



North Belfast Locality Planning Group Action Plan 2014-2017

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Introduction

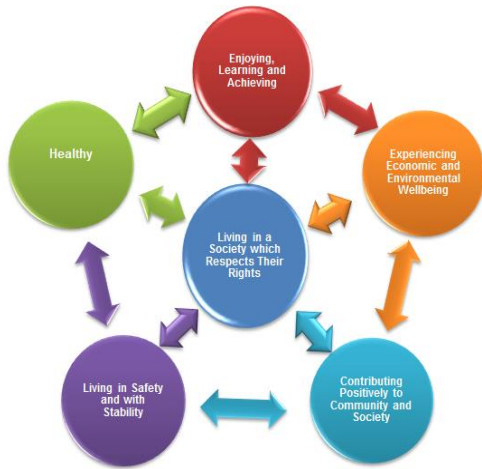
The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) is a cross-sectoral, strategic partnership, consisting of the leadership of all key agencies who have responsibility for improving outcomes for all children and young people in Northern Ireland. The CYPSP take a mainstream approach to improving outcomes for children and young people through greater collaboration between agencies and sectors in the commissioning and planning of services. There are 3 levels of planning to the CYPSP planning structure, of which Locality Planning Groups are one.

A Locality Planning Group is a partnership of front-line staff from organisations across the statutory, voluntary and community sectors in the local area, together with children, young people and families. They are open to *all* organisations in the area and work together for ALL children

Locality Planning Groups provide the bedrock for integrated planning; their knowledge is vital for identifying local need at an early stage and is therefore essential for planning early intervention services. By working together at a local level members of Locality Planning Groups can also avoid duplication of services and by improving their knowledge of each other's services they can more effectively signpost referrals to the right services

Locality Planning Groups work to find local solutions to local needs





The purpose of Locality Planning Groups is to improve outcomes for the children and young people in a local area. They do this by aiming to raise and support the social, health and educational development of children and young people in the area. Core to the work of a Locality Planning Group is the 6 high-level outcomes as laid out in the OFMDFM 10 Year Strategy for Children and Young People.

North Belfast Locality Planning Group

An information event, facilitated by North Belfast Partnership, was held in North Belfast on 6th November 2012 to inform organisations working with children, young people and families in the area about the work of the CYPSP, the purpose of Locality Planning Groups and an example of the experience of LPGs in other areas. The event included round table discussions about gaps in services in North Belfast and what the membership of a Locality Group would look like. A follow up information event was held on 2nd May 2013 which included a presentation from an existing urban Locality Planning Group and a presentation about the linkages to the Belfast Area Outcomes Group.

The First North Belfast Locality Planning Group meeting was held on 18th November 2013. There has been great interest in the CYPSP Locality Planning process in North Belfast and the meetings have been well attended by the statutory, voluntary and community sectors from across North Belfast. The Locality Planning Group has open membership so anyone working with children, young people and families can come along.



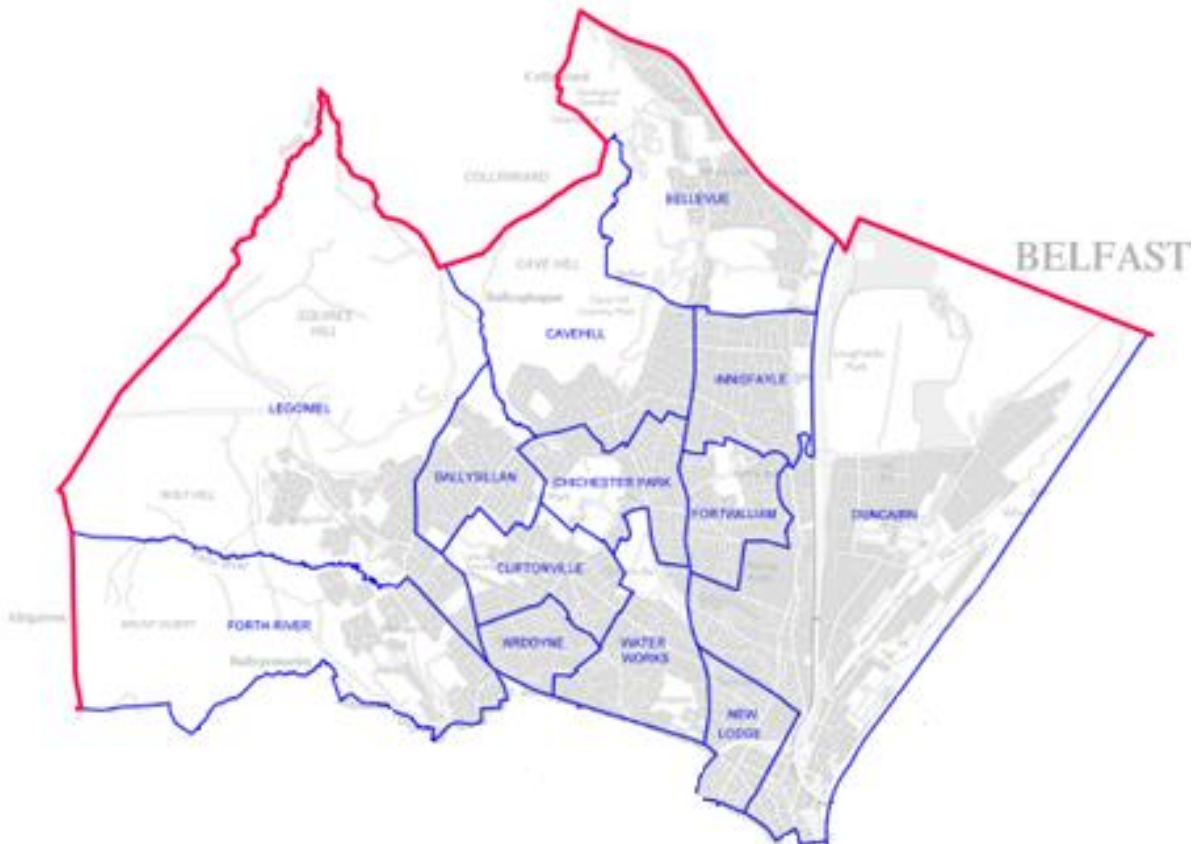
The Locality Planning Group has worked together to examine all the available statistics and also their own knowledge of emerging issues affecting children, young people and families in the area and by using outcomes based planning have produced this three year action plan. This plan will be as inclusive of all the diverse groups of children and young people in North Belfast

