

**Minutes of East Belfast Locality Planning Group
Wednesday 03 July 2019
Eastside Partnership Board
Avalon House
278-280 Newtownards Road
Belfast BT5 1HE**

Attending:

Maggie Andrews	Eastside Partnership Board (Chair)
Barbara Wallace	Eastside Partnership Board
Martin Sloan	BHSCT/CYPSP
Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Maria Rogan	Parenting (NI) Visitor
Charlene Mitchell	Barnardos – OSEB Hub
Linda Armitage	EBCDA
Stephen Cruise	Oasis Caring in Action

Apologies:

Tracy Wilson	EBSS
Julie Clark	Life NI/Life Hostel
Rosie McLean	Inner East FSH/NI Alternative
Nuala McStravick	Bryson Future Skills
Michelle Kelly	BCC Councillor
Sinead Hanna	Team Lead Health Visiting BHSCT

In Attendance:

Marie Smith – LPG Administrator

1. Apologies and Welcome

Maggie Andrews opened the meeting by welcoming those present. Apologies received and recorded above.

2. Presentation

Parenting NI

Maria Rogan from parenting NI provided a presentation outlining the findings from the 'Parental Participation Project – Regional Parenting Survey 2018/2019.

The presentation was followed by a wide ranging discussion, among members. A copy of the presentation and the web link to access the full report is to be circulated. The Chair thanked Maria for attending and for providing this interesting and thought provoking information.

It was agreed, that input would be sought from Locality Planning Group to assist with shaping the next stages of the consultation process. The Chair

suggested that East Belfast LPG through its membership could assemble a cohort of parents to provide a focus group and to assist the consultation exercise. Maria suggested that the draft questionnaire will be shared for discussion purposes in order to assist with the next stage.

ACTION: LPG Co-ordinator to circulate presentation and web link for above presentation.

www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Regional-Survey-Report-2019.pdf

Maria Rogan Parenting NI to link with LPG Co-ordinator to follow up on questionnaire and next stage consultation discussion.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Previous minutes were agreed as a true and accurate account.

4. Matters Arising.

- Membership: Cedar Foundation will be represented on LPG – name to be confirmed.
Sinead Hanna, Team Lead Heath Visiting BHSC, has now joined the LPG.
Michael Hall – Area Youth Manager also to progress to membership.
- Peace 1V update – Linda updated members on involvement of Healthy Living Centres, specifically EBCDA in the application process. She advised that no information regarding their application will be available until October 2019. The focus of this funding is around building resilience.

5. Take 5 Programme

The co-ordinator advised members that a questionnaire template has been circulated across the membership of East LPG.

Only two templates have been returned. Following a meeting by the sub groups on establishing the way forward it was agreed that an information session will be held for all members on 25th Sept 2019. This event will be a workshop to promote the benefits of the Take 5 initiative across the sector. The Co-ordinator advised that potentially there may be a small financial allocation to support this event. There was a discussion about access to funding to support LPG 'events'. It was noted that this funding appeared to be a 'one-off' opportunity provided by BHSC. It was agreed that further discussion is required at LPG to ensure that where funding may be available agreement is sought about the use of this at full LPG meetings.

Action:

Co-ordinator and subgroup to progress plans for the workshop. LPG to discuss funding at future meeting.

6. Pathways/Childcare briefing for Politicians – Update:

The Chair circulated a paper outlining the impact of recent cuts to early year's services; in particular by Sure Start and Family Support Hubs.. A copy of this paper has been forwarded to Paul O'Neill CSM Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to include information regarding trust intervention within the locality. The Chair explained that a meeting with local politicians regarding the issues identified within the paper is planned. It was agreed that any childcare closure or loss of funding within east Belfast has a very significant impact across the community.

7. Resilience sub-group feedback

- Sub Group Meeting

The Chair circulated the notes from the sub- group on resilience held on Monday 20th May 2019. The group all agreed to encourage a collaborative approach to identify services that could provide some respite opportunities for families while they are waiting for more formal support. This could just be about making more activities 'family friendly' that are currently just being targeted at children or adults exclusively.

The discussion at the sub group had served to inform priorities for actions to be delivered under the SEUPB – Building Peace through Emotional Resilience funding call. A robust and engaging conversation followed and it became apparent that all members attending are wholly committed to this approach.

- Summer Scheme

Linda Armitage EBCDA advised that leaflets have been compiled identifying opportunities for local families over the summer period. The Partnership and EBCDA have been working together to ensure that services will reach families that otherwise may not be aware of these. Places have been set aside on summer scheme family trips for referrals from hubs. Food banks etc.

8. Hub:

FSH Area:	Inner East Belfast
Timeframe:	8/5/19 – 3/7/19
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	51
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	1188
Source of Service Requests:	Health visitors, self-referrals, GP, school (less frequently – Gateway, community)
Key Gaps identified:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No childcare provision in East Belfast -Long waiting lists for community counselling/play therapy for all ages -Lack of provision for families with a child with ASD
Key Successes identified:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Youth mentoring -Socially isolated parents – recent group started by Red Cross has been successful in forming a group -Home visiting for behaviour and parenting support still being used well
AOB for Sharing:	

FSH Area:	Outer South & East Belfast FSH - Charlene Mitchell
Timeframe:	May/June 2019
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	12 for South 47 for East
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	876
Source of Service Requests:	Health Visiting, Self-Referrals, GP Services, Education Welfare Services.
Key Gaps identified:	<p>Support for families pre ASD diagnosis</p> <p>Carryduff area- reports of social isolation</p> <p>Behaviour management support both programmes and home support</p> <p>Maternal Mental Health (Anxiety/Depression) – increase in requests for alternative therapies</p> <p>School Refusal/Reduced Timetable – increase in referrals from Education Welfare</p> <p>Waiting lists for services- some are currently closed and others potentially have a three month wait before families can be accommodated.</p>
Key Successes identified:	<p>New Co-Ordinator Charlene Mitchell started in May</p> <p>The Family Support Hub continues to make links within the local community and despite gaps in services, the team continue to source support for families.</p>

A robust discussion followed the FSH's feedback, specifically regarding the issue of the management of school inclusion / exclusion and data collation regarding this. It was agreed that this is an area wide issue and through the course of the discussion, it was agreed that this concern be clearly relayed to the BAOG for support in order to establish the actual numbers impacted on.

ACTION: LPG Co-ordinator to raise this concern at BAOG.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 11 September, venue to be confirmed