

**BELFAST OUTCOMES GROUP MEETING**  
**Girdwood Community Hub**  
**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 11.30 a.m.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Apology</b>
Ms. Carol Diffin (Chair)	Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
<b>Statutory Sector</b>			
Mr. Tommy Boyle	Belfast HSC Trust	✓	
Mr. Des Marley	NIHE, Belfast Area		✓
Ms. Caroline Karayiannis	Education Authority	✓	
Ms. Barbara Porter	PHA	✓	
Mr. Stevie Lavery	Belfast City Council		✓
Ms. Patricia Muldoon	Youth Justice Agency		✓
Mr. Danny Power	HSCB Belfast Local Commissioning Group		✓
Vacant	PSNI		✓
<b>Community Sector</b>			
Ms. Maggie Andrews	East Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Tina Gregory	West Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Natasha Brennan	South Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
Ms. Jenny Potter	North Belfast Community Rep.	✓	
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>			
Ms. Kelly Andrews	Director Women's Aid		✓
Ms. Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI	✓	
Vacant	(Extern)		✓
Ms. Colette Slevin	Mencap		✓
<b>BME Sector</b>			
Ms. Dawn Thompson	Bryson Children's Services		✓
<b>Partnership Sector</b>			
Ms. Roisin McCooley	Belfast Childcare Partnership		✓
Mr. Jackie Redpath	Belfast Strategic Partnership	✓	
Mr. Jim Morgan	Belfast Strategic Partnership		✓
<b>In Attendance</b>			
Mr. Dermot Magorrian	obo Ms. Muldoon, YJA	✓	
Ms. Una Casey	CYPSP	✓	
Mr. Gerry Largey	Belfast HSC Trust – Hub Lead	✓	
Mr. Maurice Leeson	HSCB – CYPSP Link	✓	
Ms. Helen Dunn	CYPSP	✓	
Mr. Jim Girvan	Community Representative	✓	

<b>Action by:</b>	
	<p><b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies as per attached sheet. Ms. Diffin introduced herself and advised that she would be chairing today's meeting. Ms. Diffin welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table.</p>
	<p><b>2. Matters Arising from last meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b></p> <p>The previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record (one minor amendment noted under matter arising c).</p> <p>a. <u>Membership Paper</u> – Ms. Walker had previously expected receipt of the final paper. Mr. Leeson explained that the paper has now been signed off by CYPSP and he will circulate to the group.</p> <p><b>Action: Mr. Leeson to circulate Membership paper and to liaise separately re: recruitment issues.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Membership to be added to the Agenda for April's meeting.</b></p> <p>b. <u>BSP Presentation</u> – Mr. Redpath informed that the presentation was very well received and had been pleased to present on behalf of children and young people (CYP). BSP are reviewing their way forward as CYP now sits within the Belfast Agenda. Mr. Redpath explained the various areas of work within the BSP remit and advised they are reviewing the future of the BSP in terms of what is emerging in Belfast. He highlighted that the Outcomes Group must be alert to and prioritise the issues of CYP and action accordingly within the structures for Belfast Agenda. We must also ensure our agency reps at BSP are aware of all of the work undertaken by Outcomes Group.</p> <p><b>Action: Correspondence to be sent out to all Outcomes Group partner agencies following feedback re: BSP presentation re: Belfast Agenda, partnerships etc. Chair to draft.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Ms. Casey to circulate presentation.</b></p> <p>c. <u>Locality Planning Group issues re: Interpreting Service</u> – Ms. Porter, PHA advised that she is aware that a contract is in place via BSO re: interpreting services available to statutory organisations and health professionals, this is not for use by community and voluntary groups. Every health professional should be aware of the process to apply for this service. Ms. Brennan explained that the community and voluntary groups do not have the necessary funds to continually finance interpretation services.</p> <p>Considerable discussion ensued re: available services, use of service by community/voluntary groups only if statutory agency involved, services for Syrian refugees, limited service available via Barnardo's and Red Cross, potential scoping exercise, contract in place for Education, link with Roisin McCooey for SureStart information, link with EITP EIS Programme re: early access to support / building in translation, rep for Education/Schools to be included in any discussions.</p>

With regards Ms. Andrews' agreed action re: providing contact details, she will action this prior to next meeting. This was in relation to the list of attendees at the East Belfast Locality Planning Group who were able to provide some information and also the Race Relation Forum leaflet.