Perhaps more importantly the LPG has considered some underlying issues that will impact on everything that we do: these are therefore at the heart of the actions proposed. The most notable of these are the increasing levels of poverty due to the current recession and austerity measures and the apparent low levels of emotional resilience that prevail in our most disadvantaged communities

Since then the North Belfast Locality Planning Group have been working on identifying the areas for the development of a Family Support Hub. The Family Support Hub is a multi-agency network of statutory, community and voluntary organisations that either provide early intervention services or work with families who need early intervention services.



Map of the wards in North Belfast LPG Area as of 2015



The current wards included in the North Belfast Locality Planning Group are:
Ardoyne, Ballysillan, Bellevue, Castleview, Cavehill, Chichester Park, Cliftonville, Duncairn, Fortwilliam, Legoniel, New Lodge and Water Works

As of 2015 the wards in the North Belfast LPG area are:
Ardoyne, Ballysillan, Bellevue, Cavehill, Chichester Park, Cliftonville, Duncairn, Forth River Fortwilliam, Innisfayle, Legoniel, New Lodge and Waterworks

It is important to note that the boundaries of a Locality Planning Group are fluid and many services may work across one or more of the Locality areas.

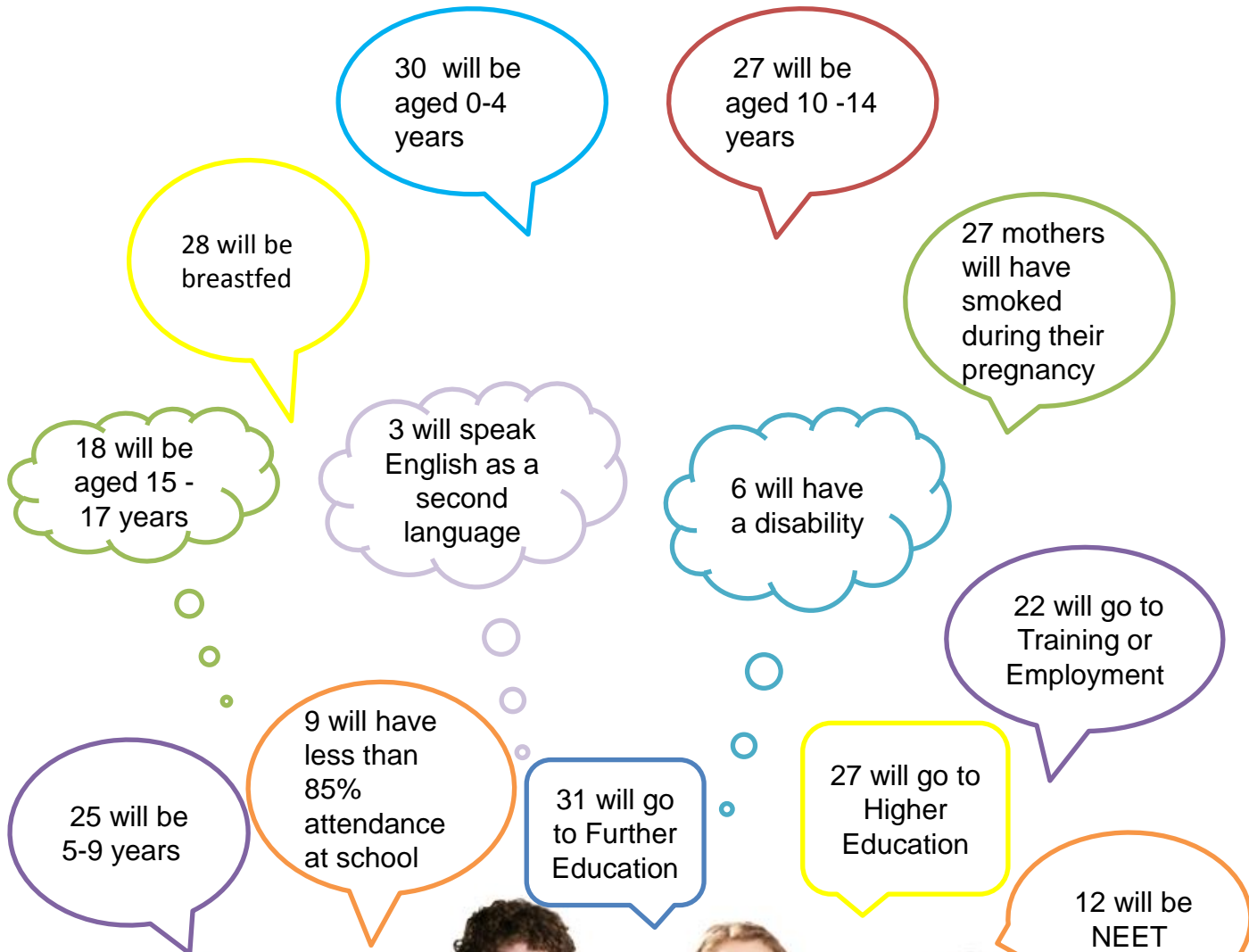
Vision Statement of North Belfast LPG

- The LPG will promote engagement with Family Support services including the development of Family Support Hubs in North Belfast
- The LPG will ensure that participation of ALL children, young people and parents in the planning, design, and delivery of services, events etc.
- LPG members will work together to address any issues of unmet need arising from the Family Support Hubs



If there were 100 children living in North Belfast.....

There are 15,205 0-17 year olds living in North Belfast



Demography of North Belfast LPG

	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total 0-17	All persons	Children and young people as a Percentage of all persons	Number of Families with children aged 0-18
Populations of North Belfast	4,619	3,850	4,043	2,693	15,205	63,497	23.96%	8,761
Belfast Outcomes Group Area	22,097	18,386	20,434	13,245	74,163	348,204	23.80%	43,048
Percentage	20.90%	20.93%	19.79%	20.33%	20.50%	18.24%		20.4%



Population Density and Deprivation Ranking

Wards in North Belfast LPG Area	Population Density (number of usual residents per hectare)	2010 MDM Rank NI	Is this in the top 20% Most Deprived wards in NI
Ardoyne	102.71	9	Yes
Ballysillan	50.52	157	No
Bellevue	16.57	155	No
Castleview	33.51	230	No
Cavehill	14.14	523	No
Chichester Park	57.45	119	No
Cliftonville	45.07	64	Yes
Duncairn	7.82	14	Yes
Fortwilliam	44.08	293	No
Ligoniel	7.26	56	Yes
New Lodge	69.13	3	Yes
Water Works	49.66	16	Yes

*Comparison across Belfast Outcomes Group Area:
Most densely populated ward in Belfast: Ardoyne - 102.71;
Least densely populated ward: Moneyreagh – 1.04*



