

Cityside LPG Meeting Minutes

9.10.25

11:00am-1:00pm

Venue: GSAP

Present:

Shauna Spence

Marty Daly (GSAP)

Louise Moorehead (Gasyard Development Trust)

Cathy Sweeney (Dunluce Family Support HUB)

Joe Thompson (ASCERT)

Melanie Mc Cutchson (Parentline)

Natasha Burke (Family First HUB OLT)

Dawn Mc Kendry (NOW Organisation)

Rebecca Waugh (NOW Organisation)

Apologies:

Michaela O' Hagan (CAMHS/EWTS)

Introductions & Welcome

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Louise for accommodating at the GSAP and for providing the lovely refreshments.

Marty Daly the new Chair of the Derry Locality Planning Group chaired the meeting. There was agreement that Marty would be able to bring considerable experience and knowledge to the role of Chair.

WAOG Update

Paul updated the group on the developments within the Western Area Outcomes Group so that members remain apprised of some of the wider decisions relating to the broader Outcomes Group action plan.

The update included:

- Funding decisions and the progress of the finance sub-committee.

- Connections between WAOG funding decisions and the WAOG action plan.
- Update on membership of the WAOG
- Early Intervention strategy within the WHSCT as discussed at WAOG.

Derry LPG Action Plan Development

The Chair invited discussion on the progression of the action plan. Discussion focused on how members' organisations were helping contribute to the priority areas within the action plan.

Joe Thompson from ASCERT highlighted how the organisation was providing early intervention provision for 11-24 year olds in the area of mental health and substance misuse. This service has a self-referral pathway increasing accessibility. This is a direct support for priority area 2 within our action plan.

The Family Support Hubs represented at today's meeting continue to provide frontline services across the four priority areas.

Cathy from Dunluce highlighted the difficulty in engaging young men who were misusing substances and found the access to ASCERT very helpful however; this remains a growing area of need across the locality.

Marty and Louise outline the range of provision in GSAP and the Gaspard that were engaging families and young people and connecting to the priority areas. For example:

- Therapeutic Music Courses
- Steps to Wellbeing Courses
- Women's Courses
- Baby Massage
- School transition programmes
- Summer Camps
- Teenage self- Care programmes

Paul highlighted the need to articulate these excellent interventions through the FYI and by highlighting best practice examples at the WAOG.

Action Paul to explore with WHSCT Communications Team how to possibly harmonise social media drives to capture breadth of work ongoing within communities that support action plans

AOB

There was some conversation about how to best utilise the LPG development fund and how this could possibly support ongoing projects.