrook Community Presbyterian church hall.

**Action: Una to circulate information. If any members would like information circulated, could they send it to Una.**

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

The group continue to meet bi-monthly to accommodate working groups.

Meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every other month. 2015 dates are as follows:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 @ 10 am

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 @ 10am

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 @ 10am

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 @ 10am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 @ 10am

