

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP  
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015 IN BELFAST GIRLS  
MODEL SCHOOL, 35 DUNOWEN GARDENS, BT14 2AG.**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Katrina Newell	Ashton
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Una Casey	CYPSP
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT
Julie Jamieson	New Lodge Duncairn Community Health Partnership
Martina Hannon	Glenbrook Sure Start
Christine McKeown	Ashton
Declan Davey	Youth Justice Agency
Dympna Eaton	Family Nurse Partnership
Laura Forte	Barnardos
Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Janice Clarke	Girls Model School
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 Morgan	Ligoniel Improvement Association
Christine Doherty	Extern

**Apologies:**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Paula Scott	Home Start

**Welcome and Introductions**

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

**Apologies**

Were noted as above

### **Presentation: Belfast Healthy Cities- Laura McDonald**

Laura presented the key elements of 'A Call to Action: Shaping Healthier Places for Children in Belfast' a document produced by Healthy Cities and currently being consulted on. She outlined their Vision for Belfast and the priorities for space identified by children in the city. As a consequence of this work Healthy Cities plan to develop guidelines to support active involvement of young people in planning spaces, develop resources to support children understanding of health and place, develop a profile that identifies the distribution of children in the city, develop criteria for child friendly places and identify a demonstration project.

The group were referred to the consultation link [www.belfasthealthycities.com/shaping-healthier-places-children](http://www.belfasthealthycities.com/shaping-healthier-places-children) and encouraged to submit their views before the 26<sup>th</sup> June deadline. Reference was made to the recent 'Belfast Conversation' event arranged by Belfast City Council and the need to connect discussion on this issue across the city.

**Action: All interested LPG members to submit response to consultation**

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the group.

### **Matters Arising**

The decision of EITP went back to the Belfast Outcomes Group, where it was decided that the areas covered by the Early Intervention Service will be Outer and Lower North Family Support Hub areas. The closing date for tender is the 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Action Plan**

#### **Early Years Sub Group**

The Baby and Early years event will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 10-12noon in NICVA. Una informed the group that she had not heard back from the Trust about whether their buses can be used for the event. Mary said she would check this out and let Una know. The Belfast Strategic Partnership has agreed to fund part of the event, including room hire and catering on the day. Tesco has given a gift voucher to be used to purchase refreshments for the children at the event and ASDA's community champion has volunteered to come and help on the day. Digital Media Choices have cut the 'Connected Baby' DVD down to the parts which will be used on the day to play on a loop. Libraries NI will be

having story-time and rhythm and rhyme in a small breakout room in NICVA.

The next meeting of the Early Years sub group will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 10am in Ashton Community Centre.

**Action: Laura to circulate the leaflet to all members**

**Action: Mary to inform Laura/Una whether the Trust buses can be used**

### **Education event**

Una noted that there had been poor attendance at the last sub group meeting, with only herself and two others. Gabi added that it is important the event is driven by community members. The group agreed to use the Summer Fete and Information day at St. Patrick's Primary School on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June as a 'dry run' to see if there would be much interest in another event.

### **Declan Morris- Chill and Spill**

Declan outlined a new piece of work he will be undergoing called 'Chill and Spill'. It began as part of the Larne and Carrickfergus locality groups and was adapted for St Mary's High School in Newry. Declan highlighted how this work would relate to the LPG's action plan. It will now be rolled out by Simon Community in North and West Belfast. 'Chill and Spill' involves a series of workshops with young people in schools by various organisations relevant to certain themes. 'Chill and Spill' is an early intervention project for post-primary school students. The aim of the programme is to raise awareness of different issues that affect young people and what local services can provide support and to provide a safe space for young people to discuss what can often be challenging issues. These will be held in a school in North and West Belfast at lunch times and therefore require only a short commitment to any services taking part. Declan and Damien will be carrying out the project, and if anyone would like more information on the project or would like to get involved, get in touch with Declan. Members were happy that this would achieve outcomes on the action plan.

Please find attached the end of pilot report for Chill and Spill in St. Mary's High School, Newry.

### **Feedback from Belfast Outcomes Group**

**Funding** – The Family Support money has been now allocated, however Mary noted that there was a huge number of applications this time

around and groups may not receive the funding they have been expecting. By the end of June all groups will have their contracts confirmed and a copy of all the funded services will be released publicly. Organisations may need to increase their services to cover more hub areas to increase their 'value for money'. The need for organisations to make themselves known to the hubs was emphasised as collaborative working is essential, especially if there are more cuts coming down the line. Mary noted that a lot of learning has taken place throughout the allocation process and feedback is welcome.

## **Family Support Hub Update**

### **Outer North - Maria Morgan**

Maria notified the group that Maria Campbell is no longer working on the Family Support Hub, there will be someone new in post by the end of the month. Until then, Maria (Morgan) will be dealing with any queries regarding the hub. The launch of the hub will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 10am in Ligoniel Primary School. Maria noted that the hub is currently reviewing membership and trying to get more associate members on board, so there are more services to offer. There have been 17 referrals to date, including from the PSNI and schools.

**Action: Any independent person who would like to be on selection panel contact Maria M**

**Action: Una to forward details re. hub launch**

### **Lower North- Christine McKeown**

Ashton has been awarded the lead body for the second hub in North Belfast, known as Lower North. The first meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April and there was a good turnout. Christine acknowledged there is a gap regarding BME and SEN providers around the table, it is important to link with these providers in relation to the hub and locality planning groups.

### **Central North**

The first information meeting for the Central North hub has taken place. The lead body will be appointed by the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> June. It was stressed that members around the table can sit on more than one hub.

**Feedback from North Belfast & Shankill Youth Workers Collective Initiative**

Katrina gave the group an update on the Youth Workers Collective. The group has not met since the last North Belfast LPG, however she made the group aware that many posts have been lost due to funding cuts. Katrina also identified that the youth centres are collectively running workshops for young people, finishing with an event in City Hall.

### **Member Updates**

Kelly passed around the most recent NIACRO newsletter, drawing attention to the 'Off the Record' campaign.

### **Any Other Business**

Una will report back from the Community Tensions sub group as a representative for CYPSP/ locality planning

There will be further training in September for the hubs, this would be a good development opportunity for the hubs

If any members would like anything passed to the Outcomes Group, Una will include this in her monthly report to the Belfast Outcomes Group

### **Dates of the upcoming Meetings:**

Tuesday July 28 <sup>th</sup> at 10am	Ligoniel Improvement Association
Tuesday September 29 <sup>th</sup> at 10am	The Vine Centre
Tuesday November 24 <sup>th</sup> at 10am	McSweeney Centre