

North Belfast LPG Meeting

W5 Life, The Odyssey, Queen's Quay, Belfast, BT3 9QQ

Tuesday 12th November at 10am

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Anne McAleer	EIST, BHSCT	✓	
Jennifer Heverin	LPG Administration, BHSCT	✓	
Wendy Stewart	New Life Counselling	✓	
Julie Kinnear	Upper North FSH	✓	
Edith McManus	Lower North FSH	✓	
Geoff Marsh	The King's Trust	✓	
Sarah Ferris	Mindwise	✓	
Doireann Doherty	Springvale Employment and Learning	✓	
Vicky Chambers	Health Visiting, BHSCT	✓	
Aine Mulvenna	Health Visiting, BHSCT	✓	
Julie Jamieson	Reach Out HLC	✓	
Mervyn Bell	Smile Sure Start	✓	
Ryan Black	Glenbrook Sure Start	✓	
Val Rowen	EHWT, BHSCT	✓	
Alyah Tuansi	Springvale Employment and Learning	✓	
Apologies			
Thomas Turley	Ardoyne Youth Enterprise		✓
Sinead Campbell	Advice NI		✓
Emma Beattie	Wheatfield PS		✓
Phil Lindsay	Barnardo's		✓
Gemma McAuley	Barnardo's		✓
Alexander Akkari	Cedar Foundation		✓
Kelly McAtamney	EHWT in Schools, BHSCT		✓
John Hunsdale	Ascert		✓
Aisling Anderson	Bryson Energy		✓
Chloe McCann	Toybox, Early Years		✓
Keeva Watson	ROC		✓
Kerry McCarry	Health Improvement Team, BHSCT		✓
Mary Lavery	BHSCT		✓
Naibh Adams	Action Mental Health		✓
Nichola Lockhart	Early Years		✓
Sarah McClean	BHSCT		✓
Sharon Quinn	Lighthouse		✓
Katherine Ferguson	EANI		✓
Bridget Tiernan	BHSCT		✓
Fiona Meenan	BHSCT		✓
Laura Feeney	Save the Children		✓
Fiona O'Donnell	SENAC		✓

Christine McKeown	Ashton		✓
Stephen Reid	Vine Centre		✓

	Topic	Action	Responsibility

<u>Action by:</u>	
	<p>1. Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>In the absence of Chair Claire Allen and LPG Coordinator Caroline Milligan, Jennifer Heverin, LPG Administration, chaired today's meeting and Ann McAleer from the Early Intervention Support Team, BHSCT acted as LPG Coordinator. Jennifer opened the meeting by introducing herself and Anne and facilitated a round of introductions.</p>
	<p>2. Previous Minutes of 10th September 2024</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting and no amendments were required.</p>
	<p>3. Presentation – Joanne Kinnear, North Belfast Community Partnership</p> <p>Joanne Kinnear was unable to attend, however Edith McManus gave a brief update on the North Belfast Community Partnership:</p> <p>The North Belfast Partnership Board ceased trading in February 2018 and since then North Belfast has missed out on opportunities regarding funding, capital builds and strategic partnerships.</p> <p>The Department for Communities are currently undertaking a review of Neighbourhood Renewal and the direction of travel seems to be that any new programme will in Belfast be based around area plans and managed through area partnerships.</p> <p>To address these realities the four Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships (Ballysillan, Crumlin /Ardoyne, Inner North and Ligoniel) instigated a consultation and engagement process with stakeholders from the community, statutory, voluntary and political sectors to develop a cohesive North Belfast voice.</p> <p>Over the next six months the 11 thematic working groups which have been developed will look at how North Belfast's needs can best be met.</p>

4. FSH Updates

FSH Area:	Lower North Belfast
Timeframe:	30/8/2024-6/11/2024
Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	48
Number of Service Requests Received to date:	2250
Source of Service Requests:	Community, Self, Health Visitor, School
Key Gaps identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in demand for 1-1 family support services	
Key Successes identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attending North Belfast Community Partnership Events• Attended North Belfast Raise event• Attended Blessed Trinity mental health event• Attended Anti-poverty event in City Hall	
AOB for Sharing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wide range of training provided for Hub members	

