

**BELFAST OUTCOMES GROUP  
MEETING HELD IN  
Training Room, Parenting NI, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Salvation Army Building,  
42 Dublin Road, Belfast Held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

**Present:**

Ms Lesley Walker

Chair – Belfast H&SC Trust

**Statutory Sector**

Mr Tommy Boyle

BHSCT

Mr Des Marley

NIHE, Belfast Area Office

Ms Patricia Muldoon

Youth Justice Agency

Ms Nuala Toner

Belfast HSCT

Ms Elaine Black

Belfast City Council

Ms Carol Diffin

BHSCT

Ms Geraldine McCourt

DEL

Mr Damian McCann

DEL

Mr Gerry Largey

BHSCT

**Community Sector**

Ms Dawn Thompson

Bryson Children's Services

Ms Tina Gregory

Clanmore Sure Start

Mr Jackie Redpath

Belfast Strategic Partnership

Mr Jim Girvan

Blackie Community Group

**Voluntary Sector**

Ms Roisin McGrann

Early Years

Ms Claire-Ann Magee

Parenting NI

Ms Dawn Thompson

Bryson House

**In Attendance**

Ms Anne Hardy

CYPSP Children's Services Planning Officer

Ms Lesley Addidle

Minute Taker

**Apologies**

Mr Seamus Mullen, PHA

Ms Geraldine O'Regan, East Belfast Sure Start

Mr Kevin McCormick, Assistant Director, Barnardos NI

Ms Maggie Andrew, East Belfast Partnership

Ms Sandra Buchan, DSD Rep

Mr Maurice Leeson H&SC Board

Mr Danny Power, HSCB Belfast Local Commissioning Group

Ms Roisin McCooey

Mr Jim Morgan, BSP

Ms Jill Trotter, BELB

Action	<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b></p>
<b>Ms Walker</b>	<p>Ms Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised how it would proceed.</p>
	<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were duly noted.</p>
<b>Mr McCann</b>	<p><b>3. Presentation: DEL DSC Signature Project –</b></p> <p>Mr McCann gave an overview of the Community Family Support Programme's work to date. Discussion followed around how Belfast Outcomes Group might contribute to ensuring the appropriate families are targeted. Mr McCann explained that five contractors were tasked with getting 240 families. The programme was due to commence in October 2013 and run until March 2014. Due to slippage in Tender and a lack of staff it did not commence in October 2013. The providers have been tasked with identifying the young people and families. Mr McCann stated that the aim is to have 48 families initially across the Region. The target is families with children aged between 14 and 18 years old. There was discussion around how to promote this service. Concern was expressed about the lack of engagement of Statutory Agencies in identifying young people.</p>
<b>Ms Walker</b>	<p>Ms Walker asked what the key outcomes the project was happy to achieve and Mr McCann clarified it was to improve lives. Ms Walker asked if there could be some flexibility with regard to the age group as greater impact is likely the younger the children targeted. Ms Walker suggested that staff on the ground need to understand the nature of the project and what it entails and is hoping to achieve and it was suggested that perhaps a leaflet could be produced and distributed.</p>
<b>Ms Hardy</b>	<p>Ms Hardy suggested that publicity materials such as a leaflet about the local service would be useful to distribute.</p> <p><b><i>Agreed: Despite concerns re: the set-up of the project and engagement with stakeholders, all representatives agreed to promote within their area/agency.</i></b></p>
<b>Ms Walker</b>	<p><b>4. Minutes from Last Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were considered to be an accurate reflection of the discussion.</p>

