

**East Belfast LPG Meeting
Microsoft Teams
Thursday 12th January at 10am**

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Charlene Mitchell	LPG Coordinator, BHSCT	✓	
Barbara Wallace (Chair)	Eastside Learning	✓	
Barbara Smith	Scaffolding Project, Eastside Partnership	✓	
Marcela Vielman	Save the Children	✓	
Tracey Ripley-McElvogue	East Belfast Sure Start	✓	
Sandra Lawler	Youth Service, Connect Team, EANI	✓	
Laura Euler	Our Generation, Action Mental Health	✓	
Ben Webb	Youth Engagement Service, Extern	✓	
Andrea Mawhinney	Inner East FSH	✓	
Fiona O'Dowd	Princes Trust	✓	
Sinead Hanna	Health Visiting, BHSCT	✓	
Norah Hughes	Find Help NI	✓	
Philip King	Youth Service, Connect Team, EANI	✓	
Rachel Skillen	Eastside Learning	✓	
Rachel Davison	Walkway Community Association	✓	
Sinead Tumelty	Outer South & East FSH	✓	
Ciara Scollay	MACS NI	✓	
Lyndsey McEvoy	Leadership through Sport	✓	
Kathy Watters	Community Provision, Belfast City Council	✓	
Lee-Anne McCracken	Barnardo's	✓	
Linda Armitage	EBCDA		✓
Bronagh Muldoon	NSPCC		✓
Samuel Crothers	EANI		✓
Phil Lindsay	Barnardos		✓
Nuala McStravick	Bryson Energy		✓
Gareth Maguire	Sport Changes Life		✓
Margy Falloon	Extern		✓
Michele Muldoon	Now Group		✓
Sinead Campbell	Advice NI		✓
Peter Bryson	Save the Children		✓
Johnathan Cockroft	EANI		✓
Margaret McDonald	BHSCT		✓
Katie Sword	Prince's Trust		✓
In Attendance			
Jennifer Heverin	LPG Administration, BHSCT	✓	

Summary of Actions:

	Topic	Action	Responsibility
	Cost of Living Event	Sub Group to be created to organise information sharing event	Barbara Smith/Barbara Wallace/Charlene Mitchell
	Action planning sub group	To reconvene with date agreed	Barbara Wallace/Charlene Mitchell

1. Welcome and Introduction

Chair, Barbara Wallace opened the meeting by welcoming those present and facilitating a round of introductions.

2. Previous Minutes from 12th November 2022

The previous minutes were agreed as accurate and no amendments were required. The minutes were proposed by Tracey Ripley-McElvogue and seconded by Sinead Tumelty.

3. FSH Updates

FSH Area:	Inner East Belfast
Timeframe:	17 th September 2022 – 11 th January 2023
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	103
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	2381
Source of Service Requests:	Self, Schools, EWO, Community and Voluntary, GP, Nurse, Gateway, CAMHS, Other Social Work, MH practitioners and Paediatricians.
Key Gaps identified:	Creative therapy Continuing support requested – fuel crisis Teen and adult counselling Family support, Pre-school support – not within Sure Start catchment area
Key Successes identified:	BAOG ‘Integrated Working’ voucher scheme – Now ended. Scaffolding Crisis Fund. Belfast Harbour Commissioners Fund – cost of living issues with families. ESOL Refuge Language Classes – Alternatives Restorative Justice. Christmas Toy Appeal – CFC Church (15 plus families supported) ASD support pre diagnosis or diagnosed – UHUB BHSCT, CAMHS – Wellbeing Framework for ASD support. Pilot Groups starting January 2023, which are open for children and young people who are awaiting ASD assessment or currently open with the Trust.
AOB for Sharing:	Continuing practical support requested during this fuel crisis period.

