

**Minutes of the South Belfast Locality Planning Group held on  
Friday 23 June 2017 at 10am in ADDNI, 86 Eglantine Avenue,  
Belfast BT9 6EU**

**Present**

Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI (Chair)
Una Casey	CYPSP
JamieCompton-Rea	Ascertainment
Konras Pawaslek	Barnardos
Gabi Moninweg	NHSCT
Jenny Potter	Now Group
Karalina Morgan	CASA Family Support Hub
Laren Marks	Windsor Women's Centre
Alison Robinson	South Belfast SureStart
Sarah Salters	ADDNI
Kerry McIvor	South Belfast Partnership Board
Laura Feeney	Save the Children
Billy Dickson BEM	Blackstaff Resident's Association
Kris Morrison	NIACRO
Claire Humphrey	Barnardos
Anne McKay	Mornington
Natasha Brennan	LORAG
Nicola Hannigan	Outer South and East Family Support Hub (Barnardos)

**Apologies**

Nikki Johnston	Belfast South Resource Centre
Fiona O'Donnell	SENAC
Joanna Tarach	Barnardos (BME Project)
Debbie Steritt	BHSCT – Health Visiting
Fionnuala McCotter	Scoil an Droichead
Diane Hickey	Women's Aid

**Welcome and Introduction**

Kelly welcomed everyone along to today's meeting and thanked Sarah and ADDNI for hosting the meeting.

**Apologies**

Were noted as above.

## **Matters Arising**

Resilience documentary: biology of stress and the science of hope; will be screened in NICVA on Monday 26 June at 6.30pm. The screening is sold out but there are other screenings across the region, these can be found on the CYPSP website or through the Connected for Life organisation.

Laura Feeney highlighted that the Save the Children Family Connected evaluation was a very large document which made it difficult to circulate electronically so she is working on an executive summary that can be shared with the group when completed.

**Action: Laura to forward executive summary of Families Connected to Una for circulation when completed.**

Members have highlighted that they will have groups of parents and children and young people who could work on the co-design of the action plan when it is ready.

## **Presentation from ADDNI – Sarah Salters**

Sarah gave a very informative presentation about the services offered by ADDNI, details of the impact of interventions on children and their families' lives and also the outcomes from their parenting programmes. Please see attached presentation.

## **South Belfast Locality Planning Group Action Plan 2017-2020**

The draft of the new action plan was tabled based on the discussions that took place at the previous action planning workshop, please find attached. Members discussed the context of the plan and highlighted changes in wording. It was agreed that a small subgroup would need to meet to finalise the detail of the plan. Jamie, Gabi, Jenny, Karalina, Alison and Laura will form this subgroup. Una to circulate possible dates for them to meet in advance of the next LPG meeting.

**Action: Una to circulate dates to subgroup**

## **Standards of Locality Planning**

Una circulated the Standards and explained that these were modelled on the Family Support Hub standards, and will be used as a way of measuring the LPG process. Una asked members to have a look at the standards in advance of the next meeting when the group will have a short exercise in scoring it on each of the 8 standards.

## **Family Support Hub Feedback**

### *Casa Family Support Hub – Karalina Morgan*

The last two months have seen an increase in the number of referrals from professionals such as GPs there has also been requests for very specific services or needs. The current gaps in service are, mental health support, requests for CBT and holistic family approaches, preschool services outside SureStart areas, financial help, long term support for asylum seekers, and respite childcare. Many referrals have a high level of need than tier 2 but are not meeting gateway thresholds.

### *South Belfast One Family Support Hub – Natasha Brennan*

There have been 15 to 20 referrals per week, with many of the member's services reducing. The hub now has to operate a waiting list and manage people's expectations. Again some referrals have a high level of need. Natasha has been carrying out a SWOT analysis with core members and is carrying out work to engage new members on the core group. There will be a meeting on 4 July at 10am in LORAG for new members. Natasha is also working to find out more about BHSC Trust services such as Adolescent and Parent Service for intensive long term family support.