Background Reading

OFMDFM Our Children and Young People - Our Pledge 10 Year Strategy for Children and Young People in Northern Ireland 2006-2016

NI Children's Order (1995)

UNESCO Children and Youth Programme. Maternal Mental Health and Poverty. The impact on Children's Education (2013)

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)

OFMDFM Lifetime Opportunities Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion Strategy for Northern Ireland (2006)

OFMDFM Improving Children's Life Chances The Child Poverty Strategy (2011)

DHSSPS Families Matters: Supporting Families in Northern Ireland. Regional family and Parenting Strategy (2009)

Delivering Social Change

Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Action Plans

Early Intervention Transformation Programme

Bright Start

Early Years Strategy

SEN and inclusion

Bamford Action Plan

NEETs Strategy

Autism Strategy (Pending)

Delivering Social Change

Priorities for Youth

Outcome 1: Parents and ALL Children will be supported to learn together

How do we know this needs to be addressed (Baseline Information)

- Percentage of School Leavers gaining 5+ GCSE A-C grades including English and Maths
- Percentage of Pupils with English as an Additional Language
- Number of children with additional needs/ learning difficulties
- Data around disabilities
- School attendance rates

How will we achieve this

- The locality group will host an educational based information sharing event in North Belfast which will target information at parents and give parents the opportunity to familiarise themselves with schools and community services (in conjunction with Chill and Spill)
- Education packs will be readily available for ethnic minority families, in collaboration with what is currently available
- All parents will understand the importance of early education (Suzanne Zeedyk The Connected Baby DVD on early brain development shown to parent and toddler groups and groups of expectant parents)
- The Locality Planning Group will inform the Community Education Initiative Partnership of identified areas of need
- Encourage local schools to participate in LPG or have representation
- Homework clubs for all parents to learn how their children learn e.g. new ways of teaching phonics, maths etc.

How will we experience this?

- Better collaboration and bridging with all parents, children and young people
- Better partnership between schools and communities to support each other in supporting parents/families
- More coordination between schools and communities to ensure that they promote their services to each other.
- Establish links with BCC Replay and have it available in North Belfast
- Promote opportunity for parents and children to take part in activities which promote literacy
- Engage all parents and expectant parents at an early stage through a series of events
- Parents will have a more bonded relationship with their child

**Outcome 1:
Parents and ALL Children will be supported to learn together**

How will we measure this experience?

