

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP  
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 IN THE VINE  
CENTRE, 193 CRUMLIN ROAD, BELFAST. BT14 7AA**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Katrina Newell	Ashton
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT
Christine McKeown	Ashton
Declan Davey	Youth Justice Agency
Laura Forte	Barnardos
Lorraine Brennan	BHSCT
Sinead McCavana	Family Nurse Partnership
Alison Templeton	New Life Counselling
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Rachel Howe	New Lodge Duncairn Community Health Partnership
Declan Morris	Simon Community NI
Stephen Reid	The Vine Centre
Christine Doherty	Extern
Caroline Milligan	Glenbrook Surestart
Joanne McManus	Extern
Michelle Harris	Barnardos Collective Impact
Frances Dowds	Action Cancer

**Apologies:**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Paula Scott	Home Start
Una Casey	CYPSP
Arthur Acheson	Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Partnership

**Welcome and Introductions**

Katrina welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that Una is off sick. The group passed on that they are thinking about her and hope she makes a quick and full recovery. A round of introductions took place.

## **Apologies**

Were noted as above

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the group.

## **Matters Arising**

There were no Matters Arising.

## **Presentation: Barnardos Collective Impact (Michelle Harris)**

Michelle Harris presented the Collective Impact initiative being implemented by Barnardos. Collective Impact occurs when organisations from different sectors agree to solve a specific social problem using a common agenda, aligning their efforts, and using common measures of success. It's about working together to maximise the impact of existing resources and using what we have more effectively. The area being focussed on is educational attainment in the North Belfast area and an area within the Northern Trust demographic. This will be achieved by focusing on a variety of indicators including Special Educational Needs, free school meals etc. Barnardos are currently engaging with a number of schools in the areas they want to target, and are keen to increase contacts and work with other organisations in order to make their initiative successful.

This work being carried out by Barnardos directly relates to Outcome 1 in the North Belfast Action plan, which states 'Parents and ALL children will be supported to learn together'. Michelle expressed that she would be keen to work alongside the Locality Planning Group.

Declan noted that he would be very keen to work alongside Michelle in relation to the Simon Community 'Chill and Spill' project. (See update below)

## **Action: Laura to circulate presentation and additional information**

### **Action Plan**

#### **Chill and Spill- Simon Community NI (Declan Morris)**

Declan gave the group an overview of the progress of the work of Chill and Spill so far. Chill and Spill is a series of workshops with young people in schools to raise awareness of different issues they may be struggling with. Due to the summer holidays it was difficult to get things moving as the schools are off, however there have been meetings and Chill and Spill in North Belfast will be due to take place hopefully from

January. Declan has been in contact with Janice from Girls Model School in order to put the programme in place in the school. PSNI, FASA, Lighthouse and Glow have come forward as organisations which would be interested in hosting the awareness raising sessions.

### **Early Years Sub Group**

The Baby and Early years even took place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 10-12noon in NICVA, in order to address Outcomes 1 of the North Belfast LPG action plan. The event had chapters of Susanne Zeedyk's Connected Baby DVD, demonstrating the everyday bonding between parent and baby and the importance of this on the baby's brain development and mental health.

There were demonstrations of baby massage and baby yoga, story-time and rhythm and rhyme, information available on nutrition and oral health (particularly linked to impact on education), alcohol and smoking cessation and lots of information for parents to take home. The event also had relaxation therapies for parents, such as hand massage. There were 16 information stands present at the event, providing information to those in attendance. A short evaluation about the event was carried out with parents using Survey Monkey.

**Action: Laura to circulate the Early Years event report**

### **Family Support Hub Update**

Gerry gave an update on the situation of the hubs in North Belfast. The last hub due to be rolled out was Central North, however there were no applications for the lead body role of this hub. The contracts for the hubs were for 1 year and Ligoniel Improvement Association (Outer North) decided not to continue their contract after 1 year. Gerry explained that due to time constraints, the decision was made to amalgamate the Central and Outer North hubs. Christine McK expressed her frustration that the LPG were not consulted about this decision, as there was a considerable amount of time spent in the initial discussions about the hubs. Gerry told the group that The Vine Centre had been successful in the application for this hub, and congratulated them.

Issues commonly being presented in the hubs in Belfast include poverty related problems, waiting lists for diagnosis, primary school age children who require emotional and behavioural support. The hubs will give a more structured presentation at the next LPG meeting, to show exactly what they do and what the trends are.

Gerry told the group that the Outcomes Groups contracts have been released and this information will be made available on the 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**Action: hub presentation to be made at next North Belfast meeting**

**Action: Outcomes Group report on services funded to be circulated**

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

Christine updated the group on the Lower North hub. It opened for referrals on the 24<sup>th</sup> August and there have been 8 referrals to date. The main issues presenting are children with additional needs, and poverty related issues. There have been referrals from gateway, the trust and self-referrals.

### **Member Updates**

Carolyn made the group aware that Mencap will be the Belfast Marathon charity for the next 3 years.

Christine noted that there are some laminators available

### **Any Other Business**

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

Tuesday November 24 <sup>th</sup> at 10am	McSweeney Centre
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