

Summary of Actions:

	Topic	Action	Responsibility
1.	Sports Kits	Anyone who is interested in obtaining a sports kit for an organisation to contact Maggie Andrews.	/Maggie Andrews
2.	Text a Nurse Contact	Contact details for the 'Text a Nurse' scheme for school age children to be shared with the FSH's and LPG.	Sinead Hanna
3.	Cedar Foundation Summer Scheme	Anyone who would be interested in applying for a place in the Summer Scheme to contact Gillian Boyd	Gillian Boyd
4.	Counselling Sub-Group	Group to reconvene	Counselling sub-group members
5.	Developing Women	To put forward any women that would be interested in community based leadership roles.	Claire Humphrey

<u>Action</u> <u>by:</u>	
	<p>1. Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Barbara Wallace opened the meeting by welcoming those present and facilitating a round of introductions. Apologies have been recorded within the Minutes.</p>
	<p>2. Minutes and Matters Arising from last meeting of 9th December 2021</p> <p>The previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record. This was proposed by Maggie Andrews and seconded by Barbara Smith.</p>
	<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Counselling Contracts</p> <p>In the last meeting there was a suggestion that a sub-group should be formed to discuss counselling contracts in East Belfast. The sub-group met and discussed the issues around accessing counselling services as well as pressure on these services.</p> <p>Some short term interventions had already been put in place with the BCC & BHSCT funding for the Summer of Play and by utilising UHub for therapeutic play sessions but long term solutions are required.</p> <p>The Sub-Group are to arrange another date and meet again before the next LPG.</p> <p>b) Interpreting Services – Sub Group Update</p> <p>Feedback from the Family Support Hubs identified an issue around the lack of interpreting services. As a result Tracey Ripley McElvogue has put together a sub-group to examine this issue and construct a working plan. This strategy is particularly pertinent as both the Outcomes Group and Regional Support Hub have expressed interest around this topic in view of future planning.</p> <p>The sub-group met and discussed the current interpreting issues and a paper is to follow documenting the findings from this meeting.</p> <p>c) LPG Coordinator recruitment update (BHSCT)</p> <p>Paul stated that a successful candidate has been appointed for the role of LPG Coordinator. They are currently undergoing all the background checks and paperwork and it is anticipated they will assume the role around late March.</p>

4. East LPG Plan

a) BCC/LPG Summer of Play – Resources

The Summer of Play funding received from BHSCT & BCC was used for therapeutic play sessions within both the Inner and Outer FSH's. Some of the money was also used for the distribution of PE kits through the Scaffolding project and for W5 vouchers.

A few sports kits are still remaining. If you know any organisation that would benefit from these then contact Maggie Andrews.

b) Future Planning

At the last LPG meeting on 9th December 2021, the group were informed that a planning meeting was due to take place with the 4 LPG Chairs, Israel Hontavilla from BCC, Trust staff and some LPG members. The meeting was to discuss future planning and any potential resources. However the meeting was postponed and no alternative date has yet been arranged.

5. FSH Updates

FSH Area:	Inner East Belfast
Timeframe:	4 th Dec – 27 th Jan
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	49
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	2036
Source of Service Requests:	Primarily Health visitors and self-referrals, GPs
Key Gaps identified:	Play therapy, teen and adult counselling, ASD support, BME support
Key Successes identified:	Christmas support from Scaffolding Project and CFC, additional Hub funding to meet needs in winter eg fuel poverty
AOB for Sharing:	

FSH Area:	Outer South & East Belfast
Timeframe:	8 th December 21 – 2-February 22
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	20
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	1554
Source of Service Requests:	Health visitors, Self-referrals, GPs, CAMHS, Gateway
Key Gaps identified:	
Children & young people awaiting ASD or ADHD diagnosis	
Counselling & therapeutic services in East Belfast for Adults and Children	
Financial Support – food & fuel poverty	
Key Successes identified:	
Additional covid response funding for the Family Support Hubs has allowed us to provide practical support to families who have been struggling due to the increasing costs of food & fuel.	
AOB for Sharing:	

6. Members Updates

Maggie Andrews – Eastside Partnership

Eastside Learning have secured £10,000 of funding for a 10 week afterschool pilot programme in the Carew Family Centre which is starting shortly.

The Wonder Words Event which was planned for January has been rescheduled to 24th February in The Skainos Centre. The invitation is open to anyone.

The Urban Villages Reconnecting Communities group came together to make proposals under the Health Focus scheme. Four 2nd Year students from Queen's University have been carrying out supervised one to one therapeutic play sessions with children. Some additional funding has allowed for another four students to be recruited to work in a huddle in Short Strand.

Barbara Smith – Eastside Partnership

A funding application put forward on the basis of 3 topics:

- i) UHub – providing therapeutic play sessions.
- ii) Cinema visits – Working with the Strand Cinema who will be showing children's films over the half term break.
- iii) Community Cafes – 5 pop up cafes taking place for Early Years, Health & Wellbeing, Young Mums and also Seniors.

Marcela Vielman – Save the Children

Training has been delivered through the Families Connect Programme which has an Early Years component focusing on play.

£2,000 was given to the Building Blocks programme which is delivered through Sure Start.

Gillian Boyd – Cedar Foundation

Cedar are currently running their Youth Matters project for young people with a disability or brain injury. Their Act Up Programme is ongoing and is for age 12 years+.

At present Cedar are planning for their Summer Scheme and if anyone knows of any children that would benefit from this, please refer them now as by the summer all places are filled. The Summer Scheme takes place across the city in youth clubs, leisure centres and the like as well as day-trips and events. The activities are very much tailored to the group so once they get to know the members, activities and outings are based around what they would like to do.

Applications can be made through the Hubs. The criteria is that the child must be under 18 years old and have a brain injury or learning disability.

Claire Humphrey – Barnardo's

A programme funded by DFC is aimed to develop women to take on leadership roles within the community which includes Resilience and Stress Management Programmes. If anyone knows any local women that are looking to take on volunteering roles or to develop themselves contact Claire Humphrey.

The 'Awesome at Home' Programme is aimed at families concerned with the additional

	needs of their children. It is an 8-10 week programme offering advice and support.
	<p>7. Any Other Business</p> <p>No other business was discussed and the meeting drew to a close with Barbara thanking all those who attended.</p>

2022 Dates for East Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings

DATES	TIME	VENUES
3 rd February	10am	MS Teams
TBA April	10am	TBA
TBA June	10am	TBA
TBA August	10am	TBA
TBA October	10am	TBA
TBA December	10am	TBA