- Survey with parents/teachers attending the education information event about their knowledge and use of educational support services available to them
- Monitor numbers of viewings of Susanne Zeedyk DVD
- Engagement with Replay by January 2015
- Number of schools engaging with community groups as a result of the Locality Planning Group (Attendance/representation of schools at LPG)
- Monitoring parent support in schools

What Indicators will show change

Percentage of School Leavers Gaining 5+ GCSEs (or Equivalent)

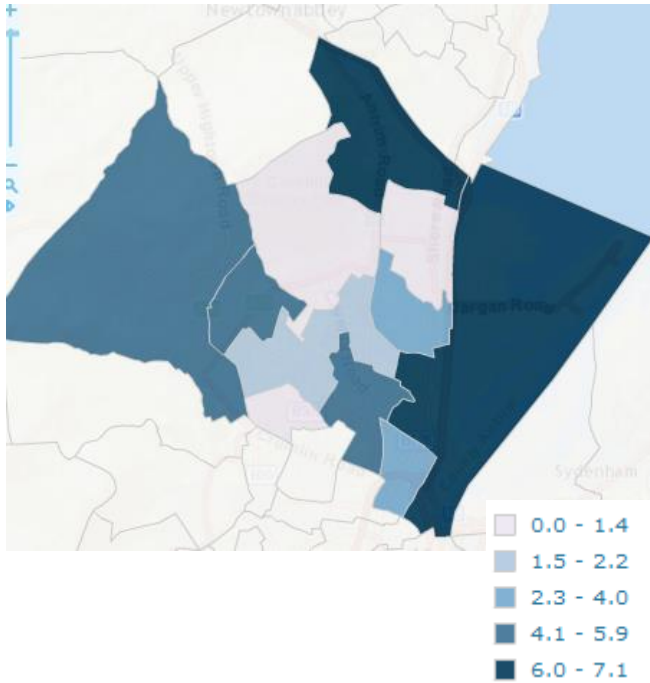
Number of parents engaged in viewings of the connected baby

Number of parents attending education event

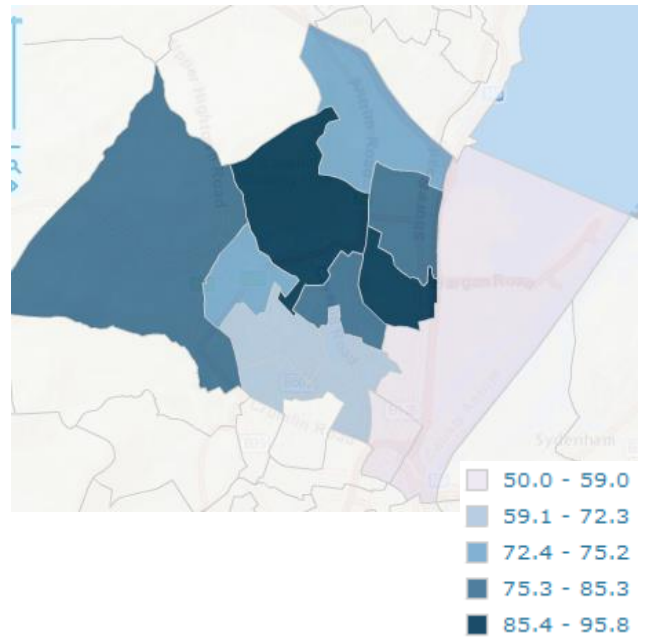
Attendance/ representation of schools at LPG

Feedback/ evidence of working with schools from representatives

Percentage of Post-Primary Pupils with English as an Additional Language (2012/13)

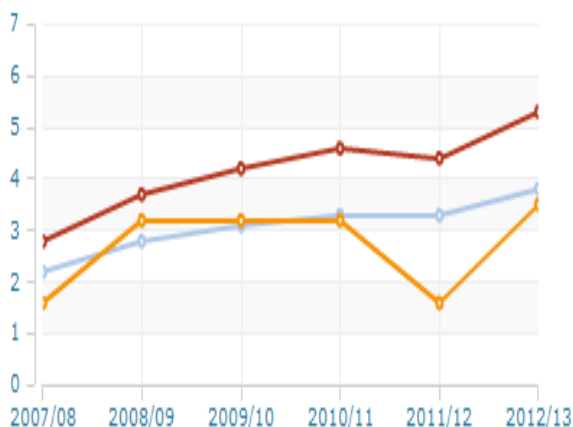


Percentage of School Leavers Gaining 5+ GCSEs (or Equivalent) June 2013

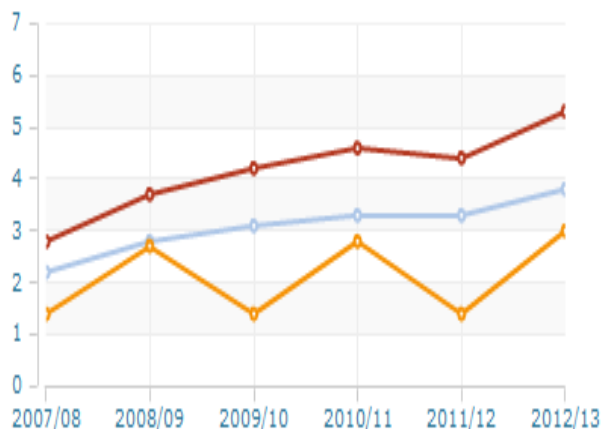


Wards Showing Increasing Percentages of Primary School Pupils with English as an Additional Language (2012/13)

