

**MINUTES OF THE WEST BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2015 AT 2.30PM
IN THE SPECTRUM CENTRE, 331 SHANKILL ROAD, BT13 3AA**

PRESENT:

Name:	Organisation:
Tina Gregory	Clan Mor Sure Start
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Deirdre Walsh	Whiterock Children's Centre (Vice Chair)
Elizabeth Gracey	Action Ability Belfast
Sue Pentel	Ionad Uíbh Eachach
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Carolyn Stewart	MENCAP
Karen Burns	BHSCT
Mairead Gilmartin	Outer West Sure Start
Nikki Terlik	Libraries NI
Andrea McAuley	WAYS (Wrap Around Youth Support)
Colm Walsh	Extern
Mairead McCrea	Kids Together
Christina Black	Grosvenor Community Centre
Damien Magee	Simon Community NI
Jim Girvan	Blackie River Community Group
Roisin Mohan	Suffolk Community Forum
Marie-Therese Cassin	Cedar Foundation
Janice Clarke	Girls Model School

APOLOGIES:

Una Casey	CYPSP
Leontia McKenna	Outer West Family Support Hub
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount Sure Start
Tony O'Neill	Youth Justice Agency
Dympna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership

Welcome and Introductions

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

Apologies

Were noted as above

Presentation: Colm Walsh- Extern

Colm outlined the main services which Extern provides. He gave the group an overview of the initiatives and activities which Extern deliver. He focussed on the Intensive Family Support Service, which aims to support families using the High Level Outcomes. It is funded by 5 departments and will finish its three year pilot in March 2017. Colm gave the group some stats around the user profiles and practise models used.

Action: Colm's presentation to be circulated

Action: Next presentation to be given by Tina, Jim and Sue (Community presentation)

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Matters Arising

Members expressed frustration at the Bright Start funding application process and transfer of money, which arrived late. There were also similar problems with the Belfast City Council and TBUK funding programmes. This has been raised at Outcomes Group level and group agreed it would be beneficial for someone to come and talk to the group.

Action: Sue to contact Roisin (Childcare Partnership)

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 Early years sub group met twice since the last Locality Planning Group. On the first meeting Siobhan Slavin came out to the group and discussed the proposed consistent key messages for pregnant parents. This has been developed by EITP Workstream 2. Siobhan also noted that there are stages and stages questionnaires, which will promote consistent messages among early years sector. At the next meeting it was discussed how this information will feed into the Locality Planning Group's action plan and it was amended accordingly. The sub group also discussed about having a look at the audit on parents which was carried out circa. 2005 and seeing what may be relevant. A point was also made that the health visitors need to be giving information which is in line with the early years settings.

In relation to Outcomes 2 and 3, members noted that it would be useful if the two were combined, as 2 further meetings is a big commitment. It was agreed that Laura will liaise with Tina and send out dates.

Action: Laura to send out dates for sub group to meet

Chill and Spill Update- Damien

Damien 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 hard to make connections. Damien noted that he hopes to start the programme in De la Salle college in the New Year.

Family Support Hub Update

Greater Shankill (Jackie Redpath)- There were 22 referrals in September and emerging issues include financial support, fuel poverty and complementary therapy. On the Wednesday 4th November Greater Shankill are holding an information morning, to show the range of services which are available in the local area through the hub.

Members reported that there is still clarity which needs to be sought around the hub referrals, as some organisations are referring to the hub to be referred back out to them because their funding is 100% referral money. It was noted that if organisations are unsure about the referral mechanism and what is best for the family, they should seek clarity on an individual level.

Action: Laura to circulate flyers about this event

Upper Springfield and Whiterock (Deirdre Walsh)- There have been around 11 referrals in September and a number of referrals that have been unable to be met, such as counselling and Childcare as Sure Start cannot meet all these needs. There are issues surrounding disability over 18, as they cannot be referred into the hub. It was agreed that this needs to be reported back to the hub.

Greater Falls (Jim Girvan) - The Greater Falls Hub went live 2 weeks ago. The biggest issues so far have been ASD, family support, challenging behaviour and youth mentoring issues. The referrals have been 50% self-referrals, and the rest mostly from Gateway, Health Visitors etc. The Greater Falls hub meets on the last Tuesday of every month from 9.30-11.30am. So far there has not been any unmet.

Outer West Belfast (Jim Girvan) - The Outer West hub has been live for 2-3 weeks. There have also been 50% self-referrals from this hub. There were 15 referrals last month and all were successfully passed on to the appropriate service for their need. The main issues are behavioural and family support. The Outer West hub meets on the last Wednesday of every month from 10am-12noon. So far all needs have been met.

Members pointed out that there may be a high rate of self-referrals because agencies may be telling people to fill out their forms at their local hub instead of over the phone. This could be for a number of reasons, they may feel more confident as there are others to help or they may need to get a signature from someone at the hub.

Feedback from Belfast Outcomes Group

The last Belfast Outcomes Group was cancelled. Tina noted that the Locality Planning Group chairs met with the community reps and there is a paper currently being written as to how Locality Planning and the Outcomes Group will have better links as it needs to be from the bottom of the structure up and also from the top of the structure down. It was also made clear that all hubs should be represented at the Locality Planning Group as part of the CYPSP structure. The next Belfast Outcomes Group takes place on Tuesday 15th December.

Member Updates

- Simon Community are working with Belfast Youth Forum to do a 'sofa push' to highlight the growing problem of sofa surfing and offer advice. It begins at 12 noon on 30 October from Cornmarket. There will be information stalls, artist workshops and an inflatable assault course.
- Education Authority NI has a consultation review on transport eligibility which may affect organisations and also may affect people at a personal level.
- NIACRO have received the tender for the Early Intervention Service in Belfast
- There has been backlash regarding the working tax credit changes, which are coming in April 2015
- There have been cuts to the DLA payments, having a major impact on those who have been receiving long term sickness benefits

- Cedar Foundation run an ASD advice service every Tuesday from 1.30-4.30pm in Belfast Central Library. It was acknowledged that this is a good service as there are particular gaps in this area.

Any other business

A major gap and issue that has been reported is the lack of ADHD assessment and diagnosis available within the Trust, if that is the only presenting issue. This is to be reported back to the Belfast Outcomes Group as a gap.

Date, Time and venue for Next Meetings

Dates for future meetings are as follows:-

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 9 th December 2015	2.30pm	West Belfast Social Enterprise Hub

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