

**MINUTES OF THE WEST BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2015 AT 2.30PM
IN THE WEST BELFAST SOCIAL ENTERPRISE HUB, 129 SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
BELFAST, BT12 7AE**

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
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Mairead Gilmartin	Outer West Sure Start
Nikki Terlik	Libraries NI
Mairead McCrea	Kids Together
Christina Black	Roden Street Community Development Group
Jim Girvan	Blackie River Community Group
Leontia McKenna	Outer West Family Support Hub
Dympna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership
Ihintz Oleden	Whiterock Children's Centre
Ann Marie McKee	Outer West Family Support Hub
Pamela Hughes	Kids Together
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Mary Murphy	BHSCT

APOLOGIES:

Una Casey	CYPSP
Angela Mervyn	West Belfast Partnership Board
Joan Davis	Family Mediation NI
Jackie Redpath	Greater Shankill Partnership
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount Sure Start
Joanne Menabney	Greater Shankill Partnership
Tish Holland	UACF
Sue Pentel	Ionad Uíbh Eachach
Marie- Therese Cassin	Cedar Foundation
Roisin Mohan	Suffolk Community Forum
Karina McErlean	Blackie River Community Group

In Attendance:

Fiona Steele Steps to Cope

Welcome and Introductions

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

Apologies

Were noted as above

Presentation: Steps to Cope

Fiona delivered a presentation to the group on the Steps to Cope Service: a confidential, structured support service for young people aged 11-18 living in Northern Ireland, who are dealing with Parental Alcohol Misuse. The service provides one-to-one support via staff and but also 24/7 on the Steps to Cope website.

Action: Laura to circulate the presentation

Minutes

Minutes were agreed as accurate

Presentation: Belfast Family Support Hubs

The Family Support Hubs in West Belfast gave a presentation about the progress of the hubs in the area and gaps that are emerging. It was noted that Outer West and Greater Falls hubs only started taking referrals from September and may not be reflective of the gaps. Emerging gaps include children awaiting a diagnosis, and behavioural issues in primary school aged children. Members pointed out that children awaiting a diagnosis is a Belfast wide issue, which has been raised at all four Locality Planning Groups and this needs to be escalated to the Belfast Outcomes Group.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Matters Arising

There is no update from Sue Pentel/ Roisin McCooey relating to the Children with Disability grant.

The Trust representatives noted that there will be issues going forward about receiving any funding exceeding £3,000, as there are going to be changes to the procurement process. It was emphasised that this will show the strength of locality planning through collaborative working for funding.

Action Plan

Outcome 1

The Early years sub group are working closely with Siobhan Slavin in EITP Workstream 1 around consistent key messages for pregnant parents. Siobhan also noted that there are stages and stages questionnaires, which will promote consistent messages among early years sector. 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.

Outcome 2 & 3

The group discussed developing a charter for groups to sign up to, as a statement of excellence to show that groups in West Belfast are inclusive. An email will be sent out for groups to fill in a few details.

Action: Laura to send out an email re. the Inclusion Charter

The sub group also discussed the absence of education around the table, and that they are a key partner in the process.

Action: Laura to try and get representation from education around the table

It was also agreed in the sub group that play is an important aspect of children's lives in West Belfast. The group agreed it would be advantageous to try and get an accurate picture of what play facilities are available in West Belfast, as some areas may be deficient. Jim noted that there are to be upgraded leisure facilities in Andersonstown and Colin and groups need to come together to make sure decisions are influenced about what is needed within these facilities e.g. more disability provision.

Action: Laura to try and provide a map with play facilities in the local area

Family Support Hub Update

Family Support Hub information given in presentation.

Feedback from Belfast Outcomes Group/ LPG chairs

The Locality Planning Group chairs will meet Leslie before the next Belfast Outcomes Group meeting to decide the structures of reporting going forward.

Any other business

The West Belfast Family Support Hubs in conjunction with the Locality Planning Group are organising a 'Connecting Families to services seminar' on Wednesday 13th January from 1pm in St. Mary's teacher training college

Action: Laura to circulate save the date/ invite

Date, Time and venue for Next Meetings

Dates for future meetings are as follows:-

Wednesday 10 th February 2016 @ 2.30pm	TBC
Wednesday 13 th April 2016 @ 2.30pm	Stewartstown Road Re-generation Project
Wednesday 8 th June 2016 @ 2.30pm	Falls Road Library
Wednesday 10 th August 2016 @ 2.30pm	Jennymount (Extern EISS)
Wednesday 12 th October 2016 @ 2.30pm	Stewartstown Road Re-generation Project
Wednesday 14 th December 2016 @ 2.30pm	Shankill Road Library