

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2015 IN LIGONEIL
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, WOLFHILL CENTRE, 148 LIGONEIL
ROAD, BT14 8DJ.**

Present:

Name	Organisation
Katrina Newell	Ashton Centre (LPG Chair)
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Una Casey	CYPSP
Sinead McCavana	Family Nurse Partnership
Christine McKeown	Ashton
Martina Hannon	Glenbrook Sure Start
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT
Brenda Lappin	Cliftonville Community Reperation Forum
Paula Scott	Homestart
Laura Forte	Barnardos
Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Harry Bradley	Youth Justice Agency
Alison Templeton	New Life Counselling
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Deirdre Boyle	Women's Aid
Liz Brogan	Women's Aid
Declan Morris	Simon Community NI
Maria Morgan	Ligoneil Improvement Association
Fionnuala Dunleavy	New Lodge and Duncairn Community Health Partnership
Christine Doherty	Extern

In attendance:

Name:	Organisation:
Amanda McLean	PHA (EITP)

Apologies:

Name:	Organisation:
Daragh Borelan	Prince's Trust

Welcome and Introductions

Katrina welcomed everyone to the meeting. A round of introductions took place.

Apologies

Were noted as above

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 25th November were agreed as accurate by the group.

Feedback on EITP Workstream 2- Amanda McLean

Amanda McLean gave an update on EITP. A paper was passed around and she gave a brief introduction as to what the programme is all about. Amanda outlined that the proposal for EITP was to establish 20 Early Intervention services across Northern Ireland on a 3 year phased plan. This business case was presented to the EITP board for approval on the 12th December 2014. The Board agreed to 5 Early Intervention Services, with one EIS contract being offered in each Outcomes Group area for a period of 33 months from July 2015 to April 2018.

Amanda noted that there will be a discussion at the next Outcomes group concerning the location of the service. This will take place at the beginning of February. It was made clear to the group that the Early Intervention Service would also come to the hub and be used as a 'mop up', and not a duplication of the services which already exist. In the Belfast EIS team there will be 2.5 full time workers and the services provided will be based on the consultations with the Locality Planning Groups.

Amanda also clarified that EIS was an evidence based model, based on research carried out by the National Children's Bureau, Parenting NI and other sources. In response to questions about how many families would avail of the service, it would be around 140 families per year per service.

Members of the group said that they believed there would be a gap for the service in the 8-11 year old age group. Kelly highlighted that NIACRO CAPS deals with this age group in the area, and works with children who are at risk of offending, and their families. Kelly explained the referral routes for the programme and offered to send out some information.

Action: Kelly to send members information about the NIACRO CAPS project.

Action: Maria, Katrina and Una to put together a document stating the need for the service in North Belfast

Action: Members to send any useful statistics to Una before this meeting takes place

Action Plan

Feedback from Action Planning Review Meeting

The Action Planning Sub Group had a meeting on the 16th December. They narrowed the outcomes down from seven to three. All other minor changes have been updated in the action plan.

Action: All members to send any proposed changes to Una.

Working Group for Education Information Sharing Event

The main purpose of the event is to promote the family support services in the local area to families. In order to do this, there will be a variety of organisations with stands in a market place style set up, with some individual breakout groups for people who would like to find out more information. Members of the Locality Group suggested a number of areas for workshops including drugs awareness, internet safety, healthy eating and puberty.

The group agreed that it is vital that the event involves schools and community groups. The sub group suggested the Girls Model School as a possible location, dependant on availability. Members of the Locality Group emphasised that it is teachers and parents attend the event to find out about services in the area.

Action: Una to email groups to have a stand or lead a workshop at the event.

It was suggested the Locality Planning Group should provide transport for the event as an incentive for parents to attend.

Action: Any groups with underspend to let Una know if they can provide some funds.

The group discussed the importance of advertising the event in various ways such as PTA groups, principal's forum, education programmes and from the members of the locality group.

