

**Minutes of the South Belfast Locality Planning Group held on
Friday 2nd September 2016 in BCDA, 283 Ormeau Road, Belfast.
BT7 3GG**

Present:

Name:	Organisation:
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO (Chair)
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Kerry McIvor	South Belfast Partnership Board
Claire Humphrey	Barnardos
Helen McVitty- O'hara	Youth Inclusion Hub (Mencap)
Aine Kelly	Save the Children
Anita Duff	Education Authority
Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Karolina Morgan	Windsor Women's Centre

Apologies:

Name:	Organisation:
Helen Crickard	Women's Info NI
Eleanor Jordan	Windsor Women's Centre
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT
Natalie Killough	BHSCT Child Intervention Co-Ordinator
Nicola Hannigan	Outer South & East Hub
Billy Dickson	Blackstaff Community Development Association
Alison Robinson	South Belfast Sure Start
Mary Frances McWade	Action Cancer
Joan Henderson	Solas
Natasha Brennan	LORAG

Welcome and Introductions

Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked BCDA for hosting.

Apologies

As noted above.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Anita noted that she would like to add something extra into the minutes about autonomy in her role.

Presentation- Helen McVitty- O'Hara (Mencap Youth Inclusion Hub)

Helen gave the group a presentation on the work of the Inclusion Hub. This Hub aims to make a difference to Children and Young People with disabilities by helping youth clubs and other facilities to be inclusive of all young people. Helen explained the work which has been done so far, in the past 6 years that the project has been

running. There is also funding provided to host credited and non-accredited training at a low cost. Helen spoke of the benefits of inclusive working and the achievements of the project to date.

Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising

Family Support Hubs Update

South Belfast Hub 2 (CASA)

Karolina gave an update on the recent activity of the South Belfast 2 Hub. The low number of referrals over the summer period has picked up again in the past 2 weeks. Education is a big gap for this hub, with regard to classes being provided, especially those who do not have English as a first language. This has become more prevalent as the Windsor Women's Centre have lost their funding for these classes and have had to charge a small fee, which has proved a barrier for some families. A recruitment day for these classes will be taking place on 12th September. Karolina agreed to send information to Laura to circulation regarding this.

There are a high number of childcare referrals coming through the hub, there is difficulty around the number of hours that can actually be provided e.g. if a parent is attending classes full time, there may only be childcare provided for a couple of hours each day. Karolina also reported high levels of teenagers with challenging behaviours and low moods. A further issue for the hub is the high levels of referrals relating to ASD. The highest source of referral has been self- referrals and referrals from Health Visitors.

Action: Laura to circulate information for the recruitment day in Windsor Women's Centre

A number of members expressed concern around the Barnardos BME hub, as there have been changes in the organisation and Laura noted that she hadn't been contacted as yet by someone who has taken up the post. Joanne had been out to the Locality Planning Group earlier in the year, however there has been no representation since then. Kerry noted that she had contact details for the manager of the hub and would pass these on.

Action: Kerry to pass on contact details for Pamela Kirk and Laura to make contact.

Outer South and East Belfast

Claire Humphrey gave the group an update on the Outer South and East Hub. She noted that it had been a busy summer, which has been positive as there were concerns about people being isolated over the summer months, due to the geography of the hub. It is good to see referrals coming from more rural areas.

There have been a lot of referrals with relation to disability. Members noted that it was interesting to hear the Mencap Youth Inclusion Hub presentation around inclusion. There is a demand for places in social settings in mainstream services, instead of specialised. It was noted that families are looking for clubs that all children can attend instead of separating siblings. If children are able to go to mainstream

schools, they should be able to be catered for in outside school services. Claire made it clear that there is a gap within the Outer South and East Belfast for services for the 0-3 age group, which would be serviced by Sure Start. There are no Sure Starts in South Belfast within the Outer South and East Family Support area. It may be useful for the hub to monitor the hub data for 0-4 years, which may put together a case for lack of access in certain areas. A further gap for the Hub has been respite care, which links with parents having a programme to attend.

Action Plan

Laura and Kelly met up with South Belfast Partnership Board and Education Authority around education outcomes in their action plans, so there would be no duplication. There have been issues with the nursery places in South Belfast over the past year, with issues such as difficulty filling in forms and lack of information. South Belfast Partnership Board is running an event for staff of early years settings, in order to provide them with the correct information to give to parents. There were concerns raised that parents were judging the quality of childcare based on the length of opening hours, rather than other facts such as quality of play. This event will be running on 24th November from 9.30-11.30am. This will be supported by the Locality Planning Group and will dovetail into the action plan under Outcome 1 around consistent key messages. Kerry will send this information to Laura for circulation and response.

Action: Laura to update action plan

Action: Kerry/ Laura to disseminate information re. workshop

Kelly noted that this has given the group some background to have the education sub group to update the LPG Action Plan. This will take place in September/ October before the next LPG meeting.

Action: Laura to circulate dates re. education sub group

Belfast Outcomes Group Update

It has been agreed that there will be permanent funding for support of Locality Planning Groups. A paper was presented at the LPG of different options available, this is to be agreed on at the next meeting.

The letter from Solas to the Outcomes Group was tabled at the Outcomes Group and the need to have more support for Autism was supported.

Any Other Business

- Belfast City Council are now running Locality Planning Groups, the pilot of South Belfast is in Belvoir. The group noted that it is important there is no duplication, and that both groups work together with LPG leading for Children and Young People.
- Kelly is going to complete CEOP train the trainer course which will be taking place on the 20th October and has agreed to present at Locality Planning level. Members agreed it is great to have the knowledge within this group.
- Middletown centre for Autism is running free courses for parents/ children/ practitioners. Times for these are also flexible.

Upcoming meetings

Friday 28 th October 2016 @ 10am	Sandy Row Community Forum
Friday 9 th December 2016 @ 10am	BCDA

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