

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 2015 IN THE VINE
CENTRE, 193 CRUMLIN ROAD, BT14 7AA.**

Present:

Name	Organisation
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT (Chair)
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Una Casey	CYPSP
Sinead McCavana	Family Nurse Partnership
Julie Jamieson	New Lodge Duncairn Community Health Partnership
Martina Hannon	Glenbrook Sure Start
Daragh Borelan	Prince's Trust
Brenda Lappin	Cliftonville Community Reperation Forum
Paula Scott	Homestart
Laura Forte	Barnardos
Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Harry Bradley	Youth Justice Agency
Alison Templeton	New Life Counselling
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Maria Burke	Ligoniel Healthy Living Centre
Declan Morris	Simon Community NI
Maria Campbell	Outer North Family Support Hub Co-Ordinator
Christine Doherty	Extern

Apologies:

Name:	Organisation:
Katrina Newell	Ashton
Laura Forte	Barnardos

Welcome and Introductions

Gabi welcomed everyone to the meeting, as Katrina could not attend. A round of introductions took place.

Apologies

Were noted as above

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 27th January were agreed as accurate by the group.

Matters Arising

Kelly passed around information relating to the NIACRO CAPS project.

There was no need for Maria, Katrina and Una to put together a document stating the need for the EIS service in North Belfast as it was decided that the Outcomes Group would choose which area the service would go into.

The Early Years sub group met to discuss the early years event. These discussions will be outlined under the Action Plan.

Gerry gave an update on the family support funding- 41 applications were submitted, with 74 proposals altogether. The services will be on the ground as soon as possible. The panel are due to come together in April to make decisions about these applications.

Action Plan

Working Group for Education Information Sharing Event

The working group for the Education information sharing event have not met since the last North Belfast LPG meeting. The group decided that the event should be mid-September, as there has been difficulty trying to get a date. Una told the group that there was interest in the event from various members of the Outcomes Group, who may be able to provide funding. The Trust or Belfast City Council may be able to provide buses for transport to the event, Una to speak to Tommy about this.

Action: Una to speak to Tommy about BHSCT/ Belfast Council buses to be used for transport to event.

Early Years Sub Group

Martina fed back from the Early Years Sub Group, which took place on the 5th March in Ashton. She emphasised that the group have a focus on Outcome 1 in the Action Plan '*Parents and children will be supported to learn together*'. The group plan to have an event in mid-June to show snippets of 'The Connected Baby' DVD and have stands with

information for parents. The event will also have a focus around healthy eating, smoking cessation and other issues during pregnancy.

It was also discussed at the meeting about having a 'goodie bag' as an incentive to attend the event. The idea of having a toy which plays music will hopefully be included in this goodie bag, as is shown in the Connected Baby DVD. Christine agreed that this would be a good idea, and if there is any underspend would like to endorse this idea. She also noted that there are extern staff who deliver the 'Cook it' programme, which would tie in well with the healthy eating ideas. Una said that she would be able to get use of the 'smoothie bike' for the event, which would also promote healthy lifestyle choices.

Action: The Sub Group will be meeting again on the 15th April at 10am in Ashton.

Action: Una to add Christine from Extern to the Early years sub group

Action: Una to contact Belfast Council about using their IT suites

Feedback from Belfast Outcomes Group (Una Casey)

Una noted that her report was received enthusiastically at the Outcomes Group, with support for the upcoming events and financial help may be available from alternative sources where possible.

EITP was discussed at length at the Outcomes Group. Each LPG had fed back that they wanted it. A compromise was reached that each area would receive a smaller service, matched to hub geographies, (Inner East, Whiterock and Shankill, South Belfast One and Lower North). This service will comprise of a team of 3.5 workers, which equates to 140 families in a year, depending on the length of intervention. The LPG chairs had a meeting on 13/3/15, where the chairs were given the recommendations from the Outcomes Group. Katrina expressed concern at the meeting that she did not want it to be seen as the Chairs decision. Gerry made the group aware that according to the Trust, the area most in need of the service would be Central North, however statistically Lower North is the area in which the service would be best placed. Kelly highlighted that in Leslie's letter to the LPG chairs, it was clear that if the chairs cannot make a decision about their area, then it would be the Outcomes Group responsibility to do so. Katrina noted at the chairs meeting that she would be happy with the decision from the Outcomes Group. Maria Campbell made it clear to the group that there

is a lack of services in the Outer North area and, being involved in the hub she noted that there is little choice of services to signpost families to.

It was suggested in order to reach a compromise that the service could be stretched so that both Outer and Lower North could be covered, due to the small population of Outer North. However, members expressed concern that stretching the boundaries may mean that the service becomes more diluted. The point was also raised that if the LPG makes a decision to go into one area within North Belfast, it may be divisive for the group as a whole. There was also difficulty in that there was no representation for Lower North as an area and representatives from Belfast-wide services felt they would not be qualified to vote. It was decided that due to the lack of voting members around the table, it would not be appropriate to take a decision back to the Outcomes Group. Una will take a case for each area within North to the Outcomes Group, for a decision to be made.

Family Support Hub Update – Maria Campbell

Maria Campbell updated the group on the situation of the Outer North Family Support Hub. Referrals have started coming in, however Maria reiterated her concern about the lack of services in which the hub is placed. There are 15 core members of the hub so far, however not all of these members can provide services due to the lack of places which they currently have. A prominent need showing up in the early stages of this hub is single parents having difficulties with children, especially those with additional needs. Maria emphasised that cuts to funding pots is not beginning to become evident and can be seen across the board.

Action: Una to send out launch date for the Outer North Family Support Hub when this is confirmed.

Feedback from North Belfast & Shankill Youth Workers Collective Initiative – Brenda Lappin

Brenda explained the role of the Youth Workers Collective. It is a forum made up of youth workers, who provide a service in local communities. They aim to deal with and discuss 3 key issues; fights, a more mobile youth population and the increase effect of social media on young people. Brenda noted that the group have not met since Christmas but will be meeting up soon as there is an increase in anti-social behaviour over the summer months. Members agreed that these are notable challenges which can be seen in all areas of working with young people.

Una stressed the importance of links with groups such as the Youth Workers Collective into the LPG as it can bring vital information around the table and form relationships. It is also vital for the progress of the Action Plan and outcomes for the group.

Member Updates

Gabi- The Trust has drafted a new Framework for Personal and Public Involvement (PPI). This is replacing the 'Involving you' document (2008). It now has involvement and engagement with service users and the public written into the Trust's accountability review and individual directorates have to report on progress. She will send the Framework to Una for circulation and would welcome any comments or queries.

Christine updated the group on the Extern Intensive Family Support programme. It has not finished its first year. There have been proposals for an audit, so this will be shared with the group when completed.

The group agreed it would be a good idea to have a short presentation from a member at the beginning of each LPG meeting to inform the group about the service their organisation provides. Sinead volunteered to do a presentation at the meeting in May.

Una reminded members about the contact booklet which has now been put together. Laura agreed to share this with the members, so any outstanding templates can be returned.

Action: Una to share information about new PPI Framework

Action: Christine to keep group updated on progress of Intensive Family Support Service.

Action: Sinead to give presentation about the work of Family Nurse Partnership at May meeting.

Action: Laura to circulate contact booklet to members.

Dates of the upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday May 26 th at 10am	Belfast Girls Model School
Tuesday July 28 th at 10am	Ligoniel Improvement Association
Tuesday September 29 th at 10am	The Vine Centre
Tuesday November 24 th at 10am	McSweeney Centre