

**Minutes of the South Belfast Locality Planning Group held on
Friday 24 June 2016 in Mornington Community Project, 117 Ormeau
Road Belfast. BT7 1SH**

Present:

Name:	Organisation:
Natasha Brennan	LORAG (Vice Chair)
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Noelle Collins	Women's Aid
Diane Hickey	Women's Aid
Gabi Marnhinweg	BHSCT
Joan Henderson	Solas
Grianne McHugh	South Belfast SureStart
Anne McKay	Mornington Community Project
Anita Duff	EA Youth Service

Apologies:

Name:	Organisation:
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO (Chair)
Eleanor Jordan	Windsor Women's Centre
Karolina Morgan	Windsor Women's Centre
Darren Spence	BCDA
Katie Hanlon	BCDA
Aine Kelly	Save the Children
Kirsty McCann	Extern

Welcome and Introductions

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

Apologies

Were noted as above.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were agreed as accurate by the group.

Matters Arising

Laura agreed to send out the South Belfast response to the Children's Strategy.

Action: Laura to circulate Children's Strategy response

Solas Paper

Joan expressed concern about the level of funding which is set aside for specialist disability services. Summer time is a crisis for families, especially those with high levels of need. Some special schools do not have or cannot provide the appropriate provision and some have lost their funding. It was suggested that a meeting with the education minister may be beneficial for raising awareness of the cause. Natasha agreed to raise the issue at the Belfast Outcomes Group.

Action: Natasha to raise issues at Belfast Outcomes Group

EA Youth Clubs- Anita Duff

There are a number of part-time and full-time, EA and voluntary youth clubs across South Belfast. South Belfast Area Project and the statutory sector have youth clubs. There are also further registered groups and independent youth groups. With regard to disability, there is a generalist provision; however some do not have as good access as others. Every child is welcome, however there may not be staff trained to deal with all needs. Members thanked Anita for coming to answer their query, which was raised at the last LPG meeting.

Family Support Hubs Update

South Belfast One (Natasha)-

Natasha reported that there will be a formal reporting mechanism from hubs to LPGs to feed back to Outcomes Groups what the needs are. There were 20 referrals to the hub in May, and 23 so far in June. The issues which presented most often in the South Belfast One hub have been challenging behaviour, ASD support/ waiting lists and housing issues. The highest source of referrals has been Health Visitors and then housing. Due to the high number of referrals from housing, the family support workers will be given training in issues which may arise. Natasha added that the Housing Solutions Team, a separate branch within the NIHE have been a great source of information. There is now a health visitor who attends each hub meeting.

Feedback from Belfast Outcomes Group

There was a lot of discussion at the Outcomes Group around the themed issues which each Outcomes Group would focus on, as Belfast has not yet decided which issue they would like to focus on. It was suggested that waiting lists would be advantageous as; if this can make things better for families in any way then it would be useful. Attachment/bonding was also seen as an important area to focus on, with a link from pre-natal mental health to children with challenging behaviours.

Action Plan

Education Outcome

Laura gave the group an update on the education focus of the LPG action plan. There is an initial meeting planned between Kelly, Laura, Natasha and Briege from the South Belfast Partnership Board, to discuss their priorities in terms of education before getting a sub group together. The first date which suits all parties is 29th July. After this meeting takes place, an education sub group will be arranged with members of the LPG. Laura to send these dates out.

Action: Laura to get a date for education meeting

Any Other Business

- Members expressed concern about the vote for Britain to leave the European Union and the impact this will have on funding streams and difficulty with human rights.
- Solas are running an Early Year project, 3 days in The Markets and 2 days in Mornington for age 2-3 years, at a crucial level to influence behaviours.

Upcoming meetings:-

Friday 2 nd September 2016 @ 10am	BCDA
Friday 28 th October 2016 @ 10am	Sandy Row Community Centre
Friday 9 th December 2016 @ 10am	BCDA