

Report from Locality Planning Groups to Belfast Area Outcomes Group

Months September - November 2020

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| <p>Current Issues being Discussed at LPG: Including: Gaps in services/Emerging needs</p> | <p>LPGs have continued to meet virtually – the same issues are arising in each locality</p> <p>EDUCATION – Initiatives are being progressed in some localities to support children and families in terms of education</p> <p>DISABILITY SERVICES – significant stresses in this service have been identified, respite care, closures of Special Schools etc – as services begin to get stood up it is hoped that this will improve.</p> <p>POVERTY – It is anticipated that this is going to increase significantly – initiatives are being progressed in localities and on a Belfast wide basis. The post Christmas period has also been identified as significant concern in terms of poverty.</p> |
| <p>Recent Achievements by the Locality Planning Group. How much did we do? How well did we do it? Is anyone better off? (can be included as a report card)</p> | <p>A number of scoping exercises have taken place in each locality in Belfast – these exercises were carried out to ascertain if organisations/agencies had any facilities that were not in use and that could be used by others to deliver services.</p> <p>This has proved to be a very positive piece of engagement and has opened a number of channels – the most notable being dialogue and planning between Belfast City Council and FSH/LPG which is at an advanced stage.</p> <p>A number of suitable facilities have been identified and offered as a resource by organisations.</p> <p>Sub – groups have been formed in each locality in response to Poverty and Education concerns.</p> <p>Improved collaboration and co-operation has occurred between organisations and</p> |

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| | agencies in order to meet emerging need, Locality Planning has been central to these initiatives |
| Engagement with Children and Young People, Parents/Carers: including numbers | Consultations and papers have been carried out by a number of partner agencies in order to help model and develop services and responses to emerging and existing need. |
| Meetings Held: Break down of number of meetings held: How many attended: | Virtual Meetings WBLPG, 6 TH October 2020, 19 Attended, 17 th November 20, 15 Attended; NBLPG, 1 ST October 2020, 19 Attended, 24 th November 20, 20 Attended; SBLPG/EBLPG, 20 TH October 2020, 24 Attended; |
| Upcoming Events: | Poverty and Education initiatives for all localities in Belfast have been instigated – as a result of sub – groups been formed to look at this need. Groups/agencies have been working collaboratively across the city to deliver including sharing facilities and resources – an example of this is that of the Odyssey being used by organisations to prepare food hampers and toy parcels etc. |
| Additional Information: | It is envisaged that organisations and children/families that have previously been engaged in 1 – 1 work and small group work that has ceased due to Covid 19 will be able to resume with support and collaboration from other organisations. |

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