

## West Belfast LPG Meeting

### Microsoft Teams

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10am**

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Nicola Verner (Chair)	Greater Shankill Partnership	✓	
Charlene Mitchell	LPG Coordinator, BHSCT	✓	
Deborah Burnett	Greater Falls FSH	✓	
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount Sure Start	✓	
Laura Euler	Action Mental Health	✓	
Ellen Farren	Barnardo's	✓	
Norah Hughes	Find Help NI	✓	
Piarais McCaffrey	Kids Together	✓	
Alan Guthrie	GP MDT, BHSCT	✓	
Leanne Gordon	Health Visiting, BHSCT	✓	
Lynsey McEvoy	Leadership Through Sport	✓	
Mark Mailey	MACS NI	✓	
Claire Neill	Clan Mor Sure Start	✓	
Sharon Nelson	Upper Springfield Whiterock Falls FSH	✓	
Carol Bailie	Upper Springfield Whiterock Falls FSH	✓	
Dympna Johnson	Spectrum Centre		✓
Sinead Campbell	Advice NI		✓
Leontia McKenna	CRJ Ireland		✓
Michael Doherty	Glen Community Parent Youth Group		✓
Jonathan Cockcroft	EANI		✓
Phil Lindsay	Barnardo's		✓
Pastor Tony Meehan	Conway Mill		✓
Nuala McStravick	Bryson Energy		✓
Peter Bryson	Save the Children		✓
Debbie Sterrit	BHSCT		✓
Jim Donnelly	Active Communities		✓
Alice McGlone	Belfast City Council		✓
Joanne Menabney	Greater Shankill FSH		✓
Deirdre Walsh (Chair)	Whiterock Children's Centre		✓
<b>In Attendance</b>			
Paul McKeown	LPG Administration, BHSCT	✓	

**Summary of Actions:**

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
	BCC Participatory Budget	Details to this project and how to apply to be circulated.	Charlene Mitchell

<b><u>Action by:</u></b>	
	<p><b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b></p> <p>Chair Deirdre Walsh passed on her apologies for today's meeting and Nicola Verner stood in as Chair. Nicola opened the meeting by welcoming those present.</p>
	<p><b>2. Previous Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b></p> <p>Two actions from the last meeting regarding circulation of information on Free School Meals and on Warm Hubs have both been completed.</p> <p>The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate reflection and no amendments were required.</p>
	<p><b>3. Members Update</b></p> <p><b><i>Piarais McCaffrey – Kids Together</i></b>  There are now two play therapists on board so more capacity is available as well as more group mentors and play based therapists for schools.</p> <p><b><i>Charlene Mitchell – LPG Coordinator</i></b>  The Belfast City Council Play service are providing 8 weekly sessions with the additional aim of upskilling parents and staff in play and early development. The programme can be tailored to suit particular training needs. It was noted that there was little uptake of this programme in West Belfast so BCC are looking to spread the word and if anyone is interested please contact Charlene Mitchell who can put you in touch with the BCC Play Service contact.</p>
	<p><b>4. LPG Update</b></p> <p><b><i>Funding for Training</i></b>  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><b><i>Presentations</i></b>  It is always beneficial to the group for members to give presentations on what their organisation does and what services they provide. If anyone would like to contribute, please contact Charlene Mitchell.</p> <p><b><i>BAOG Meeting</i></b>  At the last BAOG meeting it was raised that in West Belfast and across the city a number of BAOG funded services have now used their allocated funding and this has left a large gap in said services. LPG will continue to raise this issue with BAOG and</p>

will feedback any information available to LPG members. If members have any issues they wish to raise with BAOG please contact Charlene Mitchell.

**Action Planning Sub Group**

Dates to be agreed for future meetings and an email will follow detailing these.

**5. FSH Updates**

<b>FSH Area:</b>	Greater Falls	
<b>Timeframe:</b>	Nov/Dec 22	
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	82	
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	1942 (up to 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 22)	
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	School Community CAMHS Self GP MDT (SW & MHP) Social Worker Gateway	Health Visitor Voluntary Organisation EWO SEN Psychologist RISE Team

**Key Gaps identified:**

Limited supports for disability, limited child therapy supports. Limited Christmas support i.e. toy appeal access for need.

