

MINUTES

**EAST BELFAST LPG MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
12 January 2016 AT 10am IN EBP OFFICE, NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, BELFAST.**

PRESENT:

Maggie Andrews	East Belfast Partnership
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Amy Gillen	Alternatives (Inner East Family Support Hub)
Kathy Watters	Belfast City Council
Alison Templeton	New Life Counselling
Joanna Zurawicka	Extern
Alice Caldwell	FACES Extern
Yvonne Cowan	BHSCT
Irene Blanchard	East Belfast Counselling
Lorraine Brennan	BHSCT
Linda Armitage	EBCDA
Nicola Hannigan	Barnardo's (Outer South and East Hub)
Sam White	Resolve
Sarah Ombler	Resolve
Paul McCombe	NIHE
Aine Kelly	Save the Children
Mary McManus	EBIAC

APOLOGIES:

Geraldine O'Regan	East Belfast Sure Start
Matt McCullough	Youth Initiatives
Claire Humphrey	Barnardo's (Outer South and East Hub)
Tracey Wilson	Oasis
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Una Casey	CYPSP

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Maggie welcomes everyone and a round of introductions took place.

2. Apologies

As recorded above.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes agreed as accurate.

4. Matters Arising

Indicator work can be found on the CYPSP website

5. Action Plan - Feedback from working groups

Maggie noted that school attendance issues are on the action plan and this is going to be a key priority in the coming months due to the changes in the local primary schools. It was noted that Queen's University are doing work along with local schools to address these attendance rates. Locality Group to link in where possible and be kept up to date about this work.

Action: Maggie to update group re. work with Queen's University around school attendance

5.1 Infant Dental Health project

The current situation with the Dental Health resources is that they are at the printing stage with the reprographics department in the Trust. Yvonne noted that she would aim to get this pushed forward as it has been sitting with the printers for some time.

Action: Yvonne to try and get resource printing prioritised.

5.2 Networking event arrangements

Locality Group have agreed that the education networking event needs to take place in order to engage local schools. It was discussed that it would be good to have local politicians involved to raise the profile of the event. The hubs have agreed it would be good to be on board with this event, to raise awareness of their services. There were discussions around the need to get key teachers along to the event and the Locality Planning Group, Laura agreed to contact the local area education representative to get someone to attend of behalf of education.

Action: Laura to get an education representative to the Locality Planning meetings

5.3 Poverty sub group

Neighbourhood renewal have produced an A6 sized directory of crisis services about surviving January with debt information, Family Support Hub information etc. to send to all houses in the Inner and Outer East Belfast area. There have been 20,000 printed to distribute locally. The importance of the initiative was highlighted in light of the implementation of welfare reform in the spring. Members agreed it would be good to link this in with the action plan around poverty.

Action: Laura to update action plan re. poverty initiative

6. Family Support Hubs update

Inner East Family Support Hub Update

Amy updated the group on the Inner East Family Support Hub. There have been 136 referrals to date. The most common source of referrals are self-referrals, schools and health visitors. There has been an increase in GP referrals; this is likely due to the presentation given at the GP federation. The most common issues include financial support, emotional and behavioural support for primary schools age

children. Also parental support and childcare are highlighted as common referrals. Unmet need includes childcare support for parents utilising services, ASD assessment and support for families (work being done by EISS). There are currently 37 members, 20 core and 17 associate.

Outer South and East Family Support Hub Update

Nicola gave the group an update on the Outer South and East Family Support Hub. There have been 2 shadow meetings and 3 hub meetings. The launch will be on the 19th January in the Ivanhoe from 9-10.30. Nicola explained that the difficulty in this hub has been establishing the areas, as there is a large area covered by this hub. Outer South and East hub covers the following areas: Belmont, Knock, Stormont, Cherryvalley, Tullycarnet, Gilnahirk, Lower Braniel, Upper Braniel, Hillfoot, Cregagh, Downshire, Lisnasharragh, Beechill, Wynchurch, Newtownbreda, Knockbracken, Carryduff East, Carryduff West, Cairnshill, Moneyreagh, Ballyhanwood, Dundonald, Enler, Graham's Bridge and Gallwally. There have been 20 referrals in this hub to date, these have either been self-referrals, GP referrals or referrals from schools. There are currently 25 hub members, 11 core and 14 associate members. The most common referrals are Children's behaviour, early years assessments for ASD and ADHD and financial help.