Fortwilliam 3.5%

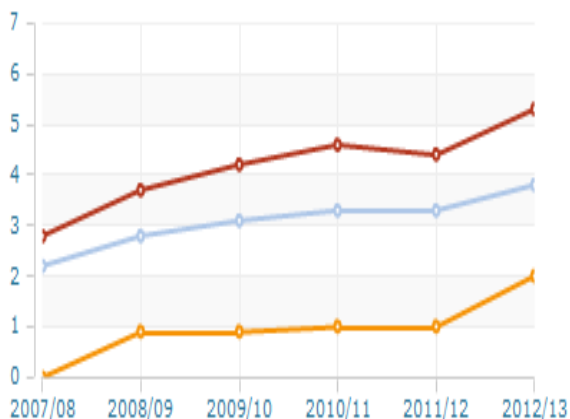


Bellevue 3.0%

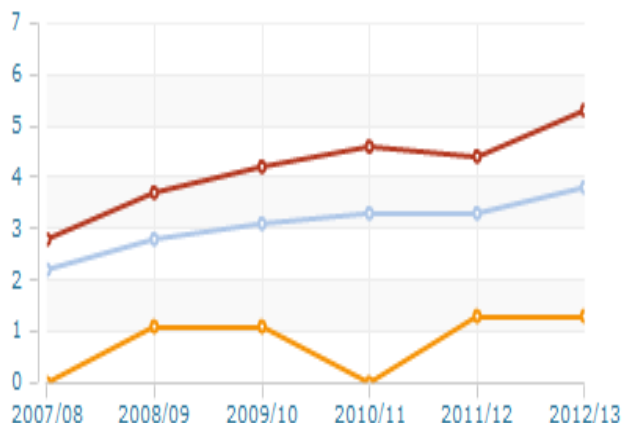


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Cliftonville 2.0%

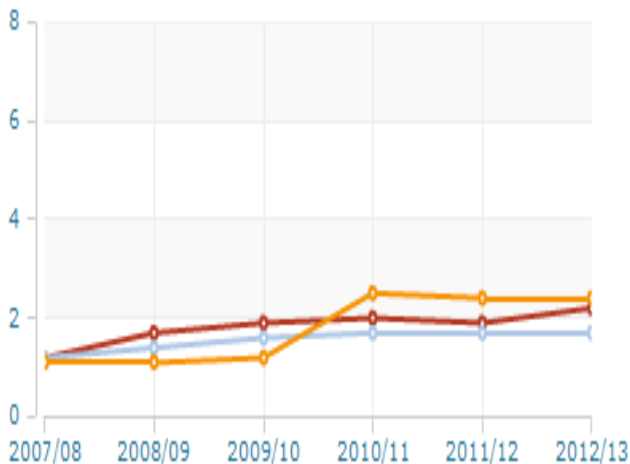


New Lodge 1.3%

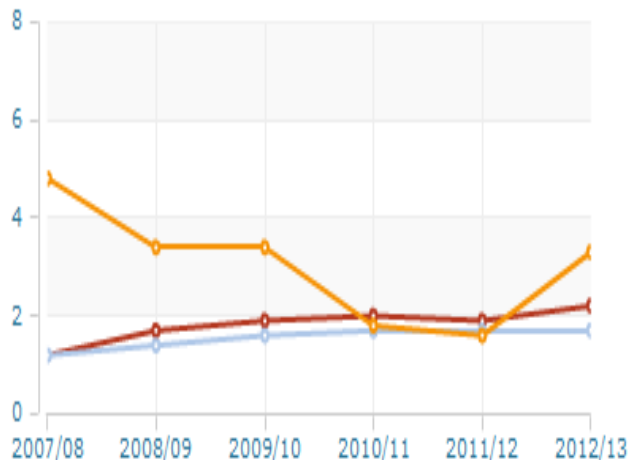


Percentage of Post-Primary Pupils with English as an Additional Language higher than the Belfast Outcomes Group Area (2.2%) or Northern Ireland (1.7%) Averages at June 2013

