

**Minutes of the West Belfast Locality Planning Group held on  
Wednesday 2 August 2017 at 10am in the Falls Community Council  
277 Falls Road, Belfast**

**Present:**

Deirdre Walsh	Whiterock Children's Centre (Chair)
Yvonne Cowan	Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Tina Gregory	Clan Mór SureStart
Karen Burns	Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Pamela Hughes	Kids Together
Mairead Fusco	Kids Together
Ciára Fusco	Youth Justice Agency
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount SureStart
Ihintz Olliden	Whiterock Upper Springfield Family Support Hub
Deborah Burnett	Greater Falls Family Support Hub
Sue Pentel	Ionad Uíbh Eachach

**Apologies:**

Jackie Redpath	Greater Shankill Partnership
Dympna Johnston	Shankill Family Support Hub
Liz Gracey	Action Ability Belfast
Kris Morrison	Niacro
Marie-Therese Cassin	Cedar Foundation
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI
Leah Semple	Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Catherine Ferrin	Women's Aid
Leontia McKenna	Outer West Family Support Hub

**In Attendance:**

Pavel Holijka	Ministry of Work and Social affairs, Czech Republic
Jana Poláková	Ministry of Work and Social affairs, Czech Republic
Simona Zatloukalová	Ministry of Work and Social affairs, Czech Republic
Klára Jokllová	Ministry of Work and Social affairs, Czech Republic

**Welcome and Introductions**

Deirdre welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Falls Community Council for providing the meeting room. Deirdre also

welcomed Pavel, Jana, Simona and Klára to the Locality Planning Group and explained to members that they were attending today's meeting to learn more about the CYPSP process and partnership working. Pavel extended his gratitude for attending the meeting.

### **Apologies**

Were noted as above

### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 14 June were agreed as an accurate recording of the meeting.

### **Matters Arising**

Yvonne highlighted that the PCSPs have funding that might help fund some of the actions highlighted in the previous minutes, such as Internet Safety.

Ciara shared details of the plays by "Spanner in the Works", they can do existing plays on joyriding, mental health, paramilitaries, drug taking, bereavement or they can be commissioned to do one that the group suggest. This would require funding.

Una highlighted that she has been in contact with Women's Aid and they can share the DVD, "the Good, the Bad and the Ugly" - this can be added to the action plan.

The 6 steps of Autism Care has been circulated to members who agreed it was very useful.

### **Standards**

Una explained that the Standards had been developed regionally as a way of the Locality Planning Groups measuring their progress, similar to the standards used by Family Support Hubs. The members broke into smaller groups and discussed each standard and scored the group on each. Each Locality Planning Group will carry out this exercise once per year. Una will write up the scores for further discussion at the next meeting.

A discussion took place about the difficulties for community and voluntary sectors due to issues of funding, particularly short-term funding which is difficult given the level of need. Other issues discussed was the difficulties in engaging EANI in the locality planning process.

Members agreed that the Family Support Hubs produced very useful information that can be used to give evidence on level of need in the area.

Members queried if the CYPSP carry out standards at their level also; and asked if the Chair of the Partnership could visit an LPG meeting. Members agreed that it was process of Locality Planning Groups has been very useful.

A discussion took place about the impact of children on reduced timetables, which included increased stress in the family, transport, poverty as many parents might have to give up their jobs, children not being in school to avail of their free school meal, and general family dynamics. Members highlighted the need for more joined up work and understanding between health and education from the top down.

### **Action Plan 2017-2020**

Una tabled a draft copy of the action plan, Deirdre highlighted that Brendan Smith has still some work to do on it.

#### Priority One

There is a lack of services for children aged over 4, apart from EISS and Ard Mona. There is a need to promote Good Enough parenting. A discussion took place about the benefits of Solihull training and how all family support workers need to be trained in it.

Penny highlighted the Resilience Documentary and ACE study and the need for this to be rolled out; especially to teachers and class room assistants. A discussion took place about the need for ACE work to be built into teacher training. Deborah suggested building something into curriculum training days. Una highlighted how this has been done in other LPG areas. It was also suggested that Deirdre or Una should speak to Angela Mervyn about the possibility of engaging with her networks with schools such as the principal's forum in order to do a presentation to them about the LPGs and the information from the Family Support Hubs. Taster sessions for teachers were also discussed.

#### **Action: Una to give presentation to the Principal's Forum.**

Penny highlighted Operation Encompass in England through which PSNI, Social Services and Schools work closely together when a child has been in a domestic abuse situation.

Members discussed the Big Lottery funding for People and Communities; there is £1 Million for Belfast. It was suggested that someone from Big Lottery should present to the LPG.

#### **Action: Una to contact Big Lottery to invite someone to the next LPG**

### **Any Other Business**

Una explained that the Family Fund are planning on holding an information event on 25<sup>th</sup> October in West Belfast and wish to invite local services to have a stall at the event. A discussion took place about where the best venue would be. Members agreed that a possible venue is St Mary's Teaching College.

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

Wednesday 4 October 2017 at 10am	Spectrum Centre, 331 Shankill Road, BT13 3AA
Wednesday 6 December 2017 at 10am	Falls Road Library, 49 Falls Road Belfast BT12 4PD