

## West Belfast LPG Meeting

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10am**

**Whiterock Children's Centre, 91 Whiterock Road, BT12 7PG**

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Caroline Milligan	LPG Coordinator, BHSCT	✓	
Deirdre Walsh	LPG Chair	✓	
Charlene Harris	Forthspring	✓	
Nikki McTaggart	Action Mental Health	✓	
Mairéad Gilmartin	Outerwest Sure Start	✓	
Carol Bailie	Upper Springfield and Whiterock FSH	✓	
Julia Hughes	Bryson Pathways	✓	
Jo Myles	Summerhill Foundation	✓	
Marcela Vielman	Save the Children	✓	
Michael George	UACF/Tullymore	✓	
Gemma McAuley	Barnardo's EIFSS	✓	
Dympna Johnston	Greater Shankill Partnership	✓	
Diane McMullin	BDACT Connections Service	✓	
Niamh Nolan	Glow NI	✓	
Aíne McCahey	West Belfast GP MDT	✓	
Elizabeth Verner	Greater Shankill FSH	✓	
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount Sure Start	✓	
Carol Scullion	Action Mental Health	✓	
Sharon Nelson	Whiterock Children's Centre	✓	
Piarais McCaffery	Kids Together Belfast	✓	
Alice McGlone	Belfast City Council		✓
Chloe McCann	Toybox, Early Years		✓
Marie-Therese Cassin	Cedar Foundation		✓
Phil Lindsay	Barnardo's		✓
Stephanie Gray	Belfast Met		✓
Val Rowan	BHSCT		✓
Bronagh O'Dwyer	NOW Group		✓
Ciara McCorrigan	NIACRO		✓
Joe McGovern	Extern		✓
Nichola Lockhart	Early Years		✓
Michael Doherty	Glen Community Parent Youth Group		✓
Lorna Lundy	Lenadoon Women's Group		✓
Aisling Reynolds	Action for Children		✓
Niall Enright	USDT		✓
Sinead McConnell	Ionad Uibh Eachnach		✓
Nicola Masterson	Outer West Belfast FSH		✓
Sarah McClean	Health Visiting, BHSCT		✓
Kelly McAtamney	EHWT in Schools, BHSCT		✓
Bridget Tiernan	BHSCT		✓

Ann McKay	Mornington Community Project		✓
Donal McKinney	USDT		✓
Julia Carson	W5		✓
Bernie Donaghy	DePaul		✓
<b>In Attendance</b>			
Jennifer Heverin	LPG Administration, BHSCT	✓	

**Summary of Actions:**

	Topic	Action	Responsibility

**Action**  
**by:**

### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Deirdre Walsh opened the meeting by welcoming those present and introducing Caroline Milligan as the interim LPG Coordinator whilst Charlene is on maternity leave.

A round of introductions then took place.

### **2. Previous Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

Previous minutes were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting and no amendments were required.

Copies of previous minutes can be found on the CYPSP website.

### **3. Presentation – Angelina McNally, NSPCC**

Angela McNally was unable to make today's meeting.

### **4. Matters Arising**

The floor was opened to other members who wished to give a synopsis on their organisation:

#### ***Jo Myles – Summerhill Foundation***

Summerhill run parenting workshops alongside Parenting Focus and would be interested to hear from parenting groups/Sure Starts and the like. It is a cost of living programme and there is a £20 Lidl voucher on completion of the course.

Summerhill also offer grants up to £10,000 and are particularly interested in early years. Applications are open all year round, see Summerhill.com for more details.

#### ***Niamh Nolan – Glow NI***

Glow NI's programmes are aimed at promoting young women's positive mental health and self-esteem. The programme would be especially useful for those who are on a mental health referral waiting list.

#### ***Charlene Harris – Forthspring***

Forthspring run a number of intercommunity activities such as Money Matters, pensioner's lunch, gardening club, movie nights, youth club and a benefits advice workshops every Tuesday.

***Carol Scullion – Action Mental Health***

AMH originally had funding for youth work mainly in the Colin area, but there are now no geographical restrictions. However, more information is to be captured but this in turn will allow AMH to see the outcomes and the impact their work is having. The funding is until December 2027 and will look at mental health and resilience building with young people to help prevent mental health issues in the future.

## 5. FSH Updates

<b>FSH Area:</b>	Outer West Belfast
<b>Timeframe:</b>	June 2024 – August 2024
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	June– 20 July – 17 August - 24
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	YTD - 112
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	Self Community Health Visitor GP GP MDT School PSNI
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b>	
<p>More services needed around – Autism supports / Play therapy / Parenting support / Summer schemes and support for children with complex needs (SLD and no DSW / waiting lists around this) – though some of these families have been referred on to EHWBT programmes starting September / October.</p>	
<b>Key Successes identified:</b>	
<p>New hub members from – NI Youth Forum, Youth Start, Mindwise and Informing Choices.</p> <p>Monthly meetings June – August successful with some new members in attendance.</p> <p>Completed successful application of Seed funding with Michael (Glenparent) for ASCERT training around drug use (to be facilitated by Glenparent).</p>	
<b>AOB for Sharing:</b>	
<p>Completed sensitive and complex cases training with Tim Chapman through CRJI.</p> <p>Attended Emergency Round Table meeting at WRCC due to increase of attacks / hate crime on the migrant community.</p> <p>Met with Lorraine Morrissey-McCann to discuss Lenadoon Peoples Plan – 5-year plan to support the Lenadoon community and see what issues are affecting them most.</p> <p>Attended Lead Body meeting in September.</p>	