New Lodge 2.4%

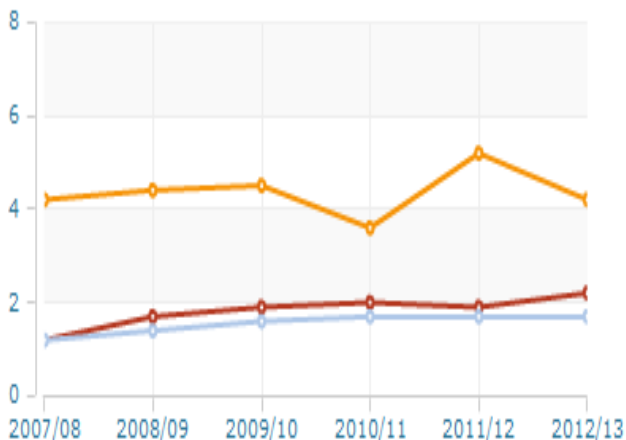


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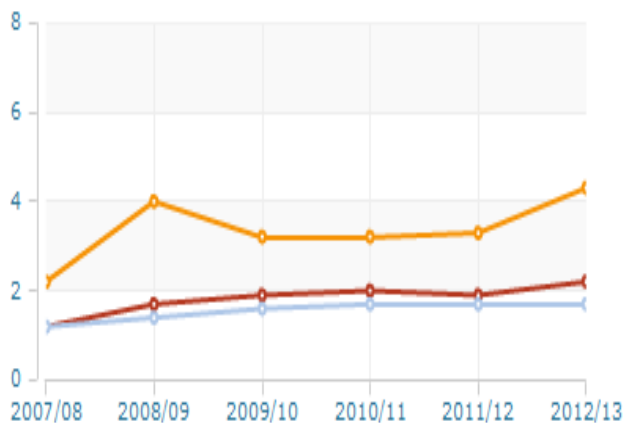


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Waterwork 4.2%

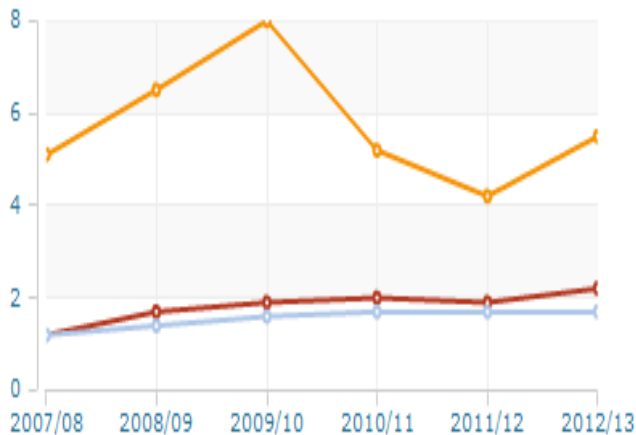


Ballysillan 4.3%

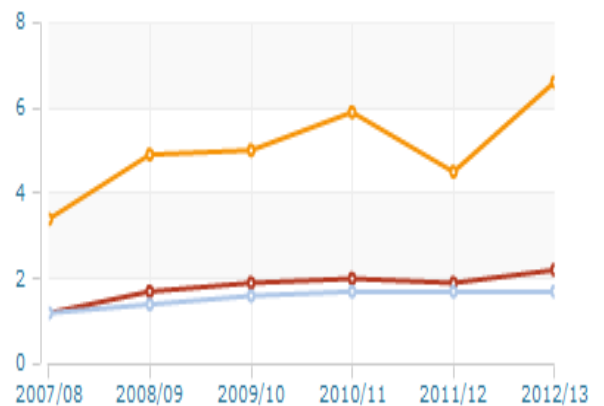


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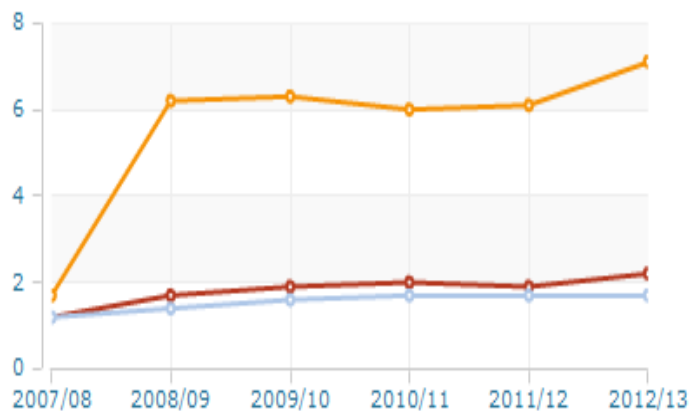


Bellevue 6.6%



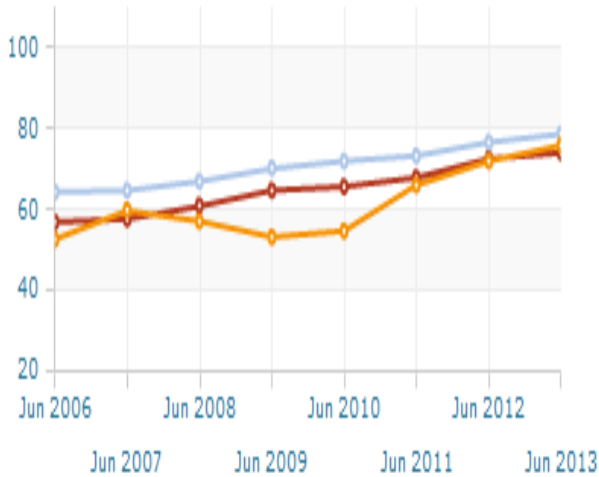
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Duncairn 7.1%