	FSH Area:	Upper North Belfast FSH
	Timeframe:	1 st September – 31 st October 2024
	Number of Service Requests Received in timeframe:	September – 13 October - 22
	Number of Service Requests Received to date:	2,550
	Source of Service Requests:	School 5, CAMHS 2, Health Visitor 2, Community 4, Voluntary 1, GP 7, Self 9, EWO 5, Gateway 1.
	Key Gaps identified:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial support for families struggling with weekly food shop and household bills. 	
	Key Successes identified:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancer Lifeline 25 Year Anniversary of delivering vital support services to cancer patients and their families/carers in the wider North Belfast community. Attended even at Blessed Trinity College Teens event for Health and Wellbeing. Attended Anti-Poverty networking event at Belfast City Hall. Taking part in North Belfast Community Partnership discussions regarding early intervention for children and families. 	
	AOB for Sharing:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIACRO/EISS have secured extra funding for pilot scheme to support parents who were using drugs or alcohol, and are able to refer families for additional support through other agencies, as well as training staff to raise their awareness of this issue. 	

	<p>5. LPG Update</p> <p><i>The Cost of Living Networking Event</i> This event took place in Belfast City Hall on 29th November. Locality Planning and Family Support Hubs were represented. The event had a variety of exhibitors as well as a Q&A panel.</p> <p><i>Belfast Area Outcomes Group</i> A meeting took place on 10th September to discuss the work around the consultation on key priorities of an action plan. A sub-group was subsequently formed and they met on 4th November to work on a final draft. This draft will then be brought to the wider group for discussion and BAOG sign-off. Once this has been agreed we can then start to look at planning for the Belfast Locality Groups.</p> <p><i>Raise</i> Caroline Milligan, LPG Coordinator, met with Claire Humphrey from the Raise team on 25th September. Programme engagement events have been organised for North, South, East and West Belfast. Links to Eventbrite to register have been sent to all LPG members.</p> <p><i>LPG Coordinators Meeting</i> This was attended by Caroline Milligan on 24th October</p>
	<p>6. Members Updates</p> <p><i>Aliyah Tuansi – Springvale Employment and Learning</i> Aliyah gave a brief update on Belfast City Council’s social supermarkets which are distributed throughout the city. The link below provides more information alongside the location of these supermarkets: https://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/socialsupermarkets</p> <p><i>Sarah Ferris – Mindwise</i> Mindwise offer support and training to schools and youth groups. Their pre-school programme ‘Beyond Bricks’ is a Lego-based therapy that provides teachers with the training so they can take this forward themselves. Likewise the secondary school programme trains staff on how to help young people cope with exam stress, social pressures and so on. It means that staff have in-house skills to deal with these issues themselves rather than having to continually outsource. ‘Your Resilience’ is aimed at youth groups such as youth clubs, sports clubs etc. and again looks at the ethos of training the trainer.</p> <p>All services are free and are available throughout Northern Ireland.</p>

	<p>Geoff Magill – The Kings Trust</p> <p>The King's Trust courses are aimed at young people to develop their careers by allowing them to develop self-esteem and a sense of direction. It is found that there are significant mental health barriers for young people within education and employment and The Kings Trust looks to help overcome these.</p> <p>A list of the programmes The King's Trust run and what these entail can be found in the link: Upcoming courses from The King's Trust</p>
	<p>7. A.O.B</p> <p>No other business was discussed and the meeting drew to a close with Jennifer thanking everyone in attendance.</p>

2024/25 Dates for North Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings

DATES (Tuesdays)	TIME	VENUES
10 th September	10am	Arts for All, Cityside
12 th November	10am	W5 Life, Odyssey
14 th January	10am	TBA
11 th March	10am	TBA
13 th May	10am	TBA