

North Belfast LPG Meeting

Via MS Teams

Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 10am

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Laura Feeney (Vice Chair)	Save the Children	✓	
Claire Allen (Chair)	New Lodge Duncairn Community Health Partnership	✓	
Bronagh O'Dwyer	NOW Group	✓	
Caroline Milligan	BHSCT	✓	
Eimear McCullough	Neighbourhood Integration Manager - BCC	✓	
Fionnuala Black	Ashton Centre	✓	
Gabi Mornhinweg	BHSCT	✓	
Julie Jamieson	New Lodge Duncairn Community Health Partnership	✓	
Karen McLean	Upper North FSH	✓	
Keeva Watson	Redeeming Our Communities	✓	
Martina McIlkenny	PIPS Charity	✓	
Laura Forte	NIACRO	✓	
Paul Barton	Ashton Centre	✓	
Paul O'Neill	CSM Early Years Services, BHSCT	✓	
Sadie Reid	NB Housing	✓	
Alana McGarry	Ashton Centre	✓	
Jane McKibbin	NICMA	✓	
Audrey Mullan	Autism NI		✓
C Deerey	Edmund Rice College		✓
Edith McManus	Lower North FSH		✓
Jim Morgan	BH DU		✓
Joe McGovern	Extern		✓
Katrina Newell	Ashton Centre		✓
Marcela Vielman	Save the Children		✓
Phil Lindsay	Barnardo's		✓
Pol Brennan	Connected Community Care		✓
Sinead Campbell	Advice NI		✓
Kevin Regan	BHSCT		✓
Jenny Potter	NOW Group		✓
Ann Marie Doyle	Prince's Trust		✓
Duncan Morrow	Ulster University		✓
Gillian Boyd	Cedar Foundation		✓
In Attendance			
Jennifer Heverin	LPG Administration, BHSCT	✓	

	Topic	Action	Responsibility
1.	Mental Health First Aid courses	Paul Barton to email details to Jennifer Heverin for LPG circulation. Circulated to North LPG members on 09.02.22. JH	Paul Barton/Jennifer Heverin

<u>Action</u> <u>by:</u>	
	<p>1. Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Vice-Chair, Laura Feeney Chaired today's meeting as Chair, Claire Allen was unable to stay for the full meeting due to other commitments.</p> <p>Laura opened the meeting by welcoming those present and extending an additional welcome to new member Eimear McCullough who has replaced Margaret Higgins as North Belfast's Neighbourhood Integration Manager for Belfast City Council.</p> <p>A round of introductions then took place.</p>
	<p>2. Previous Minutes from North LPG Meeting of 7th December 2021.</p> <p>These Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and no amendments were required.</p>
	<p>3. Play Pack/Voucher Scheme Update – Fionnuala Black</p> <p>Fionnuala Black and Christine McKeown from Ashton Centre have been administering the scheme on behalf of BCC and BHSCT.</p> <p>a) Wi-Fi Out of 57 Wi-Fi contracts, 55 have been administered. Fionnuala requested if anyone knows of any families that would benefit from the other 2, to please contact either her or Christine.</p> <p>The 20 prepaid Wi-Fi cards mainly went to newly arrived asylum seeker families. In total over 130 children in North Belfast have been supported through this Wi-Fi scheme.</p> <p>b) Play Packs North Belfast were allocated 20 packs in total and all have been delivered to groups in the area working with school age children.</p> <p>c) Vouchers The 'One4all' vouchers went to 45 families which in turn benefitted 146 children.</p>
	<p>4. ROC Conversation: Lower North Belfast – Keeva Watson</p> <p>Keeva advised that before Redeeming Our Communities undertake any new programme or project they will engage in conversation with the relevant bodies to determine the best way forward.</p>

Such a conversation will shortly be taking place in Crusaders Football Club. The meeting is to identify the needs specific to Lower North Belfast and Ardoyne and ascertain the best ways to meet these needs.

This conversation will take place at 7pm on 22nd February at Crusaders Football Club and is open to anyone who has an interest in this particular are such as community groups, youth clubs and the like.