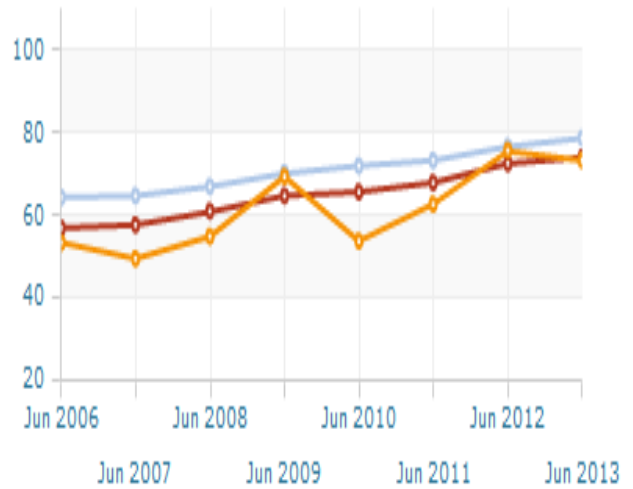


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Ligoniel 75.7%

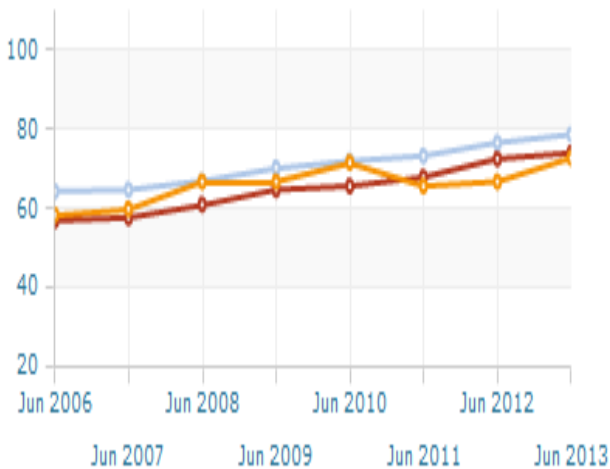


Ballysillan 73.1%

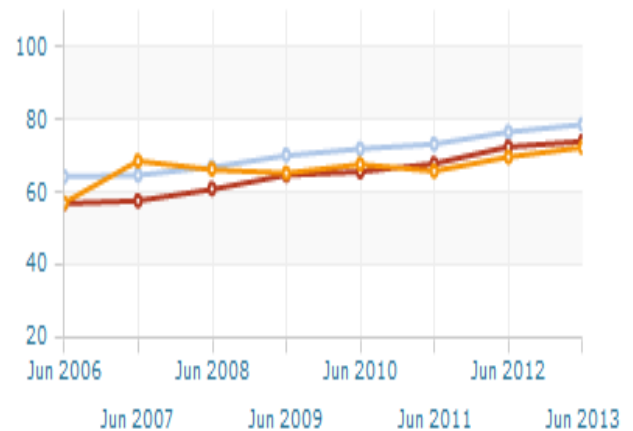


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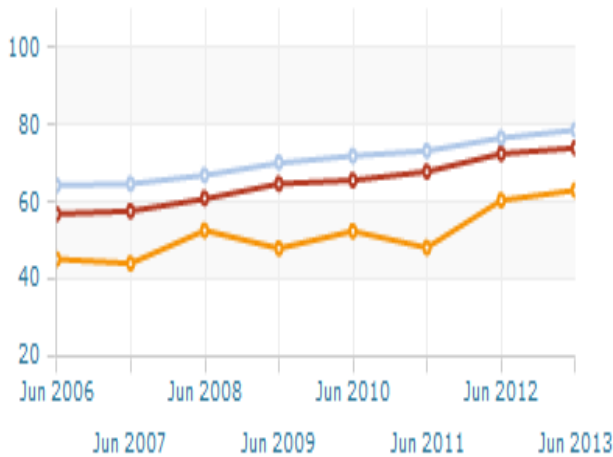