Una met with Anna Newell from Replay to talk about the programmes they have in connection with babies, children and young people. She told the group that Baby day is on the 27th September and there will be a number of events in association with this, such as a Belfast lullaby and Tiny Thing programme through Sure Starts.

'The Connected Baby' DVD was shown in Queens to promote communication between parents and babies. Una suggested that the Childcare Partnerships may have a small underspend in their budget to show the DVD locally and incorporate it into a coffee morning. It was recommended for non-Sure Start areas, in other groups such as mums and tots. Anna proposed she could come along and talk at these events. This would achieve points 3 and 4 in Outcome 1 on the action plan: *'Engage all parents and expectant parents at an early stage through a series of events'* and *'Parents will have a more bonded relationship with their child'*.

Una also pointed out that Replay do a Comet programme for young men who have gone through difficulties, to help them express themselves. This may be something the group could become involved in in conjunction with young people, in youth group or school settings. This could again link in with the Action plan.

Members agreed that a sub group should get together to discuss the early years events. The sub group includes Sinead, Christine, Carolyn and Martina.

Action: Una to get a sub group together to discuss the early years events.

Members of the group pointed out that the Belfast City Council have IT suites which can be used for homework clubs or for parents to help their children to complete their homework. This links in with Outcome 1 in the Action plan, *'Parents and children engaging with homework clubs'*.

Action: Una to find out if Belfast City Council has any IT suites that can be used for homework clubs.

Una also brought to the group that South and East Belfast have produced parenting packs and these can be copied. These would be

beneficial to have at the education event. It was emphasised that there would need to be a small pot of funding in order for this to happen.

Action: Katrina to speak to John McCrory/ Brian about education packs

Feedback from Belfast Outcomes Group (Maria Morgan/ Una Casey)

Mary outlined that a new round of Belfast Outcomes Group funding for Family Support services will be launched at an information event in NICVA on 26th February. The availability of this funding and the associated information event will be advertised in the local press. This will be an open call rather than a formal procurement process and the funding will be allocated on a 1 year + 1 year + 1 year basis. i.e. funding available for a three year period, initial funding allocation for a 1 year period with the possibility of extension.

Action: Una to send information about the event to the group when she receives it.

Una noted that her Locality Planning report to the Outcomes Group was well received at the last meeting and the Outcomes Group was supportive and positive about the work within locality planning in Belfast.

Family Support Hub Update – Maria Morgan

Maria gave the group an update on the progress of the Outer North Family Support Hub. There has been an increase in referrals from the PSNI, schools and self-referrals. There have been around 10 referrals to date. Maria emphasised the lack of youth services in the Wolfhill and Ballysillan areas and noted that work in these areas needs to be done. Maria highlighted that there have been difficulties in trying to establish core and associate members as the appropriate paperwork has not been returned.

There is potential to have 3 hubs running in North Belfast- Outer, middle and lower North hubs. It has now been decided that the Lower North hub will go ahead. The group expressed a concern that these may not get off the ground quickly enough due to the amount of applications and meetings beforehand.

Action: Una to forward dates of the Outer North Hub launch when details come out.

Action: Groups to send the appropriate information in relation to the hub, if they would like to be core and associate members.

Feedback from North Belfast & Shankill Youth Workers Collective Initiative – Katrina Newell

The Youth Workers Collective Initiative have not had a meeting since the last Locality Planning Group.

Member Updates

NIACRO has launched their 'Off the Record' campaign, which has been circulated. Kelly highlighted that this change in legislation would have a huge impact on children and young people. There is a link to the NIACRO website on the CYPSP website.

Any Other Business

The venue for the November meeting has now been confirmed as the McSweeney Centre.

Date of the Next Meeting

The agreed dates for 2015 are as follows:

Tuesday March 24th at 10am

Tuesday May 26th at 10am

Tuesday July 28th at 10am

Tuesday September 29th at 10am

Tuesday November 24th at 10am