

**Minutes of the South Belfast Locality Planning Group held on  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 10am  
in Ballynafeigh Community Development Association, 283 Ormeau  
Rd, Belfast BT7 3GG**

**Present:**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI (Chair)
Una Casey	CYPSP
Joanna Tarach	Barnardos BME project
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT
Grainne McHugh	South Belfast Sure Start
Natasha Brennan	South Belfast 1 Family Support Hub
Nikki Johnston	Belfast South Resource Centre
Karolina Morgan	Casa Family Support Hub
Nicola Hannigan	Outer South & East Family Support Hub
Aine Kelly	Save the Children
Annette McCann	Save the Children
Katie Hanlon	Ballynafeigh Community Development Association (BCDA)
Lauren Marks	Windsor Women's Centre
Mary- Frances McWade	Youth Justice Agency
Grace Clydesdale	Sólás
Kerry McIvor	South Belfast Partnership Board
Laura Rankin	CYPSP

**Apologies:**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Paul McCart	NIACRO
Tara Gibney	An Droichead
Claire Humphrey	Outer South and East Family Support Hub
Glenda Davies	Sandy Row Community Forum
Darren Spence	Ballynafeigh Community Development Association (BCDA)

**Welcome and Introductions**

Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked BCDA for hosting. Áine made the group aware that she would be starting a new post with Mencap soon and Annette would be replacing her and will represent Save the Children at the Locality Planning Group. Members welcomed Annette and wished Áine all the best in her new role.

## **Apologies**

As noted above.

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as accurate.

## **Matters Arising**

It was agreed that the Education Sub Group won't meet again until the new Locality Planning Group Action Plan (2017-2020) is agreed.

The South Belfast Partnership Board held a workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> November for practitioners on the nursery school application process and guidelines surrounding this. It was poorly attended, given that this was an expressed need in the locality. A document was produced by the South Belfast Partnership Board containing key information for parents and practitioners to help with the application process. This will be circulated to the group for further dissemination.

Kerry highlighted that one of the areas that has been raised is voluntary contribution payments in nursery schools. An in depth discussion about this took place, with many members giving examples of how this impacts on families and how this is often not treated by the nursery schools as voluntary, and pressure is put on families to pay these.. Concern was expressed that some nurseries treat children differently if they do not contribute. Áine noted that Save the Children completed a study on voluntary contributions around 10 years ago.

**Action: Laura to circulate Nursery application guidelines**

## **Family Support Hubs Presentation – (see attached)**

### South Belfast One/ Casa Family Support Hubs

Natasha and Carolina gave the following update on the activity of the South Belfast One and Casa Family Support Hubs. In total there have been 266 referrals. From the period April – September 2016 there have been 157 referrals. The highest source of referral has been self-referrals, community organisations and Health Visitors. The highest numbers of referrals were for emotional and behavioural support for primary and pre-school children, 1:1 support for primary school children and practical support.

Emerging needs/ gaps included trauma support for ethnic minority families, ASD support pre and post diagnosis, pre-school support outside Sure Start areas and respite day care/ childcare services due to

Employers for Childcare no longer being able to service the Hubs. Natasha thanked the Locality Group members for their support throughout the year.

### Outer South and East Family Support Hub

Nicola gave the following update. She explained that she did a separate report as her figures include Outer East and didn't want this to skew the total figures. There have been 117 referrals in the period April – September 2016, 18 of these are from the South Belfast Locality area. The highest source of referrals has been Health Visitors, Community Organisations and Self-referrals. The highest numbers of referrals were for youth support (high levels for children with disability), parenting programmes and support and childcare support as there is no Early Intervention Support Service (EISS) in the area and no longer service from Employers for Childcare. Nicola emphasised that there are high numbers of children with disability being referred to the Outer South and East Hub. Emerging needs/ gaps included alternative therapies, services for pre-school children (no Sure Starts in this area) and youth activities. It was noted that Oasis and Helping Hands have both closed to referrals as they are oversubscribed.

It was pointed out that this is the first time data is recorded to this extent about the needs of families and is hoped that when future funding and consultations come out, they can be shaped and influenced by this information.

Grainne noted that Sure Start records the information of needs they cannot meet and this may be useful to align with Hubs to get an idea of need.

### **Action: Grainne to liaise with Hubs around needs in Sure Start**

### **BME project Update**

Joanne gave an update on the Barnardo's BME project in South Belfast. There is continued work being done in the two schools (Holy Rosary and Fane Street Primary Schools). There are Parenting Programmes and a drop-in service once a week. There is a possibility of starting English classes, however the cost of a teacher may mean it cannot go ahead. Joanne confirmed that staff on the project will check with families if they are receiving any other services before availing of the services in the project.

## **Action Plan Progress Report/ Next Steps**

Copies of the Action Plan Progress Report were circulated. The progress report uses a RAG system to highlight the progress of actions. 'Each member/ service provider to deliver a bespoke family- focused activity' is an action highlighted in red (therefore hasn't progressed), however it was suggested that members do this in their individual organisations and could send ideas to Laura to populate the report. It was noted that the red areas can either be done before the end of the plan or taken forward to the next planning cycle. Kelly suggested that the 2017-2020 Action Plan should involve fewer actions that are more achievable outcomes. Una explained that some of the Outcomes Group are planning on have one page plans similar to the Leeds Children's Plan. Una agreed to circulate this to the group. It was agreed that this group can focus on one area and make a bigger impact; this could then improve other outcomes. E.g. Low schools attendance levels in South Belfast, if this was addressed it could also impact on attainment, antisocial behaviour for example, Kelly pointed out that it would be useful to link with Michael McConkey, the Education Authority Area Planning Officer, who has come to the Education Sub group previously. It is important to dovetail these action plans, to avoid duplication.

Una noted that she attended a PTA conference held in Stormont and linked with a teacher from Breda Academy, who is keen to link with the Locality Planning Group.

Una and Kelly have been trained in CEOP Ambassador Train the Trainer and are willing to deliver this to the Locality Planning Group members if there is enough interest. It was agreed that this would be in the evening time and there would need to be at least 15 attending in order for the training to take place. Members expressed an interest and gave examples of the need for this training and Grainne offered South Belfast Sure Start as a venue. When a date is confirmed, Laura will circulate an email for members to sign up to the training.

An issue identified by members is the transition period between primary and post primary school. There are programmes run in South Belfast by Anita Duff (Education Authority Youth Worker) and Nikki noted that South Belfast Resource Centre is currently running a programme and will feed back about the outcomes of this at a future meeting. Hub Coordinators reported that there have been hub referrals recently for boys with high levels of anxiety linked to school attendance. This is an issue

which will be discussed in further detail and could be included in the next Action Plan.

**Action: Members to send Laura a bespoke family- focused activity that their organisation provides.**

**Action: Leeds Children and Young People's Plan to be circulated**

**Action: Michael McConkey to be invited to South Belfast LPG meetings**

**Action: Nikki to feed back about transition programme being run in South Belfast Resource Centre**

### **Belfast Outcomes Group Update**

At the last Outcomes Group meeting, a presentation was given by the Locality Planning Group Chairs on the current work of the groups. This was well received by the members. The next meeting will focus on Family Support Hubs.

There will be permanent support staff for Locality Planning Groups recruited in the upcoming months; a timescale had not yet been agreed.

### **Any Other Business**

No other business was recorded

### **Upcoming 2017 meetings:**

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 10am	South Belfast Sure Start
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 10am	Save the Children
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2017 at 10am	ADDNI
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 10am	LORAG
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 10am	Windsor Women's Centre
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 10am	TBC