

**West Belfast Locality Planning Group
Wednesday 3 April 2019
Spectrum Centre 331 Shankill Rd, Belfast BT13 3AB**

Attending:

Deborah Burnett	Greater Falls FSH
Ihintz Oleden	Upper Springfield/ Whiterock FSH
Dympna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership
Joanne Menabney	Greater Shankill FSH
Nicola Verner	Greater Shankill Partnership
Mairead Gilmartin	Outer West Surestart
Nan Hill	CAP
Seamus Mc Cann	National Lottery Community Fund
Martin Sloane	Locality Planning Co-ordinator EIST
Karen Burns	EIST BHSCT

Apologies:

Natalie Killough	Early Intervention Co-ordinator BHSCT
Dympna Mc Keown	Belfast & Lisburn Womens Aid
Pamela Hughes	Kids Together Belfast
Emma Allen	MUMO Forthspring Inter Community Group
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI
Nicola Terik	NI Libraries
Penny Amborse	Beechmount SureStart
Leontia Mc Kenna	Outer West FSH

1. Introductions and Welcome

Deirdre Walsh welcomed members to the meeting and apologies received recorded above. Deirdre offered Congratulations to all the Family Support hub who had received a Lord Mayor of Belfast Award. This is a great recognition for the work of the Family Support Hubs.

2. Minutes of Previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate account.

3. Presentations

National Lottery Community Fund

Seamus Mc Cann, NLCF, update members on the work of the fund and how the application and allocation process works.

The "Awards for All" programme is open to all organisation who are applying for funding under £10,000. The turn-around time for applications is general 6 – 8 weeks. At present only 40% of applications are successful.

With larger applications, People and Communities or Empowering Young People, the NLCF would advise applicants to contact them in advance of any application so that they can offer support and advice throughout the process. Funding at this level can be between £10,000 and £500,000.

Funding is allocated to organisations on a geographical bases which is marked out along-side any government funding they may be allocated in that area.

The application is very open and transparent but can seem prolonged to groups applying. The NLCF would encourage connectivity between organisations who wish to apply and look to see if there is sustainability of the programmes. The committee do not always see sustainability as being measured in monetary terms.

All applications are presented to a committee of members who are made up from the community and voluntary sectors. Organisations cannot present their own application to the committee.

60% of applications that are unsuccessful will reapply at a later stage.

CAP

Nan Hill, Cap Manager Belfast Finaghy, updated members on the work of her organisation. CAP are a Christian Organisation offer advice offering advice and to support to families and individuals who are struggling with debt and are regulated by the FSA.

Initial contact with CAP will be through a Freephone number, advisors will then gather information before forwarding the person to a local regional office. The service is offered to people within their own home and aims to meet the needs of each individual. The person centred service supports people to develop life-long skills around managing money. The organisation also offer group support service, this is an 8 week course offering coaching and essential skills through a job club.

The Finaghy office cover the postcode areas of BT9, BT10, BT11 and BT17

Action: Martin Sloane, LPG Co-ordinator, to distribute contact details to group members

4. Matters Arising

National Lottery Community Fund are making contact with the Family Support Hubs across Belfast to arrange a visit to attend a Hub meeting.

CDC and S< are continuing to research into pre-natal and infant mental health.

5. Family Support Hub Updates

Family Support Hubs are at the end of the recording period and are currently collating statistics. An update will be provided at the next LPG meeting.

Hubs are currently awaiting confirmation on additional funding for 2019/2020, this would enable them to provide new services.

Common themes for referrals are low mood, social isolation among young people and anxiety in primary and secondary school age children.

ETI are now involved with Surestarts. Questions raised around Surestarts connection with primary schools and working in partnership.

Teachers are reporting huge gaps in services for children age 5 – 10, as there is no wrap around service for children after the age of 4. Teachers are finding it more difficult to distinguish between children with additional needs and challenging behaviours.

6. BAOG

There was presentation on Outcomes Star as an evaluation tool. It is out to consultation and costings for groups looked at. This model is currently used by Surestart and will be rolled out regionally.

Discuss around obtaining data from Education Authority and Childcare Partnership in relation to gaps in services for 5 – 10 years old. What provisions are in place to help to develop provisions for these children.

Also look at accessing information on children who are currently on a reduced school timetable. This is currently also being addressed by the Children's Commissioner NI.

7. AOB

Locality Planning Group, CYPSP, are hosting an event for all schools in the area to discuss services available to support children and young people living in the area.

Action: Martin to invite organisations and services to come along and present their service.

Research on Gaming carried out by the Prince's Trust was distributed to members.

Blackie River Centre will begin accepting referrals in May 2019 for their ASD programme.

The Red Cross will be attending the GSP Hub meeting with information on the Buddy programme.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 5 June 2019, venue to be confirmed.