Action: Laura to circulate hub launch details

7. Feedback from Belfast Area Outcomes Group/ LPG Chairs meeting

The services which have been commissioned by the Belfast Outcomes Group will be circulated in a paper, after it has been presented to the Outcomes Group. The issues around the Family Support Hubs funding will be presented at the Outcomes Group, and also the main sources of referrals will be presented by the chairs of the Locality Planning Groups. There will be a presentation from OFMDFM about the Children's Strategy and Steven Agnew's bill. It will be created by 2017 and all organisations are encouraged to be a part of it. There was a suggestion that it may be beneficial to get a representative from OFMDFM to come and talk about the strategy to the Family Support Hub meetings. There will also be discussions around who should be attending the Outcomes Group and who is around the table. Updates on these conversations will be presented at the next East Belfast Locality Planning Group meeting in March.

The Belfast Locality Planning Group chairs are continuing to meet on a regular basis to discuss the needs of LPGs. The reporting mechanism for the LPG to feed back to the Outcomes Group was discussed, and this will be presented in a more structured way going forward, highlighting the gaps in services which are discussed and the issues being faced by LPG members.

8. ASCERT training dates

Due to the scale of the interest in the Steps to Cope information, the East Belfast Locality Planning Group have decided to have a two day training course in conjunction with Steps to Cope. The ASCERT Steps to Cope training will be taking place on the 24th and 25th February. Laura will circulate information, and those who are interested should indicate by response.

Action: Those who are interested in Steps to Cope training to email Laura

9. Sexual Exploitation follow up work

It was suggested by members that there should be some follow up work done on the Chelsea's choice and sexual exploitation presentations. The group agreed that more could be done to correlate this work and it could be connected to the Sexual Health Forum. Maggie reported that the Area Partnerships had recently met with Bernie McNally and her colleagues in DHSSPS who are leading the outworking of the recommendations made in the Marshall Report; Child Sexual Exploitation in Northern Ireland Report of the Independent Inquiry. Progress has already been made to establish 5 Public Protection units in the PSNI – co-terminus with the Trust areas. They are keen to develop strategic links with work being undertaken in local areas ; ensuring that the new pathways for support are clear, public awareness is good and that resources are effectively disseminated. It was agreed that it would be useful to invite Bernie McNally and her team to a future meeting.

Action:

10. Member Updates

- Alison told the group that New Life Counselling provides counselling in Skainos for children and young people. They also have one-to-one counselling for primary school children, working with Healthy Living Centre's and Parenting NI. Members of the group agreed this was very informative and good information to provide to the hubs, as there are gaps in this area.
- Irene (East Belfast Counselling) noted that they are working with teenagers in co-operation with Parenting NI to promote their mental health recovery programme which is launching soon in Ashfield Boys and Girls schools. These referrals will be by GP only.
- Linda made the group aware that the yoga class starts back tonight at the Networking Centre from 6-7 and there is an option of paying or not paying for the class, depending on your financial situation.
- There is a hard hat tour of the Connswater Community Greenway, which will have a link with those who live and work in East Belfast, members were encouraged to go along to this.
- Belfast City Council have an after schools club in Dee Street 3 days a week, funded with Children in Need funding.

11. Any Other Business

No other business was recorded

12. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 16 th March 2016 @ 10am	East Belfast Partnership Board
--	--------------------------------

Wednesday 18 th May 2016 @ 10am	East Belfast Partnership Board
Wednesday 20 th July 2016 @10am	East Belfast Partnership Board
Wednesday 21 st September 2016 @ 10am	East Belfast Partnership Board
Wednesday 16 th November 2016 @10am	East Belfast Partnership Board