

West Belfast Locality Planning Group
Wednesday 7 August 2019 at 10.00am at
Spectrum Centre 331 Shankill Rd, Belfast BT13 3AB

Attending:

Deborah Burnett	Greater Falls FSH
Ihintz Olliden	Upper Springfield/ Whiterock FSH
Joanne Menabney	Greater Shankill Partnership FSH
Nicola Verner	Greater Shankill Partnership
Mairead Gilmartin	Outer West SureStart
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount SureStart
Deirdre Walsh	Whiterock Children's Centre, Chair LPG
Nicola Terlik	NI Libraries
Heather Floyd	MUMO Forthspring Inter Community Group
Annette Mc Cann	Save the Children
Martin Sloane	Locality Planning Co-ordinator EIST
Karen Burns	EIST BHSCT

Apologies:

Kyle Duncan	Autism NI
Nuala Mc Stravick	Bryson Future Skills
Dypmna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership
Natalie Killough	BHSCT
Leontia Mc Kenna	Outer West FSH
Kelly Maxwell	Autism NI

1. Welcome

Deirdre Walsh, Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and commenced with a round of introductions.

2. Minutes

Minute of previous meeting accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Presentation:

Penny Ambrose Beechmount Surestart, Mairead Gilmartin Outerwest Surestart

Both Co-ordinators informed members of the work carried out and core principles of the Sure Start programmes.

Regionally there are 39 SureStarts which are managed by a variety of community, voluntary and statutory organisations. All SureStart offer a variety of services and support to families in need.

The presentation highlighted the work of the Learning and Development programmes for children with additional needs in respect of speech and language or behaviour.

It was agreed that this was an excellent presentation that raised awareness of the work Surestarts are engaged in.

See attached presentation for additional information.

4. Matters Arising

ASD/School-aged children.

There was discussion about the high numbers of children presenting for ASD assessment and the related issue of children who are on reduced hours from both primary and nursery schools.

The need for training and support for schools in managing these issues was raised.

It was noted that due to the nature of how these numbers are recorded it can be difficult to identify the extent of the problem.

Children, and their families, who may not go on to receive a diagnosis may still require support and services.

The need for a collaborative approach in tackling these issues was discussed. In response to the large numbers of children presenting with ASD/ADHD to the FS Hubs an event is planned for the autumn which will involve the Trust diagnostic service.

Save the Children;

The work of this organisation with the Falls Full Service Community Network, working in schools with primary 1 and 2 in respect of numeracy and literacy was discussed as a positive support for children.

Annette Mc Cann from Save the Children is keen to provide a presentation to the group to update them on their work and projects in West Belfast.

Procurement;

An update was provided and this process is on track for autumn for delivery in 2020.

The question in respect of criminal convictions of organisation employees was raised. It was clarified that there will be an opportunity during the process to raise these and other issues.

Actions:

Report issues raised to BAOG

Annette McCann to be invited to present an overview at the next meeting.

Family Support Hub Update

FSH Area:	Greater Falls
Timeframe:	June/July 19
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	25
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	922
Source of Service Requests:	GP, Health visitors, RISE team, EWO, Social Worker, Community org. Adult Mental Health team, Voluntary org. Self-referrals
Key Gaps identified: Adult counselling, Disability support (specifically ASD)	
Key Successes identified: Continued support from community, voluntary & statutory	
AOB for Sharing:	

FSH Area:	Shankill
Timeframe:	June 2019 July 2019
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	22 - June 21 - July
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	920
Source of Service Requests:	Self Health Visitor School CAMHS GP Gateway / social services
Key Gaps identified: Specific ASD Supports Supports for Children 7-11 one to one not counselling	

Key Successes identified:

Coordinator met with NB housing coordinator and provided information on the services within Shankill. This will allow for a housing approach to be brought to the Hub meetings

Other links have been made with Youth Justice and Changing lives initiative.

AOB for Sharing:

None

FSH Area:	OWB FSH
Timeframe:	June, July
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	30 referrals received, for 63 individuals signposted to services or directly benefiting from a service/s
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	652
Source of Service Requests:	Self, Re-referrals, community groups, GP, Occupational therapists, School nurse, Gateway, Children's disability team, educational psychology, Camhs, EA Youth Service,
<p>Key Gaps identified:</p> <p>Counselling service for children under 14 Drug Support service for adults Self-care –Alternative therapies Family counselling</p>	
<p>Key Successes identified:</p> <p>Hub Co-ord Completing Training – Level 4 Professional Practitioner in Early Intervention Work Certificate Hub Co-ord Completing Training – to be assessor for Level 3 Practitioner in Early Intervention Work Certificate Family support worker completing training in Level 3 Professional Practitioner in Early Intervention Work Certificate Youth Mentor completing training in Level 3 Professional Practitioner in Early Intervention Work Certificate</p>	

Linking into foodbank and local community groups to avail of school uniforms

Obtaining new bed for child, decoration of room and furniture, obtaining financial assistance for families re uniforms, stationary, PE gear, etc.

AOB for Sharing:

Issue with referral forms not having correct contact information, also missing information i.e. DOB, what services are required – mainly presenting in GP referrals

FSH Area:	Upper Springfield/Whiterock/Falls park
Timeframe:	1 st June 2019 - 31 st July 2019
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	33
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	1043
Source of Service Requests:	Self, GP, School, EWO, Gateway, Health Visitor, CAMHS, community organisations, Adult mental health services.
Key Gaps identified:	<p>Gaps are mainly around :</p> <p>Disability Support</p> <p>One –to–one mentoring support for 12-17 age groups</p> <p>ASD Supports following diagnosis</p> <p>Mentoring one to one support</p> <p>Counselling for Children and Young people:</p>
Key Successes identified:	<p>Services were provided for all referrals received in this time frame.</p>
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Feedback from BAOG

Feedback was provided as follows, on issues of relevance, discussed at the meeting of the Belfast Area Outcomes Group held in early July.

Issues raised by LPGs in relation to ADHD/ ASD and EA/DE - reduced timetables were forwarded to the BAOG who were advised that plans are in place to facilitate an ASD/ADHD related Belfast wide workshop type event in the Autumn period. It was agreed that this was a massive issue that was having a serious impact at LPG level as well as at a regional level

There was some discussion around the future procurement of BAOG funded services and community / voluntary sector organisations' anxieties in relation to this process. These concerns were acknowledged and members were advised that they are being dealt with as far as possible within the bounds of the procurement process

A discussion about Community Planning with Belfast City Council took place and a paper from Kevin Heaney on this subject was circulated to the Outcomes Group. BAOG representation on the 'Living Here' Board facilitated by BCC was discussed and a number of BAOG members said they would like to be considered.

Action:

The West Belfast LPG Action Plan to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

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Next Meeting and venue

Wednesday 2nd Oct 2019 to be held in Falls Road Library