

## East Belfast LPG Meeting

Carew Family Centre, 15 Tamar St, Belfast BT4 1HS

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

10am

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Charlene Mitchell (Chair)	LPG Coordinator, BHSCT	✓	
Bronagh O'Dwyer	LPG Chairperson, NOW Group	✓	
Tracey Ripley McElvogue	LPG Vice Chairperson, East Belfast SureStart	✓	
Andrea Mawhinney	Inner East Family Support Hub – East Belfast Alternatives	✓	
Sinéad Tumelty	Outer South and East Belfast Family Support Hub, Barnardos	✓	
Joanne Doak	Life Charity	✓	
Kathy Watters	Belfast City Council	✓	
Wendy Stewart	AMH New Life Counselling	✓	
Ben Webb	Youth Engagement Service – Extern	✓	
Marcela Vielman	Save the Children	✓	
Roisin O'Neill	Barnardos	✓	
Val Rowan	BHSCT EHWB team	✓	
Michael Lamont	BHSCT EHWB team	✓	
Carla Magee	Eastside Partnership	✓	
Laura Euler	Action Mental Health	✓	
Margaret Barnes	Ardcomm Family Support	✓	
Linda Armitage	EBCDA	✓	
Stephen Cruise	Oasis Caring in Action	✓	
Phil Lindsay	Barnardos		✓
Pamela Hughes	Kids Together		✓
Bridget Tiernan	BHSCT		✓
Katie Sword	Prince's Trust		✓
Margy Falloon	Extern		✓
Michelle Muldoon	NOW Group		✓
Laura Forte	NIACRO		✓
Cara McCann	Here NI		✓
Gillian Hamilton	Eastside Partnership		✓
Olivia Garrett	Parentline NI		✓
Barbara Smith	Eastside Partnership		✓
<b>In Attendance</b>			
Jennifer Heverin	LPG Administration, BHSCT		✓

**Summary of Actions:**

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>

	<p><b>1. Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Tracey Ripley McElvogue, Vice Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming those present and extending a special welcome to Bronagh O'Dwyer as the new East LPG Chair.</p> <p>Apologies from Papyrus who were scheduled to do a presentation on their service.</p>
	<p><b>2. Previous Minutes from 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b></p> <p>Marcela Vielman and Sinéad Tumelty requested correction spelling for names on last minutes. This has now been amended.</p>
	<p><b>3. Member Introductions</b></p> <p>A round of introductions took place with everyone stating their name and organisation.</p>
	<p><b>4. Presentation, East Belfast Early Learning Community</b></p> <p>Early Learning Community (ELC) is an energetic and diverse community that is committed to finding innovative ways of creating systems change so that the children in East Belfast have a chance to thrive. Their partners are members of an early years workforce which includes nursery staff, speech and language therapists, health visitors, community workers, departmental representatives, teachers and other members of the community that are invested in ensuring that the children in East Belfast have the best possible future.</p> <p>Their new website will go live on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.  <a href="http://www.eastsideelc.org.uk">www.eastsideelc.org.uk</a></p>

#### 4. FSH Updates

<b>FSH Area:</b>	Inner East Belfast
<b>Timeframe:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	May – 20 June – 30 July – 24 August – 22 September – 14 to date
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	From April 2023 - 144
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	Health Visitors, Self-referrals, GP's, Schools, Community and Voluntary, EWO's, CAMHS, Social Workers, Gateway. Community Paediatrics, RISE Team.
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b>	ASD pre-diagnosed support, Teen counselling, Programmes for families outside Sure Start.
<b>Key Successes identified:</b>	Scaffolding Crisis Fund FSH Vouchers
<b>AOB for Sharing:</b>	

<b>FSH Area:</b>	Outer South & East Belfast
<b>Timeframe:</b>	May, June, July, August, September
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	May - 36 June – 31 July – 24 August – 27 September - 12 <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total - 130</b></p>
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	Self; School; HV; Community & voluntary; EWO; GP/Nurse; CAMHS.
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children &amp; young people on waiting list for autism/ADHD assessment presenting with anxiety / emotional regulation difficulties and anxiety based school avoidance.</li> <li>• Toddlers outside of Surestart area seeking early years placement.</li> <li>• Food &amp; energy poverty – families returning for further support and requesting food bank, supermarket vouchers, gas, electric, oil, uniform vouchers and “any financial support at all”.</li> <li>• Therapeutic services for children and increasingly families – counselling.</li> <li>• Emotion-based school avoidance (no diagnosis)</li> </ul>	
<b>Key Successes identified:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hub has a good presence in the area evidenced by the increasing referral numbers from across all professions and families themselves.</li> </ul>	
<b>AOB for Sharing:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	

## 6. Members Updates

### ***Emotional Health & Wellbeing Team***

A Sleep Programme is currently being developed and when completed places will be allocated to the Belfast Hubs. More information will follow when available.

### ***Roisin O'Neill, Barnardo's***

They currently have an ASD Programme running, for more information contact Roisin.

### ***Stephen Cruise, Oasis***

Their childcare facility has recently expanded with the addition of a new baby room.

### ***Kathy Watters, BCC play Team***

The Play Team now have a base in Downshire Hall.

### ***Ben Webb, Extern***

An 'International Inclusion Group' is held on Tuesday afternoons in their Queen Street premises.

A Barista academy is training up refugees and asylum seekers in this skill.

A 16-24 week pilot programme will train in Health & Safety, cookery and baking

### ***Charlene Mitchell, LPG***

A LPG scope of funding cuts was completed and circulated to LPG members.

A BOAG event is planned for November on the recent review of children's social care services in Northern Ireland. Invitations will be circulated once plans are finalised.

## 7. A.O.B

No other business was discussed and members were thanked for their attendance.

## 2023 Dates for East Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VENUES</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Microsoft Teams
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Carew Family Centre
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	10am	CANCELLED
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	10am	Carew II Family Centre
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	Carew II Family Centre