

**Minutes of East Belfast Locality Planning Group
Wednesday 08 May 2019
East Belfast Network Centre, 55 Templemore Avenue, BT5 4FP**

Attending:

Maggie Andrews	Eastside Partnership (Chair)
Barbara Wallis	Eastside Partnership
Sinead Hanna	Team Lead Health Visiting BHSCT
Paul O'Neill	Acting Team Lead, EIST BHSCT
Linda Armitage	EBDCA
Nicola Hannigan	East Belfast Community counselling. VSS
Julie Clark	Life NI/ Life hostel
Tracy Wilson	EBSS
Amy Gillen	EBCDA
Rosy McLean	Inner East FSH/ NI Alternatives
Alison Templeton	New Life Counselling
Stephen Cruise	Oasis Caring in Action
James Scott	BDACT Connections
Martin Sloane	Locality Planning Co-ordinator EIST
Claire Humphrey	OSE FSH/ Barnardos

Apologies:

Natalie Killough	BHSCT
Annette McCann	Co-ordinator for FAST programme
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI
Nuala McStravick	Bryson Future skills
Michelle Kelly	BCC Councillor
Gillian Boyd	Cedar

1. Apologies and Welcome

Maggie Andrews opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. Apologies received recorded above. Martin reported that Michelle Kelly, a newly elected Councillor is keen to attend LPG. It was agreed that Martin and Maggie meet her to brief her on the work of the LPG.

2. Minutes

Minute of previous meeting accepted as a true and accurate record. One change was noted under point 5 of previous minutes. The Early Years Network had completed Solihull Training, not EBSS. Matters arising for discussion included in Agenda.

3. Pathways Funding Feedback

- Greenway Women's Centre have received pathway funding for respite services.
- Oasis Pathway's funding application was unsuccessful
- Bloomfield Playcare has received funding

Members of LPG felt the loss of Oasis' funding will have a detrimental effect on services available to the Family Support Hubs.

Stephen Cruise, Director of Oasis expressed dissatisfaction at how their application for Pathway funding had been handled indicating that application criteria appeared to have been changed during the process. Stephen plans to continue to challenge the decision.

Members were also informed that Carew Women's Centre have also lost their PEAGs funding.

It was agreed that the loss of these childcare places will have a major impact in terms of services available locally. Maggie suggested that any organisations affected should forward some detail about the impact of the reduction in services and this could be collated to inform a presentation to local elected representatives.

4. Membership

Members felt that it would be beneficial to have a representative from Education Authority on the LPG.

The Cedar Foundation will be represented on LPG.

Sinead Hanna, Team Lead Heath Visiting BHSCT, has now joined the LPG.

Action plan *Peace IV programme on resilience*

5. A £6.4 Million Peace IV Programme: 'Building Peace through Emotional Resilience' is currently out for tender, targeted at children aged 3 to 25 years. Delivery in the 5 'Urban Villages' is to be prioritised

EastSide Learning, Sure Start and EBCDA have been attending associated information sessions and talking to potential lead partners, discussing this programme and its potential to impact in east. It was agreed that knowledge from the LPG will be important to ensure any programme will have the desired impact in east. It was noted that a sub – group from LPG is planning to meet

later in May and there is a commitment to local collaboration to ensure that any programme will reflect local priorities.

6. Take 5 Programme

Claire Humphrey from Barnardos, reported that a really positive discussion took place between Gillian, Martin and herself on how LPG can align with what EBCDA are doing in terms of 'Take 5'.

Claire has developed a template which she suggested could be distributed to members for completion, to gather information about their services that relate to the Take 5 approach. Once collated, this could inform planning for a potential workshop in September and development of an LPG leaflet that could be provided to schools, interest groups and sports groups etc.

Tracey from Sure Start recommended that other organisations attending, consider connecting to the strategic work EBCDA is delivering re; the Take 5 Campaign. Sure Start staff had received this training recently and provided feedback on EBCDA's approach. They had commented on how using the medium of an 'art focussed workshop' had worked really well for them.

Action: Template to be forward to Martin Sloane for distribution for members.

7. Presentation

BDACT

James Scott, BDACT, presented information on the 'Icelandic Model'. Copies of presentation were circulated for members. This evidence based Model had been introduced by the Government in Iceland to address high levels of substance misuse among children and young people. Data was collected from the education sector across all schools in the region

Actions to implement the programme included raising the tobacco and alcohol limit to 20yrs, restricting access to alcohol and tobacco, agreeing a voluntary curfew for young people with parents and allocating an allowance of 430 euro to children and young people to purchase social and leisure activities.

The programme had resulted in a major reduction in evidence of substance misuse. An indirect, unplanned outcome was a reduction in suicide rates among young adults.

There are plans to begin to collect associated data in NI at a regional level.

8. Hubs

Inner East FSH

26 referrals received since last meeting. Largest referral sources are Health Visiting and Self-referral.

Greatest demand has been for behaviour support and ASD support for 5 – 11 year olds.

Finding support for young people seeking counselling has been difficult. There is currently a 3 - 6 month waiting list for stepdown from CAHMS. It was clarified that when they are open to referral, Trinity Counselling can provide an outreach service in East Belfast, if the FSH can source a venue.

Outer South East FSH

32 referrals since last meeting, there has been an increase in self-referrals.

Also expressed concern around waiting list for counselling services and play therapy.

Completed Motivational Interview training. Found this really beneficial in helping to support staff engaging with families.

A new FSH Co-ordinator will be in post soon.

9. AOB

EIST, working on behalf of BAOG have circulated a survey re; Family Support services to a range of stakeholders, including LPG member organisations. Organisations were asked to encourage their service users to complete the survey to ensure that parents' views inform planning for procurement of BAOG Tier 2 Family Support services.

Group Members talked about procurement of services and how the Family Support service landscape may change. Belfast HSC Trust representatives indicated that Family Support Hub leads across the Trust area had highlighted the anxieties in the sector re; the pending procurement process. Chair of meeting Maggie Andrews added that this issue could also be highlighted when meeting with local representatives. .

Next meeting

Wednesday 3 July 2019 at 10am, location to be confirmed.