

**MINUTES OF THE WEST BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2015 AT 2.30PM
IN THE SPECTRUM CENTRE, 331 SHANKILL ROAD, BT13 3AA**

PRESENT:

| Name: | Organisation: |
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| Deirdre Walsh | Whiterock Children's Centre (Vice Chair) |
| Una Casey | CYPSP |
| Laura Rankin | CYPSP |
| Elizabeth Gracey | Action Ability Belfast |
| Sue Pentel | Ionad Uíbh Eachach |
| Kelly Maxwell | NIACRO |
| Carolyn Stewart | MENCAP |
| Karen Burns | BHSCT |
| Dympna Johnston | Greater Shankill Partnership |
| Anne Donnelly | Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid |
| Pamela Hughes | Kids Together |
| Pauline Kersten | Conway Education Centre |
| Mairead Gilmartin | Outer West Sure Start |
| Penny Ambrose | Beechmount Sure Start |
| Nikki Terlik | Libraries NI |
| Tracey Wilson | Oasis Caring in Action |
| Tony O'Neill | Youth Justice Agency |
| Andrea McAuley | WAYS (Wrap Around Youth Support) |
| Ihintz O'Iden | Whiterock Children's Centre |
| Colm Walsh | Extern |
| Mairead McCrea | Kids Together |

APOLOGIES:

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| Roisin McCooey | Childcare Partnership |
| Angela Mervyn | Integrated Services |
| Jim Girvan | Blackie River Community Group |
| Michael Doherty | Glen Community Parent Youth Group |
| Renee Crawford | Lenadoon Women's Group |
| Tina Gregory | Clan Mór SureStart (LPG Chair) |
| Gerry Largey | BHSCT |
| Jackie Redpath | Greater Shankill Partnership |
| Christina Black | Roden Street Community Development Group |

In Attendance:

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| Laura McDonald | Belfast Healthy Cities |
| Jonne Monaghan | Belfast Healthy Cities |

Welcome and Introductions

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

Apologies

Were noted as above

Presentation: Pauline Kersten- Conway Education Centre

Pauline outlined the main services which the Conway Education Centre provides. Pauline gave the group an overview of the initiatives and activities which happen at the centre, from children's projects to adult learning projects. (See attached presentation)

Action: Next presentation to be given by Nikki from Libraries NI

Presentation: Belfast Healthy Cities- Laura McDonald

Laura explained how Belfast Healthy Cities focuses on improving the quality of the physical and built environment. Efforts to protect landscapes, improve planning, road safety and community connectedness, while providing more opportunities for physical activity and social cohesion, lead to more positive outcomes for health.

Belfast Healthy Cities' Child Friendly Places Group is leading the way in promoting and developing Belfast as a child friendly place and have developed for consultation, a draft 'Shaping Healthier Places for Children – A Belfast Framework 2015 – 2018'. (See attached presentation)

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Bright Start Consultation- Roisin McCooey

Roisin was unable to attend the meeting so this item has been deferred to the June meeting.

Action Plan

Outcome 1- 'Consistent key messages and information, accessible to all and delivered effectively pre-pregnancy and all the way through early years'.

The Outcomes Group advised the Locality Planning Group to speak with Siobhan Slavin who is the change manager of Work stream 1 of EITP, focussing on equipping parents to give their children the best start in life.

Outcome 2- 'All children and young people have good family lives'

The group intend to carry out a longitudinal study to find out what people consider to be a happy life.

Outcome 3- 'All children and young people will have access to inclusive community services and social activities'

The group intends to make the local area a 'disability friendly zone'. The tourist board have funding to do 'Welcome host' training with community groups.

Action: Una to circulate the Action Plan.

Family Support Hub Update- Deirdre/ Dympna

At the most recent meeting of the Shankill hub, the same issues are arising. This includes behavioural support, counselling services and fuel poverty. Dympna noted that the hub is continuing to implement the standards.

There was a query around whether the hubs should signpost a family to a service if the family with members who are tier 2, if there is already support in place for tier 3 within the household. It was noted that this issue should be clarified with Helen Dunn as it is in the regional guidance. The next hub meeting is Wednesday 6th May.

Karen informed the group that the lead bodies for Lower North hub and Falls hub are Ashton Community Trust and Blackie River Community Group, respectively. The Outer West and South 2 hub applications have just opened, and will close on 6th May.

Deirdre expressed that she was not initially an advocate for the hub process, however after being involved so heavily within the working of the hub, she is an advocate of its success. This notion was backed up by several members of the group.

Feedback from Belfast Outcomes Group

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 the hub geographies. The agreed area in West is Upper Springfield, Whiterock and Shankill. The 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.

Commissioning- Karen Burns

The Family Support funding applications closed on 26th February and the panels are currently sifting through applications. Karen emphasised the high volume of applications for this funding round. There were queries around whether there is money for summer schemes set aside.

Action: Karen to find out if there is any summer scheme funding available

Any Other Business

Sue made the group aware of the high volume of cuts to the DE Early Years Fund and what they mean for the future of the early years sector. Sue encouraged members of the group to lobby to show their support as there will be more job losses if this does not happen.

Action: Una to circulate Early Years cuts information to the group

Laura made the group aware of a contact booklet which has been put together, with details of all organisations in the LPG. This will be sent out again in the coming weeks, so if any organisation has not submitted their details it will give them another chance to do so.

Action: Laura to circulate LPG contact booklet again

Kelly passed around the newest issue of the NIACRO newsletter, with details of their 'Off the Record' campaign.

Date, Time and venue for Next Meetings

Dates for future meetings are as follows:-

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Wednesday 10 th June 2015 | 2.30pm | Upper Springfield Development Trust |
| Wednesday 12 th August 2015 | 2.30pm | Frank Gillen Centre |
| Wednesday 14 th October 2015 | 2.30pm | Spectrum Centre |
| Wednesday 9 th December 2015 | 2.30pm | TBC |