### *Outer South and East Family Support Hub – Nicola Hannigan*

Nicola highlighted that there had been 7 referrals to this hub from the South Belfast section in the last quarter. 5 of these referrals were self-referrals, 1 from a GP and 1 from a Health Visitor. Reasons for referrals were: Autism Support for children waiting for assessment, behaviour difficulties, anxiety and counselling or young people. Nicola highlighted that there was a dearth of services to refer families to in this area and many families were very isolated too. It was suggested that leaflet, referral form and a list of the wards covered by this hub should be circulated to members to disseminate wider.

The hub coordinators all highlighted that the number of self referrals have been increasing, this might be due to some schools becoming more aware of the hubs.

Kris highlighted that there has been an increase of professionals making referrals to the Family Support Hubs asking for a specific service as a the NIACRO CAPS service, these types of referrals should go directly to the service and not create a longer time line for the families. Natasha agreed to raise this at the next Lead body meeting, as the hubs are not a

triage for all services. It was highlighted that it is only the Belfast Area Outcomes Group funded services that have to go via the hubs.

**Action: Hub Coordinators to raise at the next Belfast Hub Lead Body meeting**

**Action: Una to raise with Helen Dunn**

A discussion took place around the need for referrers to get information from families about any services the family are already involved with again this would help with the follow of referrals to services through the hubs.

It was agreed that whilst the information collected by the hubs about needs in the area and gaps in services, waiting lists etc. was extremely useful, there was a concern that the hubs could become clogged up as a data collection exercise and many other members collect this type of information that could be easily shared at the LPG to give a comprehensive picture of the needs of the area and add value to the information coming from the hubs too.

### **Feedback from Belfast Area Outcomes Group**

The BAOG held an action planning workshop in April where all the priorities, gaps and needs of each of the four LPGs in Belfast were shared. The group worked together to identify priorities for their action plan and a subgroup have met to further develop this. The Outcomes Group will meet again on 27 June.

### **Feedback from CYPSP**

Una updated the group that the Partnership is now being chaired by Hugh McCaughey who is CEO of South Eastern Trust. At the last meeting held in May the action plans from the Western, Southern and South Eastern Outcomes Groups were presented. The Belfast and Northern OG plans will be presented at the October meeting.

A paper was circulated that highlights all the issues that are being discussed at all the 28 Locality Planning Groups across the region. Many of the issues arising are similar for example; resilience, parenting, distressed behaviour, school attendance including exclusions and reduced time tables. There was very positive feedback from members on the work of Locality Planning Groups.

**Action: Una to circulate paper**

There was a presentation from CiNI about the work they are doing on Holiday Hunger. There was also a discussion on ACEs (Adverse

Childhood Experiences) there will be a regional working group on this. Helen Dunn Gave an update on the Family Support Hubs. Una highlighted that the minutes of these meetings and all CYPSP meetings are available on [www.cypsp.org](http://www.cypsp.org) website.

## **Any Other Business**

### Autism NI – Kelly Maxwell

The Department of Health have published statistics about children with Autism, including waiting lists, number of children with a diagnosis aged 4-15 within the school system. This report is available on the Department of Health website; <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/news/prevalence-autism-including-aspergers-syndrome-school-age-children-northern-ireland-2017>

### South Belfast Partnership Board – Kerry Mclvor

The South Belfast Early Years Intervention Social Investment Fund (SIF) project bid has been successful and covers the SIF zone in South Belfast and also the Woodstock ward in East Belfast. There are four strands to this project over two years and Kerry will give a presentation about it at the next meeting.

### **Action: Kerry to present at the next meeting**

### Urban Villages

Urban villages have circulated an email about their capital project funding; the closing date is 20 July. Una will circulate the email she received about this.

## **Dates of Future Meetings**

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 10am	LORAG
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 10am	Windsor Women's Centre
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 10am	TBC