To book a place please visit ROC website:
www.roc.uk.com/northbelfast

5. Members Updates

a) Claire Allen – Chair

At the last LPG meeting Claire informed the group that a meeting was to take place between the 4 Belfast LPG Chair Persons to look at a long term strategy. The meeting was postponed and the date has yet to be rescheduled.

b) Paul O’Neill – BHSCT

Paul advised there has been a successful candidate for the role of LPG Coordinator. They are currently undergoing all the background checks and paperwork. It is anticipated they will be in the role for late March.

c) Gillian Boyd – Cedar Foundation

Gillian was having technical difficulties and was unable to join the meeting but contacted Jennifer Heverin with the following message:

“I really just wanted to let people know we have capacity on our programmes for 12-18 yrs and highlight summer is fast approaching and if anyone thinks they have young people with a disability or ASD aged under 18yrs who may be interested in Summer Schemes it’s a good time to refer them in”

6. FSH Updates

FSH Area:	Lower North Belfast
Timeframe:	Early December 2021-Early February 2022
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	29
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	1427
Source of Service Requests:	Self, GP, Community, School

Key Gaps identified:

- Increasing demand for play therapy for younger children and counselling services for all family members

Key Successes identified:

- Met with Principals of primary schools
- Met with pastoral team of Boys Model
- Visited The Parents room & enrolled as new Hub member
- Visited Cancer Lifeline new premises

AOB for Sharing:

- Attended Coercive Control training facilitated by Women's Aid through UU
- Attended (part of) Regional Family Support Hub review (SCIE)

FSH Area:	Upper North Belfast FSH
Timeframe:	December- Early February 2022
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	December- 17 January- 18 February (so far)- 9
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	1668
Source of Service Requests:	Self, school, GP, EWOs, Allied Health Professionals, community, voluntary, CAMHS, Gateway, H.V
Key Gaps identified:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High demand for counselling/art therapy- due to issues with anxiety, poor self-esteem, low confidence among both primary and post primary school age. • Daily calls from parents signposted by GPs for counselling services- raised this concern at the regional family support network event. • Family support also requested – key issues- waiting on asd/adhd a/s requiring advice/guidance. 	
Key Successes identified:	
<p>Edith, Claire Allen and I presented to the North Belfast Primary School Principal Group. This has resulted in a follow up meeting with 16 teachers at Our Ladys P.S. in March.</p> <p>I visited Cancer Lifeline for a tour of their extended new premises and services available.</p> <p>Participated in the University of Ulster’s Coercive Control Training x 2 sessions, which was delivered by Women’s aid.</p> <p>Edith and I met with teachers (via zoom) from Belfast Boys Model providing an overview of the Hub process and services.</p> <p>I attended the Regional Family support Network workshop.</p> <p>Participated in the coordinators peer support group at Whiterock children Centre.</p>	
AOB for Sharing:	

7. Any Other Business

- **Sadie Reid** – The intergeneration group between the Holyrood House residents who are an older group and the Ardoyne Youth Club is still ongoing. The group focuses on walking, talking and sharing skills.

Bridge of Hope are working in partnership with NB Housing delivering a 'Love Yourself' programme. This is aimed at NB Housing tenants that are very stressed and struggling with mental health. They will receive a package with items such as hand cream, lavender sleep therapy aids and the like to help de-stress. The packages will be delivered on Wednesday and a 2 hour class will take place on Thursday.

- **Paul Barton** – The Ashton Centre are running a Communities in Transition Programme which includes mental health first aid courses for residents of the Ardoyne and New Lodge areas. Places are still available. The course runs over 4 days at 3 hours per day from 4pm-7pm.

There are upcoming courses such as Essential First Aid classes and an OCN Level 2 Mental Health Awareness course. Ashton are also working in collaboration with Star Neighbourhood distributing Health and Wellbeing packs and winter clothes.

Paul to email details of these activities to Jennifer Heverin for group circulation.

2022 Dates for North Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings

DATES	TIME	VENUES
8 th February	10am	MS Teams
TBA April	10am	TBA
TBA June	10am	TBA
TBA August	10am	TBA
TBA October	10am	TBA
TBA December	10am	TBA