<b>FSH Area:</b>	Upperspringfield whiterock FSH
<b>Timeframe:</b>	June to September
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	June 18 July 22 Aug 15 Sept 15  Total 56
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	2,457
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	Self-referrals Sure Start Health Visitors MDT Community CAMHS
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b>	
<p>Housing</p> <p>School and nursery and services available for families with children who have complex needs.</p> <p>Childcare places, Play Therapy and ASD support.</p>	
<b>Key Successes identified:</b>	
<p>Increase of Dads making self-referrals into the Hub for practical and emotional support, due to having full time parental responsibility.</p> <p>Whiterock children and family centre running anti-racism training various groups and services taking part.</p> <p>WCFC summer programs were attended by hub families, cookery, arts and crafts, trip to Newcastle. Food fair Conway mill</p>	

Coordinator Attended various information events in schools and traveller event Maureen Sheehan centre organised through CRJ NI. Domestic violence training, vape training.

**AOB for Sharing:**

WCFC Celebrated 35 years of whiterock children's centre and 10 years of the Hub supporting families in the upper Springfield and whiterock area. Event was attended by the Health Minister and local area politicians and support services. Belfast trust and parents.

Christmas list has started for Christmas support through the Hub, families feeling the anxiety already of the upcoming season uncertain of what support will be like this year.

Hub Families supported with large household goods through Children in Need fund applications.

<b>FSH Area:</b>	Greater Shankill
<b>Timeframe:</b>	<b>June-Aug 2024</b>
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	June 13 July 8 August 10
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	63
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	Self, Education Welfare Officer, Paediatrician, Social Worker, Health Visitor, Disability Social Worker, School,
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complimentary Therapies</li> <li>- Local ASD Youth Supports</li> <li>- Toileting assistance for 7+ (non ASD diagnosis)</li> <li>- GP waiting times are a barrier to families going to access support they need. (requesting ADHD/ASD assessments)</li> <li>- Housing Executive repair waiting times, impacting families who have children with additional needs.</li> <li>- Financial support, more families seeking support.</li> </ul>	
<b>Key Successes identified:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Referrals to Play Therapy</li> <li>-Families matched with a Family Support Service.</li> <li>-Bryson School Bags made available to families in need of support</li> <li>SureStart- Family support, Tiny Steps</li> </ul>	
<b>AOB for Sharing: None</b>	



<b>FSH Area:</b>	Greater Falls	
<b>Timeframe:</b>	June – Sept 24	
<b>Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:</b>	(May 28) Jun - 10 Jul - 8 Aug - 14 Sep - 12	
<b>Number of Service Requests Received to date:</b>	103 Apr - Sept	
<b>Source of Service Requests:</b>	School Community CAMHS Self GP MDT Social Worker Gateway	Health Visitor Voluntary Organisation EWO
<b>Key Gaps identified:</b>		
<p>Limited supports for disability, limited child therapy supports for shorter periods of time. Other services that that relate to emotional regulation for children</p> <p>Lengthy waiting lists for additional needs, lack of specific services for ADHD.</p>		
<b>Key Successes identified:</b>		
20 one to one packages with Mini Explores via the MDT seed monies		
<b>AOB for Sharing:</b>		
Blackie River ASD prog. Piloting 4 week parent programme for parents of children attending the ASD programme to provide an awareness of Autism, emotional regulation, self-care etc. Programme to be parent led		

## **6. Members Updates**

### ***Michael George – UACF/Tullymore***

One of their major successes has been the Universal Credit workshops which has had significant attendance.

Their women's group also continues to thrive and grow.

### ***Aíne McCahey – GP Federation***

Their base will be moving to Ballyowen Health Centre. You don't need to see a GP first you can contact the GP Federation directly as it's often easier to get a Social Worker appointment than a GP one.

### ***Piarais McCaffery – Kids Together***

Kids Together have a new member of staff – a horse named Sid. Sid will provide equine therapy to older children who enjoy helping look after him.

### ***Penny Ambrose – Beechmount Sure Start***

Falls Women's Centre still have spaces available on their Level 3 Health and Social Care course.

### ***Julia Hughes – Bryson Pathways***

If anyone is working with a family with a young person aged 16+ who has left school with no further plans for education or employment Bryson can assist.

### ***Sharon Nelson – Whiterock Children's Centre***

Diane McMullin is running Vape Training at Whiterock Children's Centre on Friday. There has been a lot of interest from teachers and EWO's. Diane also advised that she has been approached by schools to give training to the pupils, however she only works with adults at present.

## **7. LPG Updates**

### ***Locality Planning Consultation***

CYPSP released their 6 priorities which were discussed and worked upon at the Coffee Morning on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Caroline extended her thanks to everyone who attended and their useful input. For those who were unable to attend a questionnaire was issued. All the information received is currently being collated and will be fed back to CYPSP. The LPG plans can then be looked at.

### ***LPG Update/Newsletter***

The weekly LPG Update email has undergone a new format. Feedback was sought on how people feel about this and if they would be happy about this being issued fortnightly. The consensus was positive with most people expressing that they found the update very useful.

**8. A.O.B**

No other business was discussed and the meeting drew to a close with Deirdre thanking all those in attendance.

**2024/25 Dates for West Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings**

<b>DATES (Wednesday)</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VENUES</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	Whiterock Children's Centre
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	10am	Whiterock Children's Centre
12 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Whiterock Children's Centre
21 <sup>st</sup> May	10am	Whiterock Children's Centre
TBA July	10am	TBA