

South Belfast LPG Meeting

Via MS Teams

Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 10am

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Natasha Brennan (Chair)	Lorag	✓	
Charlene Mitchell	LPG Coordinator, BHSCT	✓	
Emily Brown	Forward South Partnership	✓	
Joy Poots	South Belfast Sure Start	✓	
Michelle McDonagh	Lorag	✓	
Paul O'Neill	CSM, Early Years Services, BHSCT	✓	
Roisin O'Neill	Barnardo's	✓	
Amanda Sherwood	Health Visiting, BHSCT	✓	
Sinead Tumelty	Outer South & East FSH, Barnardo's	✓	
Karolina Morgan	South II/CASA FSH	✓	
Gareth Maguire	Sports Changes Life		✓
Gillian Boyd	Cedar Foundation		✓
Jane Turnbull	Forward South Partnership		✓
Laura Forte	NIACRO		✓
Michele Muldoon	NOW Group		✓
Phil Lindsay	Barnardo's		✓
Sinead Campbell	Advice NI		✓
William Olphert	Chinese Welfare Association		✓
In Attendance			
Jennifer Heverin	LPG Administration, BHSCT	✓	

	Topic	Action	Responsibility
1.	Refugees in South Belfast hotels	Communication to be made with Red Cross and the Children's Law Centre to assess the current issues.	Natasha Brennan / Charlene Mitchell
2.	Exhibition in Queens University	Invite to an Exhibition in Queen's University regarding the Nazi Persecution of Sinti & Roma people in Central Europe to be circulated.	Joy Poots / Jennifer Heverin
3.	FSH Coffee Morning	Details of South Belfast 1 FSH Coffee Morning to be circulated.	Natasha Brennan / Jennifer Heverin
4.	Ukrainian Scheme	Contact to be made with Stephen Long, Coordinator	Paul O'Neill
5.	Summer Planning	1. BCC, EA & DFC to be contacted regarding funding. 2. Summer funding to be added to Outcomes Agenda 3. Information to be gathered on what schemes/programmes LPG members are carrying out over the summer.	Natasha Brennan/ Charlene Mitchell

<u>Action by:</u>	
	<p>1. Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Chair Natasha Brennan opened the meeting by welcoming those present and facilitating a round of introductions.</p>
	<p>2. Minutes and Matters Arising from last meeting of 9th March 2022</p> <p>Both Action Points from the last meeting have been completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information and flyers regarding the Uniting Communities project was circulated on 15th March. 2. Details on the new Coordinator in Forward South Partnership were circulated on 12th April.
	<p>3. Summer Scheme Planning</p> <p>As this is the first year post-Covid that summer programmes can be resumed in some normality, Natasha Brennan opened the floor to invite the group to discuss what plans their organisations have in place.</p> <p>Joys Poots from Sure Start said that they are hoping their summer scheme will be back to how it was post-Covid but they have noticed that the price of transport has significantly increased.</p> <p>This statement then lead to a discussion regarding funding and how this is an issue for many groups at present. There is still no funding yet available from EA and the BCC's small grants are not always enough to cover summer programmes. It was agreed that this issue should be an agenda item for the next Outcomes meeting, as it may be an issue for all the LPG's. Conversations are also to take place with BHSCT, BCC and DFC regarding any extra funding available given that the costs of delivering summer programmes has now increased.</p> <p>Emily Brown advised that the IFA and Ulster Rugby are planning to carry out taster sessions in Belvoir and Finaghy and these are open to anyone. Once this has been confirmed details will be circulated with the group.</p>

4. Member's Updates

Joy Poots – South Belfast Sure Start

Infant Mental Health Week taking place in mid-June. The theme is poverty and how this impacts parental and infant mental health.

Grainne McHugh the family support coordinator is leaving Sure Start this week to move to Women's Aid.

An exhibition is taking place in Queen's University Library tomorrow at 5pm about the Nazi persecution of the Roma and Sinti people in Central Europe.

Asylum Seeking Families in South Belfast Hotels

A discussion took place around the conditions of asylum seeking families living in the Park Inn and Dukes Hotels, which are both situated in South Belfast.

The scheme is being run by Mears Housing on behalf of the Home Office and there are lots of issues around families living in cramped and unsatisfactory conditions, with some families living there for 6 months. There are also many children without school places and some that have had places allocated find the school is too far away to walk to daily and families cannot afford to pay for transportation as they receive £8 per person per week. There are also concerns around children going to school hungry as their breakfast was not ready on time and also the lack of food available for weaning babies.

Community and voluntary organisations have been helping families at the hotel, particularly the Red Cross and Barnardo's. It was agreed that conversations should take place with these 2 prominent organisations to see what the issues are and how the South LPG can help.

Paul O'Neill – BHSCT

Paul is part of the Ukrainian Resettlement Scheme. Barnardo's are carrying out the assessments for the host families and everything is running smoothly at present.

However, it is anticipated there could be future demand on the system with more people seeking asylum and the potential of relations between some host families and guests breaking down. Plans are being made at Executive level but it has been raised that additional funding would be required for increased demand on services.

Stephen Long is the coordinator of this scheme and it could be worth having his input in the LPG meetings.

5. FSH Updates

FSH Area:	South Belfast II CASA FSH
Timeframe:	09/03/2022- 10/05/2022
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	43
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	172
Source of Service Requests:	Top referrers: Self, Schools
Key Gaps identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behaviour support for preschool age children on waiting list for ASD assessment,• Counselling for children, especially Play Therapy	
Key Successes identified:	
AOB for Sharing:	

	FSH Area:	SB1 Hub
	Timeframe:	March & April 22
	Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	Mar =15 Apr =21
	Number of Service Requests Received to date:	219 Year 21-22 21 YTD
	Source of Service Requests:	Community Self Camhs Schools EWO Health Visitor
	Key Gaps identified: Gaps for play therapy/counselling for children Unmet need due to waiting list times	
	Key Successes identified:	
AOB for Sharing:		

FSH Area:	Outer South and East
Timeframe:	10 th March-10 th May 2022
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	March- 23 April- 15 May- 6 Total-
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	1118
Source of Service Requests:	Self, schools, Health Visitors, community, EWO, CAHMS, GP, Speech and Language services
Key Gaps identified: Support for older children/ teenagers with ASD, social anxiety and school refusal	
Key Successes identified: Able to get services for most referrals with a range of issues- behaviour, parenting, financial, SEN	
AOB for Sharing: Working on getting additional funding for practical support out to families	

	<p>6. A.O.B</p> <p><i>Natasha Brennan – Vouchers</i> £39,000 worth of food vouchers are to be distributed throughout the city. The vouchers are for local supermarkets. These have now purchased and will be distributed via the Hubs shortly.</p> <p>No other business was discussed and the meeting drew to a close with Natasha thanking those present.</p>

2022 Dates for South Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings

DATES	TIME	VENUES
9 th March	10am	MS Teams
11 th May	10am	MS Teams
TBA June	10am	TBA
TBA August	10am	TBA
TBA October	10am	TBA
TBA December	10am	TBA