

West Belfast LPG Meeting

Microsoft Teams

Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 10am

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Deirdre Walsh (Chair)	Whiterock Children's Centre	✓	
Charlene Mitchell	LPG Coordinator, BHSCT	✓	
Sinead McConnell	Ionad Uibh Eachach	✓	
Sarah Braniff	BHSCT – MDT GP Federation	✓	
Seán Orr	BHSCT – MDT GP Federation	✓	
Marcela Vielman	Save the Children	✓	
Claire Neill	Clan Mor Sure Start	✓	
Sharon Nelson	Whiterock Children's Centre	✓	
Nicola Masterson	Outer West FSH	✓	
Pamela Hughes	Kids Together Belfast	✓	
Paula Mathers	Brain Injury Matters	✓	
Dympa Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership	✓	
Alice McGlone	Belfast City Council	✓	
Mairead Gilmartin	Outerwest Sure Start	✓	
Carol Bailie	Upper Springfield and Whiterock FSH	✓	
Piarais McCaffrey	Kids Together Belfast	✓	
Val Rowan	Emotional Health and Wellbeing, BHSCT	✓	
Aisling Reynolds	Action for Children		✓
Alan Guthrie	BHSCT		✓
Alison McNulty	Tiny Life		✓
Deirdre Marley	Prince's Trust		✓
Diane McMullin	Extern		✓
Jim Donnelly	Active Communities		✓
Laura Euler	Action Mental Health		✓
Leontia McKenna	CRJ Ireland		✓
Michael Doherty	Glen Community Parent Youth Group		✓
Nuala McStravick	Bryson Energy		✓
Penny Ambrose	Blackie River		✓
Phil Lindsay	Barnardo's		✓
Sinead Campbell	Advice NI		✓
Deborah Burnett	Greater Falls FSH		✓
Sandra Lawler	BHSCT		✓
In Attendance			
Jennifer Heverin	LPG Administration, BHSCT	✓	

Summary of Actions:

	Topic	Action	Responsibility

Action
by:

1. Welcome and Introduction

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

2. Previous Minutes of 29th March 2023

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the discussion and no amendments were required.

3. Presentation – Michelle Weir, Papyrus

Unfortunately Michelle was unable to attend today.

4. FSH Updates

FSH Area:	Greater Shankill
Timeframe:	Apr – May 2023
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	Total - 20 April - 15 May - 5
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	1407
Source of Service Requests:	School Nurse Self Community Organisation EWO Gateway GP
Key Gaps identified:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Therapeutic support for child and young people• Mentoring support for young people• Counselling support for adults whose first language is not English
Key Successes identified:	GS Hub have provided access to food support for families struggling with finances/benefits delays & changes. Hub coordinator was able to secure family support home visiting for all those requesting this type of support despite dwindling availability & growing waiting list for many provider organisations.
AOB for Sharing:	None

FSH Area:	Outer West Belfast
Timeframe:	April – May (16/05)
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	April – 21 May – 24 (@24/05/2023)
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	1606 YTD - 45
Source of Service Requests:	Self School Community Gateway GP GP MDT EWO CAMHS S&L Therapist
Key Gaps identified:	
<p>More services needed around - Play Therapy / ASD Supports</p> <p>Lack of local services available – at capacity / waiting lists</p>	
Key Successes identified:	
<p>Continuation of financial support requests – vouchers big help to families (Uniform and ASDA available)</p> <p>Providing practical support with OW Foodbank to families.</p>	
AOB for Sharing:	
<p>Met with Charlene O’Halloran – Belfast Works Connect (Upper Springfield Development Trust) regarding their new project (health & wellbeing / training & career).</p>	

FSH Area:	Upperspringfield Whiterock FSH
Timeframe:	April to May
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	April 23 May 11 up to the 10/5/23
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	Total to date 34
Source of Service Requests:	School Self Health Visitor Mental health practitioner /SW Sure start Voluntary community /community organisations school CAHMS GP

Key Gaps identified:

Summer scheme and childcare places.

Families continue to look for practical/financial support Due to cost of living rises and change to universal credit. 5 weeks of no benefit.

ADHD support no services available for families the age for a referral for a child has been increased to 6 years of age. Children from the ages of 4 to 6 have no support services the GP are being told to send families to local for support. Hub can only signpost on to ADDNI services advice line or Facebook page.

Key Successes identified:

Select number of Vouchers for local supermarket still available.

AOB for Sharing:

Community Day of Action rally 25/5/23
Lord Mayor presents City of Harmony Cultural evening 23/5/23.

FSH Area:	Greater Falls	
Timeframe:	Apr - May 23 (Up to 17 th May)	
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	40	
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	40 (2057)	
Source of Service Requests:	School Community CAMHS Self GP MDT Social Worker	Health Visitor Voluntary Organisation EWO ASD assessment staff
Key Gaps identified:		
<p>Limited supports for disability, limited child therapy supports. Increase in requests for Food and practical items</p> <p>Lengthy waiting lists for additional needs, Mental Health, General Health, issues contacting GP.</p> <p>Self-referrals made via GP or other Stats</p> <p>Supports for ADHD, query ADHD too young to be referred and ADHD on lengthy waiting list</p>		
Key Successes identified:		
AOB for Sharing:		

5. Members Updates

A group discussion took place around the huge issue of funding cuts. It is at the forefront of everyone's mind on how this will impact their organisation and the wider community services.

At present there no confirmation to what extent the budget will be reduced, however, what is certain is that any decrease in funds will have a huge knock on effect on staffing levels, programme delivery, referrals, services and summer schemes to name a few.

A rally is taking place on Thursday 25th May at City Hall to protest against these cuts and everyone was encouraged to attend to lend their voice and raise awareness.

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.

Sarah Braniff & Seán Orr – MDT, GP Federation

There is some ambiguity around what MDT is and their purpose. As a result profile awareness events are being planned.

MDT's are based 50/50 in GP Surgeries and in the community. Families who require short term intervention can call their GP Surgery but not speak to the doctor, they can speak to MDT.

The MDT will be educating GP's on their service and look to raise/change the current profile of social workers to a more positive one.

6. 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.

	<p>7. LPG Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAHMS are running training around self-harming on 15th June. To book a place email lisa.mccomishbrennan@belfasttrust.hscni.net • There are still some spaces left for the Kids Together ASD Training Workshop in Blackie. • Any other information that is to be shared, please email through to localityplanning@belfasttrust.hscni.net
	<p>8. A.O.B</p> <p>No other business was discussed and the meeting drew to a close with Deirdre thanking all those in attendance.</p>

2023 Dates for West Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings

DATES (Wednesday)	TIME	VENUES
25 th January	10am	Microsoft Teams
29 th March	11am	Microsoft Teams
17 th May	11am	Whiterock Children's Centre
5 th July	10am	CANCELLED
20 th September	10am	TBA
29 th November	10am	TBA