

East Belfast LPG Meeting

Thursday 9th May 2024
Knocknagoney Community Centre
10am

| Name | Organisation | Present | Apology |
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| Charlene Mitchell | LPG Coordinator, BHSCT | ✓ | |
| Bronagh O'Dwyer | LPG Chairperson, NOW Group | ✓ | |
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| Caoimhe McKenna | Papyrus | ✓ | |
| Andrea Mawhinney | Inner East FSH | ✓ | |
| Meliosa Sturgeon | MACS Supporting Children & Young People | ✓ | |
| Michelle Fuller | Ledley Hall | ✓ | |
| Conor Kerr | Prince's Trust | ✓ | |
| Carla Magee | Eastside Learning | ✓ | |
| Julia Carson | W5 | ✓ | |
| Lois Corbett | Outer South & East FSH | ✓ | |
| Deyna Reaney | Outer South & East FSH | ✓ | |
| Carol Scullion | Action Mental Health | ✓ | |
| Kathy Watters | Belfast City Council | ✓ | |
| Tracey Ripley McElvogue | East Belfast Sure Start | ✓ | |
| Kelly McAtamney | BHSCT | ✓ | |
| Julia Hughes | Bryson | ✓ | |
| Josie Gibson | Health Visiting | ✓ | |
| Áine Mulvenna | Health Visiting | ✓ | |
| Jennifer Heverin | LPG Administration | ✓ | |
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| Chloe McCann | Toybox | | ✓ |
| Laurie Montgomery | EBCDA | | ✓ |
| Linda Armitage | EBCDA | | ✓ |
| Marie-Therese Cassin | Cedar Foundation | | ✓ |
| Michele Muldoon | Now Group | | ✓ |
| Pamela Hughes | Kids Together | | ✓ |
| Phil Lindsay | Barnardo's | | ✓ |
| Sinead Campbell | Advice NI | | ✓ |
| Zara Monteith | Willowfield Parish Community Association | | ✓ |
| Bronagh Muldoon | NCPCC | | ✓ |
| Marcela Vielman | Save the Children | | ✓ |
| Roisín O'Neill | Barnardo's | | ✓ |
| Val Rowen | BHSCT | | ✓ |
| Alex Barnes | Life Charity | | ✓ |
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Summary of Actions:

| | Topic | Action | Responsibility |
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| | Therapeutic Services | Invitation to be issued inviting members to join a sub-group to look at gaps in therapeutic services in East Belfast. | Bronagh O'Dwyer/ Charlene Mitchell |
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| | <p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Chair, Bronagh O’Dwyer opened the meeting by welcoming those present and facilitating a round of introductions.</p> |
| | <p>2. Previous Minutes from 14th March 2024</p> <p>Minutes agreed as a true reflection of the meeting and no amendments required.</p> |
| | <p>3. Presentations:</p> <p>Prince’s Trust, Conor Kerr The Prince’s Trust work with young people ages 16-30 from all backgrounds with the aim of getting them into employment, education or training courses. They support them on programmes that help with social and personal development, employment and even starting their own business.</p> <p>‘Get Started’ is a personal development programme over 5 days that covers a range of themes such as sport, arts and beauty. Qualifications can be offered and are delivered in partnership with professionals and specialist organisations.</p> <p>The ‘Get Into’ and ‘Get Hired’ programmes are aimed at work-ready young people and are delivered in partnership with employers in retail, security and hospitality with the hope of gaining work experience and ultimately employment.</p> <p>‘Explore’ and ‘Explore Plus’ are longer term personal development programmes to support those with additional barriers to work or employment. They are designed to build skills such as teamwork, communication, resilience and develop interpersonal skills.</p> <p>‘Team’ is a 12-week personal development programme in which young people gain life and employability skills, work experience and meet new people.</p> <p>Michelle Fuller – Ledley Hall Ledley Hall Boys and Girls Club Trust Ltd is a full-time youth centre based in Inner East Belfast providing youth services to young people aged 4-25 years old. Ledley Hall helps young people take control of their lives by providing a safe space where they belong and thrive. A wide range of programmes are offered such as breakfast club, homework club, dinner club, summer programmes, boxing cub, accredited programmes, personal and social development programmes and much more.</p> <p>In addition to the above programmes a range of therapeutic services are also offered such as counselling, 1-2-1 support/mentoring, acupuncture and mindfulness. Nationwide had previously funded counselling services in Ledley Hall, however this funding has now run out and members are currently self-funding until alternative funding can be sought.</p> <p>As in previous years, their pre loved school uniform drive will take place. Donations will be requested and these are put out primarily to Ledley Hall members. The uniforms will be set out on rails outside their premises and is open to the public. It is not a replacement</p> |

