

Summary of Actions:

	Topic	Action	Responsibility

<u>Action</u> <u>by:</u>	
	<p>1. Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Deirdre Walsh opened the meeting by welcoming those present.</p>
	<p>2. Minutes and Matters Arising from last meeting of 13th April 2022</p> <p>An overview of the minutes took place and these were agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. No amendments were required.</p>
	<p>3. Presentation – Aoife Boyle of the Prince’s Trust</p> <p>Aoife gave an overview of the main programmes the Prince’s Trust have on offer. Such as programmes for young people aged 16-30 who are not in full time education or employment in areas such as personal development, employability and enterprise.</p> <p>Explore Programme - a 6 week personal development programme aimed at those young people who have multiple barriers to achieving their goals. This is done through a range of group activities and 1-2-1 support sessions. Young people will also have the opportunity to complete qualifications.</p> <p>Team Programme- Team is a 12-week personal development programme focused on helping young people unlock their talents, build confidence and meet new people and is delivered in partnership with local regional colleges and community organisations. Team includes a work placement, community project and employability skills.</p> <p>Youth Start – Offering both group sessions and tailored 1:1 support for each individual young person to help them become more employable and improve their skills - CV building, Job Application writing, Interview Prep, Mock Interview Experience, Confidence Building etc. They will also have the opportunity to complete two Level 2 qualifications along with some team-building and well-being events.</p> <p>Get Started In - an engaging personal and social development programme for young people, delivered in partnership with specialist organisations using inspiring themes. Get Started teaches young people new skills in themes across sport, music and arts, STEM and community. Some recent themes have been Photography, Make-up, Nails, Water Sports, Health & Fitness, Gaming and Electronic Music. Every programme will involve a real and meaningful group challenge, something that young people are unlikely to achieve without our support, to stretch and develop their personal and social skills.</p> <p>*NEW* Get Started in Media - Aged 16 – 25 ‘work ready’ young people - mainly new to the media industry. TV specialists will give you an insight into what happens behind the scenes. Classes on topics such as script writing, camera work, lighting and video editing. This course is a great opportunity to explore everything that goes into making a TV</p>

show and to learn more about the range of careers available in the industry.
Gain hands-on experience and training, meet industry experts who will share tips and experiences

Make your own mini TV package which you'll showcase to the group at our celebration event.

Get Into Programme- a 4 week employability intervention, targeted at young people who are work ready but lack relevant work experience and vocational skills to take up employment. It gives young people the opportunity to develop these skills and/or experience to enable them to move into a sustainable job in a specific sector of work. This programme provides work experience placements with the potential of paid employment post-programme. The programme will also help boost a young person's employability skills through support with CV development and development of their interview skills.

Get Hired Programme- a two-day employability programme that connects young people with live vacancies across a range of sectors.

Unlock Skills for Work Programme- An online 2 week employability programme with a flexible delivery format, to help young people develop key employability skills in a digital setting. This includes Applying for jobs, CV Workshops, Interview skills.

Ready To Work - A two-day programme for young people who already have work-ready skills or previous work experience. Learn about the specific company delivering the programme, get support on interview skills, and take part in an interview for positions available within the stores.

Google Career Certificates - 3 month online programme for young people aged 18-30. A combination of independent study, live online sessions and 1:1 support; 15-20 hours of self-study per week. 3 certificates to choose from- IT Support, UX Design and Project Management

Mental Health First Aid

This qualification course gains young people their Mental Health First Aid certificate. They must complete 80% of the course to achieve the certificate. There is a workbook which needs to be completed in class.

The course covers:

Mental health awareness/ what is meant by mental health/mental ill health

Stigma, discrimination, and recovery

Recognising the symptoms and understanding different mental health diagnoses

Providing 'first aid' for people experiencing mental health challenges /how to provide initial help

Providing on-going support for somebody experiencing a mental health problem

Also on offer –

Development Awards - small grants (average £130) that can help towards the cost of course fees, tools or licenses to help remove financial barriers between you and your goals. You can apply for:

Fees for courses (up to Level 3, lasting 2 days or more)

Course equipment e.g., tools or beauty kits

Mandatory uniforms
Licenses and short training programmes

Enterprise Programme is a 4 day programme, designed to give young people who have a business idea the opportunity to explore the steps required to make their ideas work and start a business.

Day 1: Self-employed, personal money, and legal structures

Day 2: Marketing, branding, and sales

Day 3: Business finance, tax, record keeping, and pricing

Day 4: Networking, business plan, and future steps

Aoife Boyle is the contact for West Belfast and her contact details are:

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4. Members Updates

Alice McGlone – Belfast City Council

BCC have a number of summer programmes across their community centres. The schemes are targeted towards the current centre users and young people who engage in their afterschools/youth clubs programmes. They are always keen to take on new young people where there are spaces but these usually fill up quickly and many may already be fully booked.

