

**MINUTES OF THE WEST BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP  
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 2.30PM  
IN THE WHITEROCK CHILDREN'S CENTRE, 9 WHITEROCK ROAD,  
BT12 7PG**

**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
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Dympna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership
Marie Therese Cassin	Cedar Foundation
Pamela Hughes	Kids Together
Pauline Kersten	Conway Education Centre
Mairead Gilmartin	Outer West Sure Start
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount Sure Start
Angela Mervyn	Integrated Services
Jim Girvan	Blackie River Community Group
Tish Holland	Upper Andersonstown Community Forum
Deirdre Walsh	Whiterock Children's Centre
Ihintz Oleden	Whiterock Children's Centre
Irene Cooke	Shankill Sure Start
Mairead McCrea	Kids Together

**APOLOGIES:**

Karen Burns	BHSCT
Alison McNulty	Tiny Life
Anne Donnelly	Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid
Michael Doherty	Glen Community Parent Youth Group
Renee Crawford	Lenadoon Women's Group
Tina Black	Roden Street Community Development Group
Danny Power	Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership
Jackie Redpath	Greater Shankill Partnership

**In Attendance:**

Amanda McLean	EITP
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## **Welcome and Introductions**

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

## **Apologies**

Were noted as above

## **EITP Update**

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. It was outlined that the service will help around 140 tier 2 families per year and the tender will go out in 5 lots.

Jim noted that it was disappointing that the number of teams had originally been reduced from 25 to 20 and now this has again been reduced to 5 regionally. Other members agreed adding that it is a pilot; however there have been other similar pilots in the area which have been tried and tested.

## **Presentation: Angela Mervyn – Education Project.**

Angela outlined the main mission statement and service provisions of the West Belfast Education Project. Angela gave the group an overview of the initiatives and activities which the community project provides at nursery, primary and secondary level. (See attached presentation).

**Action: Pauline Kersten to give a presentation at the next LPG meeting.**

**Action: Una to send out presentation/ presentation to be put on CYPSP website**

**Action: Gerry to find out if 'Team Teach' is still being delivered.**

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

## **Matters Arising**

Una passed out a paper from Bright Start with frequently asked questions in order to address some of the queries which the group have. They have also offered 1 to 1 feedback with any organisation about their application to the process. Members agreed it would still be useful to have a representative from Bright Start at the next meeting.

**Action: Representative from Bright Start to attend the next LPG meeting.**

## **Action Plan**

The action planning sub group includes Kelly, Liz, Mairead, Pamela, Jim, Angela and Una. The group agreed that it would be appropriate for the issues from the hubs to form part of the action plan. Members pointed out that the LPG action plan should be taken into account by the Belfast Outcomes Group and also at partnership level.

**Action: Una to arrange a date for the West Belfast Sub Group**

## **Family Support Hub Update- Deirdre/ Dympna**

### Shankill Hub

Dympna gave the group an update on the Shankill Hub. So far there have been 11 referrals, mainly from Gateway and Health Visitors with the main issues being behavioural support and ASD. Dympna outlined that the hub will be developing standards, with a workshop at the next hub meeting. Dympna also noted that the hub is trying to connect with smaller groups, such as church groups. There are gaps on the hub for schools, churches and health visitors. The hub meets monthly, and there is also a quarterly meeting with a cleared agenda, to focus exclusively on issues happening in families.

### Upper Springfield & Whiterock Hub

Deirdre gave an update on the Upper Springfield and Whiterock Hub. Referrals have mainly been for youth, counselling, welfare rights and respite care. Deirdre mentioned that with the budget it may be possible to bring in a family support worker to continue the work. It was also clear that within the hub there are difficulties linking with education, however there are plans to link with extended schools. The group agreed that it would be useful for the Area Learning Community to link with the hubs; Angela offered to send details to make this link.

The Greater Falls Family Support Hub will have its first meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**Action: Angela to get details from Area Learning Community**

**Feedback from Belfast Outcomes Group**

Members of the Locality Planning Group outlined it is important to have a good communication on all levels of CYPSP, from Locality Planning level, to partnership level. Jim reiterated this, he also highlighted that he is waiting for a response concerning his interest in being an observer on the Belfast Outcomes Group.

Gerry 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. He also outlined that the funding should be available from end of May/beginning of June. The Trust will be sending out termination of contract letters.

**EITP Update**

The group agreed that if the Early Intervention Service was going to be in West Belfast then the team should go into Upper Springfield/Whiterock area as they will be experiencing up to 40% cuts through DSD. The EIS may help the area to cope with the loss of services and support. This is not to substitute any lost services, but instead will provide support for any families in need, whether they have previously received help or not.

**Action: Tina to take views to the Belfast Outcomes Group.**

**LPG Chairing arrangements**

Deirdre agreed to be Co-Chair of the Locality Planning Group, with Tina continuing as Chair.

**Any Other Business**

Belfast Strategic Partnership is running a series of Family Friendly events throughout February, Una has circulated these events.

## **Date, Time and venue for Next Meetings**

Dates for future meetings are as follows:-

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	2.30pm	The Spectrum Centre
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	2.30pm	Upper Springfield Development Trust
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2015	2.30pm	Frank Gillen Centre
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	2.30pm	Spectrum Centre
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	2.30pm	TBC