Cliftonville 72.2%

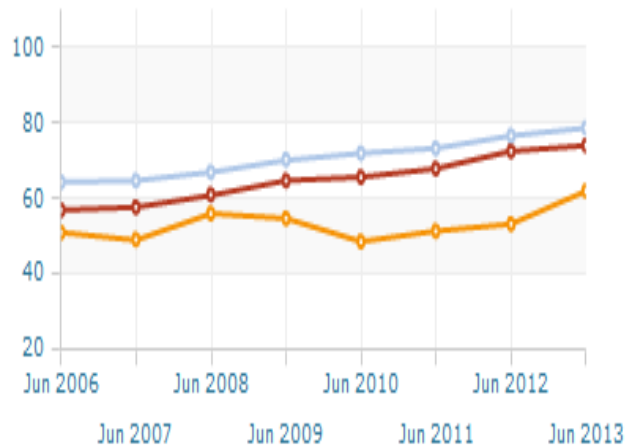


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Ardoyne 63.0%

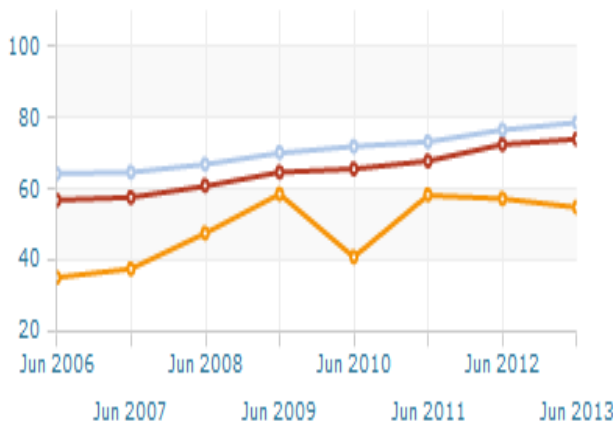


Water Works 61.8%

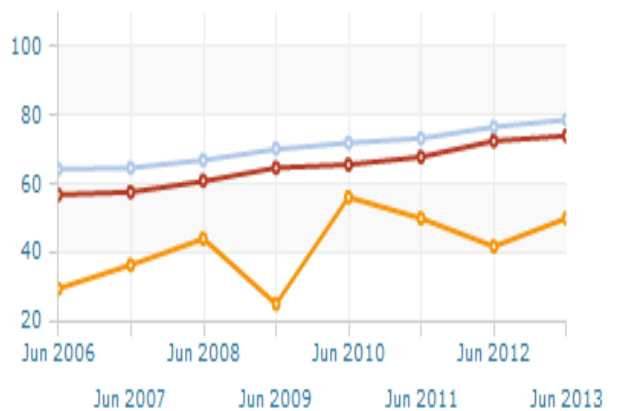


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New Lodge 54.8%



Duncarin 50.0%



Outcome 2: Improved coordination and networking for all youth services to maximise overall provision and enhanced practise

How do we know this needs to be addressed (Baseline Information)

- Number of young people 8 years and over living in North Belfast including
 - English as an additional language
 - Additional needs
 - Alternative education
- Identify what youth services are available
- Numbers of young people with additional needs currently attending youth provision
- Identify barriers to young people attending youth provision
- Number of youth workers trained to work with young people with a range of needs
- Anecdotal information

How will we achieve this

- All North Belfast Locality Planning Group members/ youth providers will ensure that they are registered on the Family Support NI website and that their information is up to date
- Joined training for youth workers in managing challenging behaviours, therapeutic crisis intervention training and ADHD awareness training
- Collation and dissemination of research that has been carried out in north Belfast with young people
- Support youth workers across Belfast

How will we experience this?

- Joined up programmes delivered to young people such as sexual health
- Training needs analysis and matching what is available to the needs of young works, deliver of this training in a joined up manner such as managing challenging behaviours, ADHD awareness, Safe Talk etc
- Youth providers sharing information and resources across different areas
- Youth workers will be trained in managing challenging behaviours and working with children and young people with ADHD, resulting in a more inclusive youth provision and will feel more confident working with young people with behavioural or additional needs
- Better coordination and a multi-agency targeted service for young people

**Outcome 2:
Improved coordination and networking for all youth services to
maximise overall provision**

How do we measure this experience?

- Evaluation of conference will be carried out
- Referrals between different youth services will be monitored through the hub to show collaborative work carried out
- The research carried out with young people will be collated and findings shared
- Training accessed
- Number of youth providers attending LPG
- Number of groups receiving information about LPG/ LPG receiving information about other groups

What Indicators will show change

Numbers of young people with additional needs will be more integrated into youth provision

Numbers of training courses accessed by youth workers

Young people's uptake of youth services

Referrals to youth services

More co-ordinated working among youth providers in North Belfast

Outcome 3:

ALL children and young people and families will be supported to build resilience

How do we know this needs to be addressed (Baseline Information)

- School pastoral services raising issues
- Youth workers having to develop programmes to address issues
- Children and Young people reporting issues such as peer pressure, bullying, transitions, emotional issues
- Primary pupils reporting fears and anxieties of transitioning to post-primary school
- Information from Family Support Hubs
- Anecdotal information

How will we achieve this?

- Facilitate improved resilience through collaborative working to include confidence and resilience for children and young people in homes, communities and schools
- Facilitate improved resilience through collaborative working to include confidence and resilience to include training delivery for workers/ organisations e.g. Bounce, ASIST
- Promote funding opportunities when they become available in order to Invest in promoting worth and resilience in ALL children, young people and families
- Facilitation on life transitions programmes will be rolled out to include puberty, adolescence and self-esteem issues
- Information sharing on what is available for families, children and young people
- Support families to access Family Support Hubs through information provision
- Improved communication/collaboration between community, voluntary and statutory provision

How will we experience this?

- Parents and children/young people will be better equipped with dealing with transitional stages in the child/young persons life.
- Statutory, voluntary and community groups will be better equipped to support individuals around life transitions.
- Strengthen linkages and coordinating activities and programmes already in existence

Outcome 3:

ALL children and young people and families will be supported to build resilience

How will we measure this experience?

- Family support programmes delivered
- Number of families accessing and engaging with family support services
- Identified gaps addressed
- Training delivered
- Number of families completing their support programmes

What Indicators will show change?

- Staff who are trained in resilience – based programmes and are better equipped to deal with issues
- Children, young people and families accessing the family support services they need (e.g. Family Support Hubs)