

**South and East Belfast Ordinary Locality Planning  
Meeting  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 at 10am**

**Attendees:**

Natasha Brennan	Lorag/Chair
Paul O'Neill	CSM Early Years Services, BHSCT
Barbara Wallace	Eastside Partnership
Bronagh O'Dwyer	NOW Goup
Gillian Boyd	Cedar Foundation
Linda Armitage	East Belfast Community Development Agency
Natasha Moore	South I FSH
Rosy McLean	Inner East FSH
Stephen Cruise	Oasis
Jane Turnbull	Forward South Partnership
Catherine Downey	Forward South Partnership
Maggie Andrews	Eastside Partnership
Barbara Smith	Eastside Partnership
Damien Grant	Education Authority
Angela Graham	Extern
Dee Brennan	Short Strand Community Forum
Tracey Wilson	East Belfast Sure Start
Karolina Morgan	South II/CASA FSH
Kathy Watters	Belfast City Council
Charlene Mitchell	Outer South FSH
Rachel Davison	Walkway Community Centre
Alison Robinson	South Belfast Sure Start
Denise Smith	Belfast City Council
Joan Henderson	Solas
Mary Murphy	Early Intervention Team, BHSCT
Jennifer Heverin	BHSCT/LPG Administration

**Apologies:**

Amy Ashe	East Belfast Community Development Agency
Ann Marie Doyle	Princes' Trust
Gabi Mornhinweg	Community Developments and PPI, BHSCT
Gareth Maguire	Sport Changes Life
James Scott	Extern
Joan Devlin	Belfast Healthy Cities
Jonathan Cockcroft	Education Authority
Joy Poots	South Belfast Sure Start
Judith Searle	Barnardo's
Laura Forte	NIACRO
Mary McManus	East Belfast Independent Advice Centre
Phil Lindsay	Barnardo's

Sandra McCarry  
Sinead Campbell  
William Olphert  
Grainne McHugh  
Claire Humphrey  
Jackie Wallace

BHSCT  
Advice NI  
Chinese Welfare Association  
South Belfast SureStart  
Barnardo's  
Stranmillis Primary School

### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Natasha Brennan opened the meeting by welcoming those present and facilitating a round of introductions.

Paul O'Neill then gave an update of the role he will be playing in the Locality Planning Groups going forward. The former LPG Coordinator, Martin Sloane has not only been redeployed but has also been off ill from before Christmas. Paul is not taking over Martin's role but has stepped in to oversee the LPG meetings. Much has happened since the last South & East LPG meeting in December so Paul felt it was the right time to resume the ordinary meetings and look at a path forward for the LPG's.

### **2. Previous Minutes**

The last ordinary meeting took place on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and these are the minutes of that meeting.

The first action point was around an Education Sub-Group being organised, Natasha stated that this will be discussed under point 4 on today's agenda. Regarding the other action points, all required documentation will be resent as the meeting was so long ago.

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and no amendments required.

### **3. Discussion around reverting to separate South & East LPG Meetings**

From around June 2020 the South Belfast LPG & East Belfast LPG combined to have joint LPG meetings. Everyone acknowledged that this has been very useful and much learning has taken place for both groups through the mutual sharing of ideas and initiatives. However, due to specific localised issues and matters it is felt that the time has now arisen to revert to the original LPG groups to enable people to plan for their own areas.

With regards to East Belfast LPG there is a vacancy for a Chairperson. Paul O'Neill stated that anyone who is interested in the role to contact him, although letters and

documentation will be issued around this. Natasha Brennan is also available to take queries and questions around the role of an LPG chair.

**ACTION:** Role of Chair and Expression of Interest to be issued.

#### **4. Updates on Poverty Sub-Group/Education Sub Group**

From January to March 2021 focus was centred on the Belfast City Council funding so the two sub-groups did not meet up, however this is something that can be reviewed going forward.

With regards to poverty Natasha Brennan wanted to take this opportunity and ask the delivery partners for some feedback on the projects:

##### ***Baby Packs***

Tracey Wilson - East Belfast Sure Start administered the delivery of 300 baby bags, all of which have now been distributed. Alongside Health Visitors, a wide range of organisations made use of them. The feedback has been very positive.

Alison Robinson – South Belfast Sure Start reiterated Tracey's message and advised that they still have some baby bags left for anyone in the area that needs them.

##### ***Nutrition***

Natasha Moore – Ballynafeigh undertook the distribution of nutrition family packs for South Belfast. They received excellent feedback and are currently collecting data and monitoring forms which should be completed by early May.

Barbara Smith – the project went well and engagement was good. They still have over £5,000 left. Feedback was very positive and it was reported the programme made a difference.

##### ***Activity Packs***

Natasha Moore – South Belfast spent their area specific money on children's outdoor activity packs to encourage children to get out and get active. These packs should be available by the end of April. There are 260 in total which will be split as 130 packs each for South Belfast and East Belfast.

A short discussion then took place as to who can avail of the packs and how they should be distributed. It was finally agreed that this would be open to all organisations, not just LPG members and would be on a first come first served basis. Each organisation can apply for up to 10 packs.