FSH Area:	Outer South & East Belfast
Timeframe:	17 th November 2022
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	Nov = 5 Dec = 20 Jan = 7 Total - 32
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	251
Source of Service Requests:	Self; School; HV; Community & voluntary; EWO; GP/Nurse; CAMHS; Gateway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP referrals continue to have limited information relative to other sources. • Paper based referral form results in fields not being completed. A web-based form that has required fields would form part of the solution.
Key Gaps identified:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children & young people on waiting list for autism assessment and not meeting criteria for autism specific services. • Art therapy • Toddlers outside of Surestart area seeking early years placement. • Food & energy poverty – families returning for further support and requesting food bank, supermarket vouchers, gas, electric, oil, uniform vouchers and “any financial support at all”. • Therapeutic services for children and increasingly families – counselling. • Emotion-based school avoidance • Family support services 	
Key Successes identified:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1000 donation from harbour commission is already being used up. The hub decided that supermarket vouchers would work best. 	
AOB for Sharing:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some families are returning to the hub for financial support indicating a high demand as expected. • Many new families are contacting the hub for financial/practical support including benefit check, foodbank and supermarket vouchers. • The hub is working at capacity; referrals are fairly complex and frequently require more than one service. OSEB has an additional 5 hrs support to manage the workload. 	

4. Members Updates

Sinead Hanna – Health Visiting, BHSCT

Breastfeeding groups are running in Newtownbreda Baptist Church. Health Visitors and other professionals also regularly attend to deliver talks and advice.

Kathy Watters – Belfast City Council

Steven Mulholland is the new Children's and Young Person's Coordinator. The majority of his work is facilitating the BCC's Youth Forum and working with children and young people to increase their voice in decision and policy making.

Sandra Lawler – Connect Programme, EA

EA Youth Service have a new programme called Connect. They will be working in the Emergency Department of the Ulster Hospital supporting young people age 14-25 years who are presenting there. Most of the role will be around sign posting in order to attempt to divert young people for reoccurring at A&E as a result of violence, with as the perpetrators or the victims.

5. Matters Arising

i) Poverty Sub Group

An action point from the last meeting was that another sub-group meeting was to be arranged. This was unable to proceed due to illness, however a conversation took place around compiling a spreadsheet with what provisions community organisations have in place. The feedback for gathering this information was scant but a lot of information was shared last minute just before Christmas.

Kathy Watters advised that the BCC pre-loved toy scheme was very successful. There were around 13 van loads of toys and around 90% of the stock was good. Approximately 700 families and 2000 children benefited from a full bag of toys this Christmas. The scheme will be reviewed and hopefully replicated next year.

BCC Hardship fund opened but closed again in East Belfast as the allocation has been reached. It is maximum £100 per family and is being distributed through partner agencies in East Belfast with EBCDA being the lead partner.

ii) Cost of Living Event

A cost of living event took place in West Belfast and it was discussed to do something similar in East Belfast. It was thought the main topics of the event should be:

- Health Advice and Guidance
- Community Support

With statutory and community organisations in attendance to cover these topics Although voucher schemes and the like help plug some gaps, there is still a need for long term support and an event like this is good for signposting people to the relevant support.

It is hoped such an event can take place around late February but a sub-group will look at in more detail.

	<p>iii) LPG Action Plan</p> <p>The last meeting was held in November where the foundations of an action plan were formulated and key action points agreed upon. The next stage will be to look at these points and see how they can be made achievable within the LPG remit.</p> <p>There is the potential to tap into a small pocket of money via the Belfast Trust to be used for training, either citywide or area specific. It would also be prudent to align this training with any topics within the LPG Action Plan. It was requested that is anyone is aware of a specific training need in the local area to feedback on this.</p>
	<p>7. A.O.B</p> <p>No other business was discussed and the meeting drew to a close with Barbara thanking all those in attendance.</p>

2023 Dates for East Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings TBA

DATES	TIME	VENUES
Thursday 12 th January	10am	Microsoft Teams
Thursday 9 th March	10am	Carew Family Centre
Thursday 4 th May	10am	TBA
Wednesday 21 st June	10am	TBA
Thursday 7 th September	10am	TBA
Wednesday 15 th November	10am	TBA