

	Topic	Action	Responsibility

<u>Action</u> <u>by:</u>	
	<p>1. Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Chair, Claire Allen opened the meeting by welcoming those present and facilitating a round of introductions.</p>
	<p>2. Previous Minutes of 21st March 2023</p> <p>Pól Brennan requested that his apologies are noted in the last minutes. This has now been completed and resubmitted to CYPSP for republishing.</p> <p>All other minutes were agreed as accurate and no further amendments required.</p>
	<p>3. Presentation – Jill McDermott, Arts for All</p> <p>Arts for All was established in 2000 and moved to its present location at Cityside in 2019. The aim of the charity is to make art accessible for all and to support emerging artists.</p> <p>The ‘I’m Inspired’ project is 70% funded though the BHSCT and they have around 60 participants attending each week through community day services. Arts for All provide the space and BHSCT provide the staff.</p> <p>People can feel intimidated about art so Arts for All is about breaking down barriers and making art accessible.</p>
	<p>4. Presentation – Keeva Watson, ROC NI</p> <p>ROC NI is based in the Vine Centre but is a UK-wide charity affiliated with faith groups and churches. Their ethos is around working in partnership and building connections.</p> <p>Mentoring, Family and One-to-One support is offered over a 10 week period. They are presently still open for referrals for family support. Most of the volunteers are from North Belfast so understand the social dynamics of the area.</p> <p>‘Project Can Do!’ is a 4 week programme aimed at building understanding of the wide range of support services available in the community. This will be taking place in Currie Primary School over the next few weeks.</p> <p>ROC NI School Uniform Project is based in Alexandra Presbyterian Church where uniforms can be collected 3rd-4th August. Prior to this, donations can be left at a range of venues throughout North Belfast in June and July. See attached flyer and ROC NI social media for full information.</p>

5. FSH Updates

FSH Area:	Lower North Belfast
Timeframe:	19 th March-11 th May
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	34
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	1787
Source of Service Requests:	Community, School, Self, GP, CAMHS
Key Gaps identified:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in referrals for social isolation, anxiety, low mood of children and young people – this has meant being creative about the type of services that can be offered to families
Key Successes identified:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erin (CAMHS link worker) being nominated for PHA Nurse of the Year award for her work with Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub
AOB for Sharing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attending upcoming Hub Collective Forum where all 29 regional co-ordinators are meeting

FSH Area:	Upper North Belfast FSH
Timeframe:	1 st March – 30 th April 2023
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	March - 32 April - 24
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	403
Source of Service Requests:	Self-12, school 26, GP 8, community6, HealthVisitor3, Voluntary2, EISS 2, Allied Health Professionals 2, School Nurse 3.
Key Gaps identified:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in the amount of referral for emotional and behavioural support with children waiting assessment. • Play Therapy for primary school age children. 	
Key Successes identified:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Susie from CRIS community relations. • North Belfast LPG meeting. • Training for new database being introduced over the 10 Belfast FSH. • Attended the celebration for the Buddy Up programme. 	
AOB for Sharing:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small amount of Tesco and Lidl vouchers available. • Small amount of Play Therapy banked with Jigsaw. 	

6. Members Updates

Paula Mathers – Brain Injury Matters

Brain Injury Matters supports children, young people and their families who have been impacted by an acquired brain injury. They have received funding to develop a peer mentoring programme and a group programme to support teens with an acquired brain injury through the work of a facilitator and mentor, also with an injury.

Referrals are currently open and being accepted for 13-18 year olds with the Belfast area. The programme aims to help young people meet others with the same shared experience, help them learn more about their injury, articulate their needs and to develop social skills.

Please see attached more information from Paula with links to videos and the Brain Injury Matters website.

7. Summer Planning

It was hoped this agenda item would hold a conversation around what summer plans and provisions were in place, however with the current uncertainty around funding many organisations summer plans are on hold.

The next LPG meeting is scheduled for June, but again with the current climate it is felt that this meeting wouldn't be of any great value so perhaps it would be best to cancel this. However, it was suggested that the group still meet up over the next few months for an informal coffee morning and catch up.

8. LPG Update

The Belfast Area Outcomes Group meeting took place recently and the main topic was around the very serious concerns of funding cuts and how services will continue to operate. The issue is being raised beyond the BAOG and any information received back will be shared.

A presentation also took place around the preliminary findings of a project on children who are accessing the Family Support Hubs, being referred to Gateway, on the Child Protection register or LAC children. The BHSCT are analysing the data and examining figures across the city. It is a work in progress and once the full data is available it will be shared.

All Hubs raised the issue of school refusal /avoidance. It is hoped that some training will be carried out around this topic.

10. A.O.B

No other business was discussed and the meeting drew to a close with Claire thanking everyone for their participation and a special thank you to Jill McDermott for hosting today.

2023 Dates for North Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings

DATES (Tuesdays)	TIME	VENUES
10 th January	10am	Microsoft Teams
21 st March	10am	Microsoft Teams
16 th May	10am	TBA
20 th June	10am	CANCELLED
5 th September	10am	TBA
7 th November	10am	TBA