

MINUTES

EAST BELFAST LPG MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 July 2015 AT 10am IN EBP OFFICE, NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, BELFAST.

PRESENT:

Maggie Andrews	EBP (LPG Chair)
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Colin Robinson	East Belfast Alternatives
Paul McCombe	NIHE
Sara Houston	EBP

APOLOGIES:

Linda Armitage	EBCDA
Yvonne Cowan	BHSCT
Aine Kelly	Save the Children
Mary McManus	EBIAC
Geraldine O'Regan	East Belfast Sure Start
Su Finch	Nettlefield Primary School
Claire Humphrey	Barnardos
Andy Moorehead	East Belfast Alternatives
Una Casey	CYPSP
Eelco Westerhuis	Home Start

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting. Maggie gave an outline of the structures of CYPSP and the purpose of locality planning to new members.

Action: Maggie to send out structures and new member information to Paul

- 2. Apologies-** As noted above.

- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 20th May 2015 were agreed by the group.

- 4. Matters Arising**

Further conversations to be arranged regarding the Child Sexual Exploitation talk from Barnardos. Members felt they were key to these discussions and a one off meeting will be arranged for group to voice their thoughts on issues raised.

Action: Dates to be sent out in August for group to get together

5. Action Plan - Feedback from working groups

5.1 Infant Dental Health project

Maggie met with SureStart and the BHSCT in relation to the resource which the sub group have helped to develop, alongside Anne McKeown and Elizabeth Dalton. The programme has been costed, with low cost and higher cost options. Brian Nelson will look at a number of budgets to see if there is any underspend for the programme. BHSCT may be able to help with reprographic costs. Maggie to meet with reprographics to see if they can produce the materials needed. The sub group aims to gain certainty about the product by September and try to get 10 settings on board by July 2016.

Action: Meeting with BHSCT reprographics dept.

Action: Certainty about dental health programme by September LPG meeting.

5.2 Networking event arrangements

The networking event will take place in late September. Key stakeholders for this event are funders, politicians and schools. The LPG would like to increase their awareness in schools and develop links with pastoral workers and EWOs. A sub group meeting will take place before the next LPG meeting.

Action: Una/Maggie to reconvene sub group asap

5.3 Poverty sub group

There are no new updates on the poverty sub group.

Action: Sub group member to report back as necessary on citywide initiatives

6. Inner East Family Support Hub Update

Colin gave an update on the Inner East Family Support hub. There have been over 40 referrals to the hub to date. Emerging issues include behavioural issues among primary school children and ethnic minorities. Colin noted there is an increase in poverty related issues, such as debt advice, which has a direct link to housing issues.

Outer South East Family Support Hub

Gerry gave an update on the Outer South East Family Support hub. Barnardos are the lead body the hub. There will be two upcoming shadow meetings. The group acknowledged that the LPG would have a vital role in this hub process as planning is essential. It was noted that education would be a big influence in this hub, however most schools fall into the remit of the other hub and this could prove a difficulty. The group discussed how it would be more about the hub area where children live, rather than the school which they attend.

It was clear that a logistical discussion needs to take place with all the key agencies showing coverage areas of their organisations; this needs to be shown on a map so boundary areas can be easily seen.

Action: Group to get together to discuss logistics of boundary areas

Colin pointed out that an emerging issue from the hub and at a wider level has been the effect of a number of suicides. There have been 6 in South, 3 in North and 3 in West Belfast in recent months. The group discussed that there has to be a community response, with plans in place. It was also pointed out that this could have a large impact on the hub services. It was also added that it would be good to have FASA training for a number of hub/locality members in the area. Maggie noted it is important to find out who has been trained. The Trust will be offering more places for ASIST training before Christmas.

Action: Colin to find which members of the hub have had FASA training

7. Feedback from Belfast Area Outcomes Group

Maggie gave feedback from the last Belfast Outcomes Group. Belfast City Council agreed to send members of the organisation to the Locality Planning Groups, as they do not normally attend. Gerry updated members about the funding situation and reported back on the funding panel. There will be a further, more detailed breakdown of funding circulated among members when finalised by the Trust this week.

8. Member Updates

Mencap are hoping to move into their new building at the beginning of 2016.

9. Any Other Business

The world's first Baby Day is taking place in Belfast on Sunday 27th September 2015. There will be a number of activities taking place across Belfast, organised by Replay Theatre Company.

The Eastside Arts Festival will be taking place from 19th-31st August. Over the 12 days there will be comedy, movies, theatre, talks, workshops, exhibitions, poetry, events for the young and old, community events and heritage tours.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 16 th September 2015 @ 10am	-	East Belfast Partnership
Wednesday 18 th November 2015 @ 10am	-	East Belfast Partnership