Lengthy waiting lists for additional needs and mental health needs

Ongoing increase of thresholds adding pressure on FSHs/Community organisations to identify and manage the possible risks.

**Key Successes identified:**

Use of vouchers for families in need this winter including supporting the payment of Christmas gifts.

Access to additional funding through Belfast Harbour Commission

Donation of 64 Christmas food hampers via owner of Westwood Centre

Donation from Local business man to support families in need

Return to Face to face Hub meetings (hybrid rota)

**AOB for Sharing:**

<b>FSH Area:</b>	Upperspringfield whiterock FSH
<b>Timeframe:</b>	17 <sup>TH</sup> November to December 22
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	126 service requests have been received.
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	NOV 36 DEC 69 Total 105
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	School Self Health Visitor Mental health practitioner /SW Sure start Voluntary community /community organisations school

**Key Gaps identified:**

Kids together Belfast /Holy Trinity/Ardmonagh Family support have all reached capacity. Unable to make a referral to Ardmonagh from Sept due to capacity. HT closed 20/1/23 due to capacity. KTB from Nov due to capacity Additional hours would be beneficial to these services. Families need emotional and behavioural support as well as ASD.

Childcare/After school continues to be ongoing gap.

Families continue to look for practical/financial support due to rising costs of fuel/gas/electricity and food.

**Key Successes identified:**

Working alongside local food bank to support parents in need with food parcels.

Still a few but not many Integrated working voucher to support families in need of support.

Belfast City Council Fuel Emergency Hardship Fund. Family was able to avail of these vouchers to heat and power their homes.

Donations received from various sources in the community.

64 food hampers received for families for Christmas dinner.

160 Families supported through WCC for Christmas support.

Additional funding from Belfast Harbour Commissions & 1,000 supported families with Gas/Electric for over the Christmas period.

**AOB for Sharing:**

WCC ESOL classes continue in WCC.

WCC arts and craft session for parent and children beginning in early January. To promote quality time for parent and children.

CIN Fund application continue for families in need of large white goods and furniture for the home.

<b>FSH Area:</b>	Greater Shankill
<b>Timeframe:</b>	Sept - Dec
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	Total: 88 Sept :38 Oct : 24 Nov: 4 Dec: 22
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	1597
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	School Nurse School Self Community Organisation Gateway RISE Education welfare service CAMHS
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b>	
Support services for children with disabilities – specifically (ASD) including opportunities for group activities & socialisation.	
<b>Key Successes identified:</b>	
Families experiencing financial hardship have also been able to access vouchers through hub, these have helped with a variety of issues including children’s return to school and the cost related. .	
Various referrals discussed at Hub which required a coordinated approach and were referred to suitable services at a time when families were in need of support.	
Additional financial support provided in December for those in financial hardship – includes food hampers, vouchers.	
<b>AOB for Sharing:</b>	
None	

	<b>FSH Area:</b>	Outer West Belfast
<b>Timeframe:</b>	Nov 2022 – Jan 2023	
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	Nov – 28 Dec – 29 Jan - 17	
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	1511	
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	School Community GP Self Health Visitor GP MDT EWO Hospital SW	
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b>  More services / hours for ASD Supports for families / Play therapy		
<b>Key Successes identified:</b>  Increase in financial support requests – vouchers big help to families		
<b>AOB for Sharing:</b>		
	<p><b>6. A.O.B</b></p> <p><b>Belfast City Council</b> A participatory budget is being piloted by the BCC to allow local people to decide how public funds are used to address needs in their area. Groups can apply for up to £1,000 for a project that promotes people to move more and eat better. West Belfast Partnership Board is leading this. Information to be circulated.</p> <p>No other business was discussed and the meeting drew to a close with Nicola thanking all those in attendance.</p>	



## 2023 Dates for West Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings

<b>DATES (Wednesday)</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VENUES</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Microsoft Teams
29 <sup>th</sup> March	11am	Microsoft Teams
10 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	TBA
5 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	TBA
20 <sup>th</sup> September	10am	TBA
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	10am	TBA