

**THE MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING  
GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017 AT 10AM IN DUNCAIRN  
COMMUNITY CENTRE, UPPER MERVUE STREET BELFAST**

**Present:**

Katrina Newell	Ashton Community Trust (Chair)
Una Casey	CYPSP
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT
Caroline Milligan	Glenbrook Sure Start
Edith McManus	Lower North Family Support Hub
Roisin O'Neill	Barnardos
Michelle Harris	Barnardos
Kris Morrison	NIACRO
Karen McLean	Upper North Family Support Hub
Declan Davey	YJA
Claire Allen	SF NB
Mervyn Bell	Smile Sure Start
Gerry Largey	BHSCT

**Apologies:**

Christine McKeown	Ashton Community Trust
Lesley McMaster	NIACRO
Lisa McManus	Health Visiting Belfast HSCT
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI
Steven Reid	Vine Centre
Liz Brogan	Women's Aid

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Katrina welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions took place. Katrina informed the group that Laura Rankin has left CYPSP for a new job and extended best wishes to her on behalf of the group.

## Apologies

Apologies were noted as above

## Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 May 2017

Caroline asked that the section on the “pilot between Autism NI and Sure Start should be recorded as “links between Autism NI an Sure Start”. The remaining minutes were agreed as accurate.

## Matters Arising

Caroline outlined to the group that the Little Learners programme was working with small groups of pre-pre-school aged children. These children have a high level of need and involved a CD SLT working closely with support staff and also home visits. There was a pre and post programme assessment carried out with the children. The results have been very promising for example, in terms of cognitive development the pre and post measures were as follows:

Pre Programme Assessment (October)	Post Programme Assessment (May)
12%	83%
25%	75%
33%	83%

In terms of Socialisation results were as follows:

Pre Programme Assessment (October)	Post Programme Assessment (May)
25%	50%
60%	90%

Also need to look at the benefits of this programme for parents and whole family, Caroline felt that the parental stress questionnaire that she had planned to use wasn't right for parents in terms of the language that it uses.

The programme is delivered with the children for two hours twice per week, and connects to a speech and language therapist and involves group-setting observations instead of in a clinic or office. There is also

one home visit per term. Caroline is planning to discuss with Kelly from Autism NI about the pre and post evidence and the difference this work is making to families. Caroline explained that this programme had developed from a respite crèche with low or no focus to now be focused with the external input from CD SLT. Other services could use this model of working but really do need the support from professionals.

Roisin informed the group that Collective Impact are running workshops on evidence practice in North Belfast and Antrim on using and articulating data.

Kris highlighted that EISS have been using Outcomes Star with their families, the report cards are on [www.cypsp.org](http://www.cypsp.org) which shows where there is progress or otherwise, which is useful to explain to families why they may not be making the progress they had hoped for. Outcomes Star can also be used retrospectively too; but building a relationship with the family and the support worker is very important.

***Action: Michelle to forward details of Collective Impact workshop to Una for circulation.***

***Action: Caroline to write up SureStart work into a report to be presented at the next LPG meeting.***

### **North Belfast LPG Action Plan 2017-2020**

Katrina explained to the group that; as agreed at the May meeting; a subgroup meet to work on fine tuning the action plan and circulated the actions that the subgroup agreed on.

Members discussed a mission statement for the group and agreed on “Strengthen collaboration to benefit families in North Belfast.”

#### **Priority One**

Change around action one and two

Members agreed that the actions were much more practical and focused and that scoping models of resilience was very useful and important moving forward. The actions under priority one would show flexibility to

local need and was an approach for everyone in the area to work towards.

Members discussed some examples of resilience models that they are using. Caroline highlighted that all the SureStart staff were now trained up in Sollihull. Michelle and Roisin highlighted the Community Resilience training that Collective Impact are undertaking. This work is for 8-14 year olds to promote social and emotional wellbeing and resilience in their communities. This training involves KCA work in the impact of ACEs, emotional coaching, mapping resilience, champions in organisations, and having a learning community. There are a few spaces left on this course. Online training is a prerequisite and if anyone is interested that have to be willing to attend all the training days and be part of the learning community.

***Action: Una to circulate a template for members to complete with details of the resilience models being used.***

### Priority Two

A discussion took place around action 4 around if there was a stigma of being taken out of class for counselling or additional services particularly in post-primary. Discussions also took place about how additional services in schools are managed. It was agreed that this action should be reworded to

“promote positive inclusion to services within school environment and share models of best practice”

“Understand what schools are already doing in terms of pastoral care.”

Members also agreed that it would be more important than ever to have membership on the Locality Planning Group from the Education Authority including EWOs and also from schools.

Michelle highlighted that she attends the principals' forum where discussions have taken place about the amount of external services going into some schools, and also that it is often the lower performing pupils that are being taken out of classes for other services.

It was pointed out that there was a coordinator for the Principals' forum and collaborative events. Michelle will invite this person along to the LPG meetings.

***Action: Michelle to forward details of the Post-Primary Area Learning Community Chair to Una***

***Action: Una to do a presentation to the primary and post primary learning communities.***

### Priority Three

Member agreed with the suggested actions.

Family Support Hub Updates.

Outer North Family Support Hub – Karen updated the members that there has been 17 referrals so far for July and an average of 25 per month. The Hub is hosting the Fundamentals of Autism delivered by Autism NI on 23 August. There are 25 spaces available on this training. It is hoped that this training will skill members up in recognising Autism. Karen explained that the Belfast Trust are producing a training calendar for hub members which includes training on prescription medication, hidden harm, supervision training, motivational interviewing used by counsellors, 2 day training by Ed Splier, and CAMHS training on Self-harm.

Inner North Family Support Hub – Edith McManus

Edith highlighted that there had been 40 referrals in June only 25 of these could be processes and the remainder carried over into July giving a total of 27 referrals so far for July. There has been an increase in referrals for behavioural issues. There were 5 referrals from GPs.

The Hub Coordinators will give a formal presentation at the September meeting on the referrals etc for the past six months.

Main reasons for referrals are : ASD, Behavioural issues of primary school aged children, parental support, 1-1 mentoring for teenage young people.

Many families are reporting accessing services over the Summer, including Summer schemes. There is a need for 1-1 services for families over the summer to prepare them for services in September.

**Action: Karen and Edith to give a presentation in September**

Any Other Business

Una raised that the PHA have a small grants funding scheme for Mental & Emotional Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention 'Take 5' Steps to wellbeing closing date 31 July.

**Action: Una to circulate details of funding scheme.**

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

Tuesday 26 September 2016 at 10am	Vine Centre
Tuesday 28 November 2016 at 10am	Duncairn Community Centre