***Action: Following discussion re: interpreting services and lack of translation services across community and voluntary sector, all areas and in schools, Trust to draft a letter to be shared with outcomes group members for their approval first.***

***Action: Third action in LPG Section of previous minutes to be removed.***

### **3. Family Support Hubs – Update**

Mr. Largey provided update. Funding for 2017/2018 has been agreed. Mr. Leeson added that funding has been confirmed as recurrent for the 7 Hubs on the basis that Belfast Outcomes Group will continue to fund the remaining 3 Hubs. A bid has also been submitted for additional monies, no further information has been received re: approval. Ms. Diffin asked if this could be followed up in writing.

Mr. Largey informed that the Hub volume levels are sitting slightly above this time last year. He also noted that the trends are similar to last year and there is a huge demand for those services which had become increasingly strained and under agency decreases with the £2m less funding from Department for Communities. Mr. Largey stressed that partner agencies are continuing to deliver services despite these issues and that the Hubs are increasingly becoming embedded into core government business and regional strategies.

Mr. Largey provided the group with a copy of the training schedule up to June 2018 and noted that the Ed Sipler, Autism Intervention and Data Protection Regulation training had all been well received by attendees. Training so far has been provided by the Trust and Hub Leads would be keen to have other key outcomes group members involved. Ms. Casey added that some training is sourced via Locality Planning Groups and that it would be useful to coordinate all training.

Mr. Girvan highlighted again the serious issues impacting on the entire community sector currently with regards potential cuts on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 – some groups will be receiving a 100% cut, no advance warnings provided to groups, no planning, loss of valuable staff, impacts on children and young people etc. It was suggested that a letter is drafted by Outcomes Group to all of the Departments to explain that this funding is integral to and interlinked with members' work with children and young people on behalf of the Belfast Outcomes Group. The Hubs provide good work but require sound infrastructure and appropriate services around them. There are issues for the Hub Lead Body organisations and also for the support services around the Hubs and these are all being put at risk as a result of the funding cuts.

***Action: Chair to draft letter to each of the Departments re: funding and cuts to voluntary and community sector services and all of the implications discussed today, for members' approval.***

	<p>Ms. Dunn advised that the Family Policy has now been released. Mr. Leeson informed re: a Family Strategy event scheduled for April in Crumlin Road Jail and would be keen for wide representation for similar discussions. Mr. Boyle and Ms. Diffin will look at Trust representation at this event.</p>
	<p><b>4. Locality Planning Groups - Update</b></p> <p>Ms. Casey circulated a briefing paper to the group.</p> <p><b>Action: Ms. Casey to circulate electronic copy of the LPG Briefing Paper.</b></p> <p>Ms. Casey advised that the Locality Planning Groups feed into the report which is presented to the CYPSP. She outlined a number of issues and gaps – parents unable to access programmes due to no childminders, family isolation – local and ethnic minority, waiting lists, family anxiety, 1:1 family support, financial support, foodbanks, counselling for 7-10 year olds, incredible years, need for a strong feedback loop between LPG and Outcomes Group. She also noted a number of achievements – universal credit, EI project, South Belfast CIF, all Action Plans have been completed and paper copy provided at today’s meeting. Breakdown in attendance was also provided – there has been a slight decrease in West Belfast attendance however this could be down to a number of factors, i.e. number of Hubs in area and time changes re: meetings.</p> <p>With regards Upcoming Events, there will be a Resilience event in East Belfast to show the resilience films and presentations. There will be a Resource Partnership involving Principals, EWOs and Health Visitors in North Belfast to provide an opportunity for service users to ‘put a face to the service’. Members were also informed of other events showing the Resilience film. Ms. Andrews or rep. to attend the other event now organised in Skainos to clarify who will be there and whether this will compromise the LPG event.</p> <p><b>Action: Ms. Diffin to liaise with Nuala Toner re: School Nursing involvement in the Resource Partnership event.</b></p> <p>A Family Fun Day is planned for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April in Belfast City Hall in conjunction with Autism NI, invites will be circulated and anyone who wants a stand at the event, please contact Ms. Casey.</p> <p>CEOP Training taking place in April 2018. A Regional Workshop re: 17 years of Locality Planning is planned for 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018, venue to be confirmed and invites will be circulated.</p> <p><b>Action: Ms. Casey to circulate electronically any papers from Mary Black’s workshop last week re: Community Development Strategy to members.</b></p> <p>Ms. Porter explained that papers from the last week’s TIG meeting have not yet been circulated and it is her understanding the team are currently collating all of the information from the initial 12 workshops (Stage 1) and from the meeting last week (Stage 2) and will draft a further version of the strategy for circulation in due course. She agreed to clarify with Ms. Black re: what information can be shared with the group and feedback re: people linking into the process. Discussion ensued re: the meeting and what is required re: Community Development. Ms. Porter advised that there have</p>

