

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH BELFAST LOCALITY GROUP MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 10AM IN BLYTHEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT:

Francis Brown	NIHE
Andrea Johnston	St Malachy's Youth Centre
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT
Una Casey	CYPSP
Ann-Marie Doyle	Princes Trust
Nicola Johnston	BSCR
Geraldine O'Regan	East Belfast SureStart (Belfast OG)
Debbie Sterritt	BHSCT Health Visiting Community Children's Services
Roisin McGrann	Early Years the Organisation
Sharon Lennon	Blythefield PS
Geraldine Millican	BRO
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Dermot Magorrian	Youth Justice Agency
Jim Potts	South City
Henri Mohammad	Belfast City Council
Kelly Cochrane	NIACRO
Joan Henderson	Sólás
Fionnguala McCotter	Scoil an Droichid
Breige Arthurs	SBAP
Barry Green	BELB
Dermot Glackin	SBAP (Chair)

APOLOGIES:

Alana McCullough	FASA
Eileen Chan Hu	Chinese Welfare Association
Carolyn Stewart	MENCAP
Joy Poots	South Belfast SureStart
Alison	South Belfast SureStart
Grainne McHugh	South Belfast SureStart
Tom McEneaney	Aware NI

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brenda Martin	Integrated Services/BELB
Mark Batchelor	BELB Property Services
William McIntaggart	BELB Property Services

1: Welcome, Introductions and Apologies:

Dermot welcomed everyone to the meeting, his first as the Chair of the LPG and thanked Sharon for providing the meeting room. A round of introductions took place. Apologies noted above.

2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the meeting held 20th September 2013 were agreed

3: Matters Arising:

Una informed the group that she has invited Helen O'Neill the website manager for www.familysupportni.gov.uk to a future meeting.

4: Presentation on Integrated Services by Brenda Martin

Please find attached. Brenda highlighted the need for everyone to work and plan together instead of working in silos and that Locality Planning Groups will help this. She gave some background information about Integrated Services in West Belfast, the planning for which started in 2003 and was operational in 2008. The work involves collaboration between statutory, voluntary and community sectors to create a more effective service. Integrated planning had an investment of £5 million and is funded until 2014. The West Belfast Partnership Board and the Greater Shankill Partnership Board have taken the lead for project. Integrated Services involves a focus on joined up planning, one-to-one family support and working in a more multi-agency way. Integrated Services have invested in an intense tracker system to identify what works and the impact of the service. Integrated Services aim is to move

away from fire fighting family issues and address cyclic issues and break them down and build resilience. Integrated is being evaluated externally.

Action: Una to circulate Brenda's presentation with the minutes

5: Mark Batchelor and William McIntaggart BELB

Mark explained that he and William were from BELB Property services and that they have been working on a draft area plan. He set the context that there were 10,000 unfilled places in the primary school sector, due to falling enrolment and many schools no longer being fit for purpose, the upkeep of these estates are no value for money and often cost double per pupil which is not reflective of educational outcomes. Therefore a forward looking plan is needed. One plan is to cluster schools together as there is an overlap in areas with pupils going past nearest school to attend another.

Mark explained that there had been plans to side a new school on the Belfast City Hospital site but that this site is no longer available and that this is an issue for many of the community groups. There is another potential site available at the Donegall Avenue which is a much bigger site.

Briege Arthurs queried if there was the opportunity of having the new school site as a full service model. Mark explained that the BELB would want to have the schools used as much as possible. Please see attached presentation showing maps, plans etc. Members felt that this issue about the new school needs to be raised with the Belfast Outcomes Group.

Action: Geraldine or Una to raise issue new school with Outcomes Group

Action: Una to circulate Mark's Presentation

6: Future of integrated services for early years - Dermot Glackin

Dermot took the opportunity to raise awareness of a series of workshops that are in the planning about gaps in provision for early years in the area and discussed transitions.

Action: Dermot to provide more information as this develops

7: Family Support Hubs – Gerry Largey

Gerry explained that Lesley Walker, chair of the Belfast Area Outcomes Group had written to the Locality Planning Group chairs asking for feedback about where they thought the hubs could be developed. He explained that Family Support Hubs are about the delivery of services and aren't planning groups. Hubs are a coalition of services which will deliver services in a more joined up coordinated way. At present the proposal for South Belfast is one hub for the whole area. From the exercise, carried out by Karen Burns BHSC, mapping referrals to Gateway that weren't meeting the threshold the main issues were: mental health, people struggling as parents, drugs and alcohol, domestic violence and issues caused by budgeting. Gerry emphasised that Family Support Hubs deliver services and are NOT planning Groups. He explained how the hubs needed to be fit for purpose and work with the appropriate level of families. Gerry explained that there was a regional model (see attached paper) but that cognisance needed to be taken of the levels of need, poverty and concentration of initiatives in Belfast. He discussed the need for common language, information sharing protocols, safeguarding training, a shared confidence in each other, and the public's confidence in the hubs. Gerry also explained that when the hubs go live that a community/voluntary organisation would be funded to administer and organise the hubs. Gerry also explained that the services funded through the Outcomes Group Family Support Funding would be mandated to link into the Hubs.

Action: Una to circulate the Regional Family Support Hub Paper

8: Next Steps for South Belfast Locality Planning Group

As there were several new members at the meeting Una gave a brief description of the CYPSP and its structures. She also explained the role and responsibilities of Locality Planning Group members. Una discussed the benefits to of integrated planning and also how locality groups use qualitative and quantitative information to carryout outcomes

based planning. Una will work through outcomes based planning in more detail at the next meeting.

9: Member Updates

Ann-Marie Doyle from Prince's Trust took the opportunity to introduce herself to the group, as she was new to the group. She gave a brief outline about the work of the Prince's Trust and offered to give a more detailed presentation at a future meeting.

10: Date of Future Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Friday 17th January 2014 at 10am in Prince's Trust, Unit 8, Weaver's Court, Belfast BT12 5GH

ACTION POINTS:

1:	Una to circulate Brenda's presentation with the minutes
2:	Geraldine/Una to raise issue new school with Outcomes Group
3:	Una to circulate Mark's Presentation
4:	Dermot to provide more information on developments on integrated services for Early Years
5:	Una to circulate the Regional Family Support Hub Paper