

East Belfast LPG Planning Meeting

Thursday 1st May 2025
Knocknagoney Community Centre
10am

Name	Organisation	Present	Apology
Caroline Milligan	LPG Coordinator, BHSCT	✓	
Tracey Ripley-McElvogue	LPG Vice-Chairperson	✓	
Ruth Guilda	Eastside Learning	✓	
Laurie Montgomery	EBCDA	✓	
Kathy Watters	Belfast City Council	✓	
Gail McLaughlin	Ark Housing Association	✓	
Andrea Mawhinney	Inner East FSH	✓	
Lucinda Vance	King's Trust	✓	
Lois Corbett	Outer South & East Family Support Hub	✓	
Emma Shaw	Phoenix Education Centre	✓	
Nichola Lockhart	Toybox, Early Years	✓	
Racheal Howe	Victoria Park PS	✓	
Marcela Vielman	Save the Children	✓	
Julia Carson	W5	✓	
Jennifer Heverin	LPG Administration	✓	
Aine Mulvenna	BHSCT		✓
Carol Scullion	Action Mental Health		✓
Chloe McCann	Toybox, Early Years		✓
Deyna Reaney	Barnardo's		✓
Fiona Meenan	BHSCT		✓
Joe McGovern	Extern		✓
Julia Hughes	Bryson Energy		✓
Pamela Hughes	Kids Together		✓
Phil Lindsay	Barnardo's		✓
Rachel Balchin	Action Mental Health		✓
Roisin O'Neill	Barnardo's		✓
Sarah McClean	BHSCT		✓
Val Rowan	BHSCT		✓
Sandra Lawler	EANI		✓
Joan Davis	Relate NI		✓

	<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Caroline and Tracey welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions took place.</p>
	<p>2. Overview of Morning</p> <p>Tracey talked through the overview of the morning explaining that the meeting was to look at key issues and agree key priorities for East Belfast LPG to collectively work on over the next 3 years. Tracey then handed over to Caroline for the LPG Presentation.</p>
	<p>3. LPG Presentation</p> <p>Caroline thanked Tracey and explained she was going to go through a short presentation on LPG to remind us all of the structure and purpose of LPG. Caroline went through the presentation which covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYPSP – structure and purpose • Belfast Outcomes group – structure and purpose • Purpose of Locality Planning – developing and supporting multi-agency early intervention • How we do this – sharing information, knowledge and expertise, building effective partnership • Focus – early intervention • Structure of the partnerships and how we feed into them • Membership of LPG's • Standards for LPG • Terms of reference • Outcomes based accountability
	<p>4. Review of Membership</p> <p>One of the aims of LPG is to have members who are engaged and pertinent. A list had been compiled of all the East Belfast LPG members as well as those who regularly attend meetings.</p> <p>Tracey then went through the list of non-attenders to see if anyone present knows of them or if they've since left post etc. Some were identified as having moved elsewhere, some were unknown to anyone there and others were ring fenced for contact to see if they still want to belong to LPG.</p> <p>The other strand of membership was asking the group to identify any people or organisations that are currently not members but it may be useful to have them on board, for example, some housing associations/organisations were identified.</p> <p>Further work will continue to take place on the members list.</p>

5. Key Issues/Agreed Priorities

It was agreed that there is a lot of great work already taking place in East Belfast and the aim of the plan is to make use of and consolidate this work into a streamlined plan to tackle areas where there are gaps and need.

Flip charts were then placed around the room under the following headings:

- Poverty & Cost of Living
- Mental Health and Emotional Health
- School Disruption
- Early Intervention Support

The group were then invited to stick 'Post-It' notes under the headings where their organisation were focused on offering support eg, social supermarkets for cost of living, education programmes for school disruption and so on.

➤ What are the key issues for East Belfast?

Following this exercise a discussion then took place on what was already happening in the area and where there are gaps. The main gaps identified were:

- Early therapeutic service
- ASD Support
- Parental support for school avoidance
- Early years support outside of Sure Start
- Support beyond the age of 4 years.

➤ What priorities can we agree to focus on, as a collective, to improve the outcome?

It was felt that the best way to tackle these issues would be to lobby groups already looking at these areas, for example the Anti-Poverty Forum and see how we can work with them.

6. Objectives and Actions

➤ What are our goals?

The goal is to have slick, collaborative working within East Belfast and to learn from and harness that already great work that is happening in the area.

➤ What are we going to do to achieve them?

By lobbying existing networks and inviting them to present at LPG meetings we will have a better understanding of how to tackle the key issues.

	<p>7. Timeline and Partners</p> <p>➤ How long will it take / when we will we do it? The LPG Plan is a 3 year plan, however, it is constantly moving and evolving with changing needs.</p> <p>➤ Who can help? By working in collaboration with our existing members, outside networks and on boarding new members we can have a broad overview of who is best placed help alleviate the key issues.</p>
	<p>8. Round Up and Feedback</p> <p>The information from the flip charts would be gathered and brought to the next LPG meeting where we will hopefully have the beginnings of an Action Plan.</p> <p>Caroline and Tracey thanked everyone for the attendance and their contribution to the morning.</p>

2025 Dates for East Belfast LPG Ordinary Meetings

DATES	TIME	VENUES
9 th January	10am	Knocknagoney Community Centre
3 rd April	10am	Knocknagoney Community Centre
1 st May – Planning Meeting	10am	Knocknagoney Community Centre
3 rd July	10am	Knocknagoney Community Centre
4 th September	10am	TBA
6 th November	10am	TBA