	<p>been 20 plus recommendations and each of these have a Task and Finish Group. Family Support Hubs will need to be linked in.</p> <p><b>Action: Ms. Porter to share latest draft of the Community Development Strategy to members once available.</b></p>
	<p><b>5. Commissioning of Services – April 2018 to 2021</b></p> <p>Mr. Largey circulated a briefing paper to the group consisting of 3 proposed options for members' agreement.</p> <p><b>Action: Mr. Largey to circulate electronic version of the paper.</b></p> <p>He provided a detailed overview of the paper, the process so far, identified city-wide deficits will inform new commissioning process – Home Visiting, Mentoring and Children with Disabilities / Awaiting Assessment support services, the new procurement approach, previous contracts ending 31.3.18, excess money re-applied in-year reallocation. The End of Funding evaluation packages are being sent to groups next week for completion.</p> <p>Mr. Largey apprised the group of the proposed three options re: the future commissioning process for Belfast Outcomes Group approval re: way forward. All 3 options are outlined within the briefing paper provided at today's meeting and Mr. Largey spoke to each of the options in detail providing the pros and cons of each choice and implications involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1 – Do nothing ...</li> <li>• Option 2 – Design and run a fresh non-Pals led in-year process to commission using an open process.</li> <li>• Option 3 – In-year administrative approaches to maximise service delivery, informed by the Hub evidence base.</li> </ul> <p>Following considerable discussion, the Outcomes Group members agreed on <b>Option 3 – In-year administrative approaches to maximise service delivery, informed by the Hub evidence base.</b></p> <p>Mr. Largey agreed to keep all of the members apprised of any updates. In terms of those who will not receive funding in new process, their current funding will remain until June 2018. Meetings have taken place with those groups who will no longer receive funding.</p> <p><b>Action: June meeting will be a workshop to look at commissioning priorities in detail.</b></p>
	<p><b>6. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Locality Planning Group Worker Post for Belfast</u> – Mr. Boyle advised that there has been some interface difficulties with BSO. The post has not yet been advertised</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: meeting to be arranged with Ms. Casey, Mr. Leeson, Mr. Boyle and Ms. Diffin.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>UK Wide Engagement Event</u> – Meeting this afternoon and Ms. Casey will feedback.</li> </ul>

<b>Action: Ms. Casey to circulate information.</b>
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## 7. Dates of Future Meetings

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Venue:</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	10.00 a.m.	Vine Centre
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	10.00 a.m.	EA Dundonald office, Grahamsbridge Road, Dundonald, BT16 2HA
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	10.00 a.m.	Tbc
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	10.00 a.m.	Tbc
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	10.00 a.m.	Tbc