

**Minutes of the South Belfast Locality Planning Group held on
Thursday 29th October 2015 at 10am in Donegall Pass Community
Forum, Cromac Regeneration Initiative Building, 145-149 Donegall
Pass, Belfast BT7 1DT**

Present:

Name:	Organisation:
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO (Chair)
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Dermot Magorrian	Youth Justice Agency
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT
Natasha Brennan	LORAG
Jim Potts	South City
Eleanor Jordan	Windsor Women's Centre
Anne McKay	Mornington Community Project
Richard Mealey	Donegall Pass Community Forum
Aine Kelly	Save the Children
Elaine Mansfield	Donegall Pass Community Forum
Jenny Kirkwood	Every Day Harmony Music Therapy
Helen Crickard	Women's Info NI
Alison Robinson	South Belfast Sure Start
Nicola Hannigan	Barnardo's

Apologies:

Name:	Organisation:
Una Casey	CYPSP
Joan Henderson	Sólás
Stephanie Thompson	South Belfast Partnership
Helen Elder	Mental Health Hub
Geraldine Hamilton	Mental Health Hub
Julie Clydesdale	Employers for Childcare
Ceallaigh Gatt	Gems NI
Anita Duff	Education Authority (Youth Service)

In attendance:

Michael Blythman- BHSCT Drug and Alcohol Outreach team

Welcome and Introductions

Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Donegall Pass C.F for hosting today's meeting. A round of introductions took place.

Apologies

Were noted as above

Presentation- Michael Blythman (Drug and Alcohol Outreach team)

The Drug and Alcohol Outreach Team was established in 2003 by organisations in the local community due to rising heroin use. South Belfast is seen as a hot spot as there are neutral, 'safe' areas to meet. Michael told the group that there are two needle exchange points in Belfast- Boots in the town centre and McGregor's pharmacy. This stops infection through re-use of equipment. Michael noted that 95% of users will return their equipment to the exchange points, so this is a vital service.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th August 2015 were agreed as an accurate recording of the meeting.

Matters Arising

Members noted that the hub boundary areas were confusing. Once they are confirmed, a paper with the boundary areas will be circulated among members.

Action: Una/Laura to circulate a paper on the hub boundary areas.

Family Support Hub Update

South Belfast One- Natasha gave an update on the progress of South Belfast One hub. The hub has been running now for 9 months and there is a review of membership process currently underway. Overall there have been 93 referrals and over 200 people helped. The only ward which has not engaged is Stranmillis. So far the emerging issues include debt, poverty (especially among BME families), stress, those awaiting diagnosis.

Members pointed out it would be good to formally document the gaps. This is currently being worked on by the Regional Hub Co-Ordinator and will be circulated when complete.

South Belfast 2 – Eleanor from Windsor Women's Centre gave the most recent update on the South Belfast 2 Family Support Hub. It is currently in its initial stages and are interviewing for their co-ordinator next week. The official launch will be around Christmas, when a date comes out it

will be circulated. There are currently 9 core and 14 associate members. Issues in this early stage include under 10 years, ASD and disabilities. Eleanor noted that there are some sustainability issues as most community people are only in contract until March 2016 and the hubs are only currently funded until March 2016.

Outer South and East- Nicola from Barnardo's updated the group on the Outer South and East Belfast hub. The shadow meeting of the hub took place at the beginning of September. The first official meeting will be in October. So far there have been 6 referrals, however 4 of these were for a different hub area, so they were sent to the appropriate hub. This highlights the importance of increasing knowledge of the hub boundaries. Outer South and East hub covers the following areas: Belmont, Knock, Stormont, Cherryvalley, Tullycarnet, Gilnahirk, Lower Braniel, Upper Braniel, Hillfoot, Cregagh, Downshire, Lisnasharragh, Beechill, Wynchurch, Newtownbreda, Knockbracken, Carryduff East, Carryduff West, Cairnshill, Moneyreagh, Ballyhanwood, Dundonald, Enler, Graham's Bridge and Gallwally.

The hub is due to go live at the end of November/ beginning of December- further details will be circulated closer to the time. This will mean there is full Belfast wide coverage when this hub gets underway.

BME hub- The group agreed that it is important to have input from all the partnerships and hubs in the locality, so a member of the BME hub should be invited to the next meeting.

Action: Laura to invite BME hub contact to next meeting

Action: Presentation in February meeting from South Belfast hubs

Action Plan

Outcome 4- Laura presented a paper with statistics and analysis with regard to Outcome 4 indicators. Outcome 4 relates to disability services in the Locality area. Members agreed that it would be useful to get together a sub group to discuss the outcome in more detail. Carolyn, Natasha, Eleanor (and co-ordinator), Alison, Joan, Kelly and Aine volunteered to be part of this sub group. The sub group agreed to meet on Monday 23rd November at 10am in LORAG.

Members of the group acknowledged that consistency of messages is vitally important to empower parents to challenge ideas e.g. should a

child be sent home if they have an accident? In order to do this it is important to promote inclusivity and duplicate best practise.

Action: Sub group to meet re. Outcome 4 on Action Plan

Any Other Business

- Kids Together and Action Ability are running an evening around self-directed support in Horn Drive Community Centre on the 3rd November.
- The next Bounce training will take place in December and the spaces have been filled.
- On the 3rd November at 10.30am in Mornington, Women's Info Northern Ireland will be putting together a response to the Childcare Consultation, if anyone would like to contribute they would be welcome.
- Education Authority NI has sent out their young people and transport consultation for feedback.
- Every day Harmony are a regional organisation, providing music therapy for disabled children and will provide support if needed, however are currently oversubscribed.
- There is a consultation out to bring pensions in Northern Ireland in line with England, which will mean a number of changes to current legislation. This was alerted to groups for their personal information and information of colleagues/ staff who may be affected.

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