<p><b>Mr Boyle</b></p>	<p><b>5. Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>a. Outcomes Commissioning of Services – Update</b></p> <p>Mr Boyle spoke to the paper around Outcomes Group Commissioning Process and he provided an overview of the Commissioned services. Mr Boyle provided a breakdown of what is involved in the Commissioning Process and he outlined there are a lot of work to prepare contracts etc. Mr Boyle advised that a sub-group will be established to evaluate the process and how the contracts will be monitored.</p>
<p><b>Ms Hardy</b></p>	<p>It was agreed that Ms Hardy will convene a meeting of the sub group to discuss the key principles relating to future commissioning including generally reviewing the use of financial limits.</p> <p>Nominations for representation on the sub group are to be submitted to Anne Hardy.</p>
<p><b>Ms Gregory</b></p>	<p>Ms Tina Gregory reported that she had written to Mr John Compton, Chief Executive, HSCB and Mr Colm Donaghy, Belfast Trust with regard to the funding that had been retracted due to an under spend in the original agreed amount which coincided with an extra savings target on the Trust. Ms Gregory spoke to a response letter received from the Director of Children’s Community Services, Mr Cecil Worthington, on behalf of Mr Colm Donaghy. Mr Worthington outlined in his letter the reasons for the £70K underspend being taken back. She also confirmed Mr. Compton has stated the issue was referred to Ms. McAndrew as the Director. Ms Gregory advised that she felt the responses were less than satisfactory and she asked for feedback from the group. Following discussion it was agreed that Ms Gregory would respond back to Mr Worthington and Mr Compton expressing the dissatisfaction felt with regard to the responses.</p>
<p><b>Ms Hardy</b></p>	<p><b>b. Planning Cycle and Review</b></p> <p>Ms Hardy spoke to the paper that was issued at the meeting outlining the timescales for review of our Action Plan and update of same. She asked for responses to be returned to her as per her recent email and advised that she will collate an overall response. Ms Hardy highlighted that the Locality and Regional Sub-Groups will complete their work first. Ms Hardy asked for people’s comments by the end of November with regard to the current Action Plan. Ms Hardy advised that she would feed back to the Outcomes Group. A sub group will meet in January 2014 to look in detail at the review of the</p>

	<p>Action Plan and to assist in re-focussing our priorities for inclusion in the next plan.</p> <p>The sub-group will be made up as follows:</p> <p>Ms Tina Gregory  Mr Tommy Boyle  Ms Elaine Black (to provide representation)  Ms Dawn Thompson  Ms Claire-Ann Magee</p> <p>Ms Walker informed the Outcomes Group that a meeting is planned with Belfast City Council to ensure links with Community Planning and a joined up approach re: children.</p>
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	<p><b>6. a. Family Support Hubs</b></p> <p>Mr Largey spoke to the paper with regard to the Hub Development and he made reference to the Commissioning paper. Mr Largey reported that to date 1200 people have accessed services commissioned by the Outcomes Group and he highlighted that the Outcomes Group is the body tasked with progressing the Hub Framework.</p>
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<b>Ms Walker</b>	<p>Ms Walker advised that she had written on behalf of the Outcomes Group to the Chairs of the four Locality Planning Group chairs, to seek feedback from each of these bodies in relation to the potential hub network in their area. The purpose of this was to use this information to enable the Outcomes Group to mandate BHSCT to work on supporting the establishment of an initial tranche of potential family hubs in the agreed localities in line with the Outcomes Groups priorities.</p> <p>The feedback from Locality Groups was then provided to the meeting and a discussion ensued. It was agreed that the initial tranche would see the locale identified by each Locality planning Group as being most 'hub ready' supported in the first instance, on the understanding that the final network of hubs would reflect the numbers identified in the feedback from the Locality Groups .</p> <p>This discussion resulted in a list, agreed by the Outcomes Group which prioritised the Upper Springfield and Shankill areas for initial support from the area covered by the West Belfast Locality planning group. An 'Inner' East Hub based in the area covered by the East Belfast Locality Group. The large scale area hub proposed by South Belfast Locality Group and whatever locale is the top priority to be identified by the North Belfast Locality Planning group in the near future.</p>