Gillian Boyd – Cedar Foundation

Cedar are still waiting on Council funding, however space is available on their summer programme for 12-18 year olds which takes place on Thursday evenings.

The Act Up programme is tailored to the young people involved and will focus on what activities they want to do over the summer.

The criteria for all Cedar programmes is that the participants must have an acquired brain injury or physical development.

Michael Doherty – Glen Community Parent Youth Group

An 8 week summer scheme and 8 week summer camp are taking place and both are now fully booked.

It is difficult trying to book places for summer schemes when the Small Grants from BCC has still not been received.

NOW Group - Michele Muldoon

NOW Family Service can provide support to a family if a parent can self-identify as having a disability or a barrier to learning and their child at home is under 5 years old. Please get in contact if you have a family in mind.

Michele.muldoon@nowgroup.org

5. LPG Membership

Mailing List/Membership

In order to ensure there is good representation across the community we have been looking at our mailing list. A form was circulated a while ago asking members to complete and return if they wished to remain on the LPG mailing list. If you have not done so can you please complete ASAP and return to:

localityplanning@hscni.belfasttrust.net

LPG Updates Email

As you will be aware there are many emails circulated daily and it can be difficult to keep track of them all. In response to this we are suggesting pulling all the information together into a fortnightly newsletter. This will mean there are less daily emails as they will be condensed into one bi-monthly publication. This will be sent to all 4 LPG's as it will give everyone a chance to see what is happening in other parts of Belfast.

If you have any information you would like to share please send to:

localityplanning@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Vouchers

Each Hub have now received £3,800 of supermarket vouchers

6. FSH Updates

FSH Area:	Greater Falls
Timeframe:	Apr – May 2022
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	59
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	1734 (up to 30 th May)
Source of Service Requests:	School Community CAMHS Self GP MDT Social Worker Health Visitor Voluntary Organisation School Nurse EWO Ed. Psyche

Key Gaps identified:

Limited supports for disability, unmet child therapy supports. Access to practical items e.g. clothes for children/financial strain. Requests for financial support e.g. food, utilities etc. Working families making requests on the rise.

Increase in referrals for/from BME families requesting practical support

Lack of parent and child activity due to Covid restrictions

Lengthy waiting lists for additional needs

Accessing GPs and GPs and MDT staff signposting (rather than referring) to FSHs without explaining the purpose of FSH and without accessing the need of individual family member (i.e. family may need a CAMHS referral or assessment request for additional need)

Key Successes identified:

Availability of funding/voucher support to help with financial strain (via FS services)
High level input, services, communication and partnership work within the Hub network in supporting families to the best of ability especially in face of Statutory services restructuring.

AOB for Sharing:

Availability of further voucher support for families experiencing financial crisis

FSH Area:	Outer West Belfast
Timeframe:	April - May 2022
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	April – 30 May – 27
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	1295
Source of Service Requests:	School Community GP Self Gateway Health Visitor GP MDT CAMHS EWO Health Visitor

Key Gaps identified:

High increase in anxiety in young people (mostly teens) – 121 mentoring / counselling services for this.

Key Successes identified:

Vouchers from the trust received which will be a great benefit to families struggling financially.

3k funding used to purchase uniform vouchers.

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FSH Area:	Upperspringfield whiterock FSH
Timeframe:	FEB TO JUNE 22
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	124
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	FEB = 33 March =30 April= 19 May= 39 June= 3 Total 124 service request to date .
Source of Service Requests:	School Self (advised by GP/MHP to contact local hub) Health Visitor Mental health practitioner /SW Sure start Voluntary community /community organisations School nurse/EWO Gateway CAHMS
Key Gaps identified: Child care 0 to 12 months sill unavailable this has prevented ethnic minority families from attending English classes. Families continue to look for practical/financial support due to rising costs of fuel/gas/electricity.	
Key Successes identified:	

Hub have received some extra funds to support families.

AOB for Sharing:

WRCC have a family counselling services starting soon.

Cans counselling all nations service is still based in WCC referrals have to come through their GP .

7. Any Other Business

School Uniforms - Sharon Nelson

The school uniform project will be running from the end of July where people can donate and order uniforms. Details can be found at www.schooluniformproject.com

Tendering Services - Michael Doherty

Michael has opposed the tendering of services in the past and continues to do so. He stated that since counselling and talking therapies have went to tender, services have been cut by 50-60% as it is difficult for smaller community groups to compete with the large organisations and although smaller groups try to get by on their own fundraising this is not a long term sustainable solution. This topic needs to be addressed at the BOAG meeting.

2022 Dates for West Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings

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