

Update report to Belfast Outcomes Group from Locality Planning Groups

June 2016

<p>Issues/gaps in services/Emerging need being raised at the Locality Planning Group:</p>	<p>NORTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASD is a high need in the area- the hubs hope to start a parent support group for families coming through going through the ASD diagnosis process and after diagnosis • Members have been highlighting that many other complex needs are increasing, which are not getting as much recognition as ASD • English as an additional Language, need for support for these families <p>SOUTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortage of summer scheme services for children with disabilities • Pre-natal mental health link to challenging behaviour in children <p>EAST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Holiday hunger' issue for families- no free school meals will be received over the summer, which can be a struggle for families • There are difficulties around children with emotional and behavioural difficulties <p>WEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuts in the education sector mean that children with disabilities are attending mainstream school, and are not receiving the level support they require • ASD diagnosis and support through process • Mentoring and counselling for 13-16 years
<p>Recent Achievements by the Locality Planning Group:</p>	<p>NORTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Alan Wilson (EA Youth Service), and strengthening of linkages between EA Youth Services and the LPG. <p>SOUTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Duff (EA Youth Clubs) gave the LPG a presentation about the provision for children with disabilities in EA youth clubs • Planned meeting with South Belfast Partnership Board education worker and formation of education sub group to carry forward educational outcomes from the action

	<p>plan.</p> <p>EAST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning meeting has taken place with DHSSPS, PSNI, BHSCT, Brook etc. to inform workshop planned for Autumn in east. • Materials have been produced and BHSCT has confirmed funding for EB SureStart and the Early Years Network to begin roll out of Infant Dental Health Project from Sept. <p>WEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the West Belfast Partnership Board to establish the West Belfast 'Health for All' Strategy to avoid duplication • Presentation from Community Youth Services in West Belfast • West Belfast Inclusion Charter currently being produced- members to sign up and display the charter when agreed
<p>Engagement with Children and Young People/ Parents/Carers:</p>	<p>NORTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting NI engagement contract with CYPSP Impact to engage with parent around emotional and behavioural issues. <p>NORTH & WEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Fund information sharing event and opportunity to engage with parents
<p>Upcoming Events:</p>	<p>NORTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential youth Mental and emotional wellbeing event in St. Malachy's College in September, to be discussed at LPG. <p>EAST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual exploitation workshop update • Eastside leaning update- planned for Sept. <p>NORTH & WEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information event in conjunction with Family Fund to raise awareness of their services and others and engage with parents in North and West Belfast
<p>Additional Information:</p>	<p>ALL LPGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation from Strengthening Families to take place at all LPGS - All LPG chairs presented to Women's Aid and have renewed membership on all groups - Mencap Youth Inclusion Hub representative to come to Locality Planning Groups