<p><b>Ms Gregory</b></p>	<p><b>b. Locality Planning</b></p> <p><b><u>West</u></b>  Ms Gregory reported a meeting was held on 9 October 2013 and a further meeting has been agreed for December 2013. The main issues/concerns were around membership and people were made aware of the current situation and advised there would be re-nomination. The 70K being removed was a major concern. People and Organisations have really bought into the process.</p>
<p><b>Mr Girvan</b></p>	<p><b><u>North</u></b>  Mr Girvan advised that North are having a meeting on 18 November 2013 and they will elect a Chairperson. The meeting will be held at McSweeney (further details to be circulated).</p>
<p><b>Ms Walker</b></p>	<p>Ms. Walker outlined that following the discussion at the last meeting, the Trust did not wish to lead Locality Planning even for a brief period. On reflection this would give the impression this is a Trust-led process which was never the intention. The Trust only agreed to temporarily lead hub development due to no other interest and a commitment to move the work forward.</p>
<p><b>Mr Largey</b></p>	<p>It was reported regarding South &amp; East that a formal reporting mechanism would be put in place. Mr Largey advised that South Belfast have met. A full report will be available at the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>Ms Hardy</b></p>	<p>Ms Hardy reported that she would circulate dates for South &amp; East Locality Meetings.</p> <p>Ms Hardy reported there is funding to support a worker via DSC and a decision needs to be made as to whether it goes to tender. In the interim Ms Una Casey, HSCB will provide support to the Locality Groups.</p>
<p><b>Ms Magee</b></p>	<p><b>c. Parent Reference Group</b></p> <p>Ms Magee advised that the Group has not met since June 2013. There had been discussion around engaging parents at Locality level. Ms Magee will attend the meeting on 11 December 2013 at 2.30pm in Upper Springfield.</p>

<p><b>Ms Walker</b></p> <p><b>Mr Leeson</b></p>	<p><b>d. Regional Chairs Meeting</b></p> <p>Ms Walker reported that the meeting discussed the Mark Friedman Workshop on Outcomes and turning the curve via specific outcome targeting and this requires a more in-depth debate by the sub-group as discussed earlier. Locality groups, planning cycle and how to better interface the Regional Outcomes Group were also discussed. There was concern with regard to the impact on Groups of the new call for voluntary, community and BME sector places if all places change at once. Ms Walker explained that it was the intention to maintain a level of the membership whilst not excluding new attendees and she emphasised the need for maintaining continuity at this time. Ms Walker advised that Mr Leeson would provide a paper and no new nominees would be sought until the New Year.</p>
<p><b>Ms Hardy</b></p>	<p>Discussion took place with regard to the statutory places and a suggestion that this could be a good time to review membership from this sector including attendance and appropriate representation. Ms Hardy advised that she would feed this into the discussions.</p>
<p><b>Mr Redpath</b></p>	<p><b>e. Feed Back from BSP Planning Event</b></p> <p>Mr Redpath advised that he hoped a report would be available for the next meeting and he stated that a paper would be provided for information purposes.</p>
<p><b>Ms Hardy</b></p>	<p><b>f. Stakeholder Event</b></p> <p>Ms Hardy advised that this discussed would be tabled for the next Outcomes Meeting due to time restraint and fact that we will not be holding our event until well into New Year.</p>
<p><b>Mr Largey</b></p>	<p><b>6. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Mr Largey asked if the Council boundaries are changing in 2014. Ms Black advised of the pending changes and timescales and final changes not due to 2015. Ms Hardy suggested there would be a discussion across the Partnerships re: the changes and their implications.</p>
<p><b>Ms Walker</b></p>	<p>Ms Walker thanked everyone for their hard work during 2013.</p> <p><b>7. Dates of Future Meetings</b></p> <p><b>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 January 2014 at</b></p>

**10.00 am. , Conference Room, Knockbreda Centre, (Forster Green Site).**

Please note the following dates have also been agreed:

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 10.00 am, Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Shankill Centre**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 10.00 am, venue tbc**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 10.00 am, venue tbc**

**Wednesday 10 September 2014 at 10.00 am, Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Shankill Centre**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 10.00 am**