##### ***Wi-Fi Cards***

Paul O'Neill - Gerry Largey is working hard on this, ironing out some final issues and is near completion.

Jane Turnbull – Education Authority have advised that schools can apply for free BT Wi-Fi cards. Not all areas are covered but the BT site will show which areas are. Belfast is well covered. If you have a family in an available Wi-Fi area you can encourage them to ask the school for a free BT Wi-Fi card. Jane will circulate details.  
**ACTION** – Jane Turnbull to forward details of schools/BT Wi-Fi cards for circulation.

## **5. Members Updates**

### **Jane Turnbull – Forward South Partnership**

Next week is the launch of the 'Dream a Little Dream' YouTube videos. The Step Project won the Belfast Healthy Cities Young People and Families Wellbeing Award last December, which included the Dream a Little Dream workshops. The book received very positive feedback so it has now been developed into two YouTube videos; one is the telling of the story by the author, the other is the 'Luna's Worry Warrior Workshop' which is a session delivered by a play therapist. A worry warrior handbook is also available for download. Anyone who would like a copy of the book, links to YouTube, a handbook etc., can contact Jane and she will issue.

## 6. FSH Updates

<b>FSH Area:</b>	South Belfast II
<b>Timeframe:</b>	08/12/2020-22/04/2021
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	126
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	8 since 01/04/2021 232 between 01/04/2020- 31/03/2021
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	Community organisations-35, Self-43, School-21, Sure Start-9, Health Visitor-6, GP-3, Voluntary organisation- 3, Gataway-1, Rise Team-1, EWO-1
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b>	Financial Support Child Care Support Play Therapy Emotional support for adults
<b>Key Successes identified:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Belfast Sure Start deliver Mindfulness Program for Mothers and Babies funded with Covid -19 emergency respond money</li> <li>• Distributing Department for Communities and Barnardo's NI Food and Essential Items Fund to 60 families and children</li> <li>• 105 families and children got food and toys hampers from North Belfast Advice/ Odyssey Christmas Appeal</li> <li>• 99 families got support with household bills, food and essential items from Trust Ad-hoc Covid-19 Support money</li> <li>• Effective partnership work with Foodbank, Southcity Rescores and Development Centre, National Energy Action (Warm and Well Programme), and South Belfast Forward Partnership to provide financial and practical support during hard times.</li> </ul>
<b>AOB for Sharing:</b>	<p>Thank you for very quick and accurate respond to current needs of families and children in CASA FSH catchment area to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Belfast Area Project for opening of new Youth Group address to children with ASD diagnoses age 9-11 and to</li> <li>• Barnardo's Family Connection for establishing "Right Start" Zoom Program for parents aiming to support children in coming back to school routine.</li> </ul>

<b>FSH Area:</b>	South Belfast One
<b>Timeframe:</b>	Feb-April
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	Feb 22 March 15 April 13 as of 16th
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	191 for year 2020-2021
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	Community Self referrals Schools  Reduction in referrals from GP's this year but some GP's ask patients to self-refer to Hub so many not be an accurate reflection
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b>	ASD specific support
<b>Key Successes identified:</b>	Main referrer in 2020-21 year was Community which shows the key role the Community Sector played during the pandemic.
<b>AOB for Sharing:</b>	A lot of enquiries and referrals over the past few weeks re children who are anxious about returning to school/ have not returned. This seems to be a theme across our Hub area. As a result Family Connections South and East are running a programme 'Right Start' which aims to help parents get children back into school life. Autism NI also have a great 'Back to School Resource Kit'.

<b>FSH Area:</b>	Inner East Belfast
<b>Timeframe:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021 – 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	116
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	1762
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	Health visitors, self-referrals, GPs, schools, voluntary + community organisations, EWOs
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b> Play therapy, youth services, BME support	
<b>Key Successes identified:</b> Practical support eg food vouchers, baby packs. Online/phone support offered by family support organisations	
<b>AOB for Sharing:</b>	

<b>FSH Area:</b>	Outer South & East Belfast
<b>Timeframe:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021 – 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	92
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	1355
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	CAMHS, GP services, Community organisations, Health visitors, self referrals
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b>	
<p>ASD services – pre and post diagnosis. Recent increase in referrals for young women post primary age who lack 1-1 support from any ASD services</p> <p>ADHD- limited services available</p> <p>Play Therapy</p> <p>Financial support due to the impact of Covid-19, Furlough and additional costs of home schooling</p> <p>Well-being support for children, young people and their families</p>	
<b>Key Successes identified:</b>	
<p>Successful use of Hub flexible funding to support families</p>	
<b>AOB for Sharing:</b>	
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**7. A.O.B**

No other business was discussed.

**2021 Dates for East Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings**

DATES	VENUES
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021	Virtual
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	TBC
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	TBC
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	TBC
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	TBC

**2021 Dates for South Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings**

DATES	VENUES
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021	Virtual
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	TBC
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	TBC
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	TBC
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	TBC