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| | <p>for the old Scaffolding Project uniform drive as this is on a smaller scale and limited to a week or two.</p> |
| | <p>4. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Therapeutic Services A sub-group will be formed to list and look at what services are offering counselling or wellbeing support in East Belfast. The gathered information can then then be fed back to BAOG listing specific gaps.<p>An email will be issued with an invite to join this group.</p> |

5. FSH Updates

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| FSH Area: | Outer South & East Belfast |
| Timeframe: | 14 th March – 30 th April |
| Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe: | 38 |
| Number of Service Requests Received to date: | April 23 – March 24 – 365 April 24 – March 25 – 35 |
| Source of Service Requests: | 9- Self 8- HV 4- School 7 - Community 0- Ed Welfare 2- GP 0- Voluntary Org 3- CAMHS 0- Social Worker 1- Nurse |
| Key Gaps identified: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for teenagers- one to one, mentoring, and counselling. • Support for 2-year-olds and under with potential ASD. • Therapeutic support, mindfulness. • Long waiting lists for counselling that exceed hub time scale |
| Key Successes identified: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COL funding • Great partnership working within hub |
| AOB for Sharing: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deyna Reaney has started in job share post with Lois Corbett as Hub Co-Ordinator. |

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| FSH Area: | Inner East Belfast |
| Timeframe: | March 2024 – 8 th May 2024 |
| Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe: | March 37 April 30 May 18 |
| Number of Service Requests Received to date: | From April 2023 - April 2024 331 May 2024 18 |
| Source of Service Requests: | Health Visitors, Self-referrals, GP's, Schools, Community and Voluntary, EWO's, CAMHS, Social Workers, Gateway. Community Paediatrics. |
| Key Gaps identified: | |
| <p>ASD pre-diagnosed support for Young People ADHD pre-diagnosed support for Children Therapeutic Support – children, young people and adults. Scaffolding Project.</p> | |
| Key Successes identified: | |
| <p>BCC Hardship Fund Bryson Cost of Living Initiative</p> | |
| AOB for Sharing: | |
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| | <p>6. Members Updates</p> <p><i>Julia Hughes – Bryson Training and Employability</i> Bryson have programmes available for young people 16yrs+ who are not in formal education, training or employment.</p> <p><i>Caoimhe McKenna – Papyrus</i> It was found that young people are more comfortable reaching out via text so a new number was created for this. ‘Hope’ can be texted to 88247 and someone will respond.</p> <p><i>Tracey Ripley-McElvogue - East Belfast Sure Start</i> ELC is a collaboration of available provision in East Belfast for 0-8 year olds. It is a way for the people who provide these services to come together to discuss issues. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Tracy at coord@surestarteast.org.uk</p> |
| | <p>7. LPG Updates</p> <p><i>i) Belfast Area Outcomes Meeting</i> The last BAOG Meeting was cancelled but another is planned for the end of May. Any information members would like added to the Locality Planning report to the Outcomes Group please send to Charlene Mitchell.</p> <p><i>ii) Summer Meeting</i> Meetings over the summer have always had low attendance due to many people being away so it was proposed that rather than having a formal meeting, a coffee morning is hosted instead. It was also suggested that it could incorporate all 4 of the LPG’s so that everyone has a chance to meet and network with the other group members.</p> <p><i>iii) Training</i> A scope for training needs will be sent out shortly. Due to the success of the Vape Awareness Training another session will take place on 27th June. If anyone is interested in booking a place please contact Jennifer Heverin.</p> <p><i>iv) BCC Hardship Fund</i> A thank you was extended to all 10 Family Support Hubs who facilitated the delivery of this fund. Monitoring has just been submitted and the latest figures show over 1100 families were supported through this fund.</p> |
| | <p>8. A.O.B</p> <p>No other business was discussed and Bronagh thanked all those who attended today.</p> |

2024 Dates for East Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings

| DATES | TIME | VENUES |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 25 th January | 10am | 78 Mersey Street |
| 14 th March | 10am | Microsoft Teams |
| 9 th May | 10am | Knocknagoney Community Centre |
| TBA July | 10am | TBA |
| 19 th September | 10am | TBA |
| 21 st November | 10am | TBA |