

MINUTES

EAST BELFAST LPG MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 September 2015 AT 10am IN EBP OFFICE, NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, BELFAST.

PRESENT:

Maggie Andrews	EBP (LPG Chair)
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Colin Robinson	East Belfast Alternatives
Alison Templeton	New Life Counselling
Linda Armitage	EBCDA
Yvonne Cowan	BHSCT
Eelco Westerhuis	Home-Start
Claire Humphrey	Barnardo's
Irene Blanchard	East Belfast Community Counselling
Aine Kelly	Save the Children
Nicola Hannigan	Barnardo's

APOLOGIES:

Geraldine O'Regan	East Belfast Sure Start
Liz Brown	NICMA
Ashlea Berryman	Early Years Organisation
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Una Casey	CYPSP
Tracey Wilson	Oasis
Lorraine Brennan	BHSCT
Paul McCombe	NIHE

IN ATTENDANCE:

Aislinn Delaney	ASCERT Steps to Cope
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1. Welcome and Introductions Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions took place.

2. Apologies- As noted above.

3. Presentation- Steps to Cope service.

Aislinn delivered a presentation to the group on the Steps to Cope Service: a confidential, structured support service for young people aged 11-18 living in Northern Ireland, who are dealing with Parental Alcohol Misuse. The service provides one-to-one support via staff and but also 24/7 on the Steps to Cope website. There is a facility on the website to view local drug and alcohol service, and it was emphasised that all members should have a look at this and send details of any omissions to Aislinn.

Action: ALL Members to send information of any omissions on the ASCERT website.

Aislinn offered that if any group wants to receive a presentation from one of the Steps to Cope team, to contact her via email and this can easily be arranged. She also highlighted that they are aiming to train as many practitioners as possible, and are currently providing free training.

There was a suggestion that if we could provide sufficient participants that a training event could be organised for East Belfast practitioners.

Action: Maggie/ Laura to liaise with Aislinn and email out dates for training.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 8th July 2015 were agreed by the group.

5. Matters Arising

Maggie advised that meetings scheduled in August did not take place due to the number of people on annual leave.

Colin indicated that he has not yet had a chance to speak to the hubs members about who has received training and will do this before the next meeting.

Action: Meetings due to take place will do so over the next month

Action: Colin to report back about the hub training

6. Action Plan - Feedback from working groups

5.1 Infant Dental Health project

Maggie updated the group on the current position of the working group and what they have done so far. A resource pack has been developed for early years settings in relation to dental health and £2,000 has been secured towards this. The sub group have been working closely with the Early Years Network to produce the information.

Action: Remainder of funding to be sought to produce information

6.2 Networking event arrangements

Plans for the networking event had stalled as there had been little support for meeting, It was agreed that there is still a gap in knowledge, particularly among schools, elected reps and non 'family focused' workers on what the LPG and Hubs could offer.

It was agreed that we try to reconvene the sub group before the next Locality meeting.

Action: Una/Maggie to reconvene sub group asap

6.3 Poverty sub group

There are no new updates on the poverty sub group.

Action: Sub group member to report back as necessary on citywide initiatives

7. Family Support Hubs update

Inner East Family Support Hub Update

Colin noted that Amy Gillen is the new hub co-ordinator and will be attending future locality meetings. Referrals to the hub have increased following a dip in the summer. The main issues are poverty related. There is also a clear gap in councillors for Primary school children and children awaiting diagnosis around ASD and ADHD. It was agreed these issues should be raised at the Belfast Outcomes Group. Their next meeting is scheduled for 30th September. It was agreed that the local experience needs to begin to influence the Locality Group and Outcomes Group agendas.

Action: Colin to find which members of the hub have had FASA training

Outer South East Family Support Hub

Claire reported on the progress in establishing this new hub. They have held their first shadow meeting and attracted smaller groups that have never been connected to structures before. It was noted that this hub has a wide geographical coverage, with a big population so it is important to try and engage as many members as possible. The next shadow hub meeting is 23rd September.

There was a discussion around monitoring and plans for the Family Support Hubs. A Belfast version will be available in the next month and members agreed it would be good to see a timeline for producing the related documentation.

Action: Gerry to do a timeline re. Timeframes of hub documentation

8. Feedback from Belfast Area Outcomes Group

Maggie reported that at the last Belfast Outcomes Group there were detailed discussions about membership. Martin Quinn is undertaking a review of the Locality Planning Groups. This role of the LPGs had been discussed.

The Belfast LPG chairs are meeting on 30th September to see if they are agreed on the purpose/role. LPG members recognised the need for the groups to be resources if they are to be more effective. Anne Hardy from CYPSP had provided a useful paper to help people extract relevant statistics at ward level from the CYPSP website. The potential to use these for a complete area profile with baselines was recognised.

Action: Laura to circulate this indicator profile for work to be carried out re. wards in East

9. Member Updates

Each member gave an update of what is happening in their organisation:

- EBCDA- health forum is taking place 17/9, good opportunity to connect with other groups
- Suzanne Zeedyk speaking at an event in City Hall on 29th September

- New Life Counselling- providing counselling in Skainos and Duncairn for Primary school children. Also working on SHIP (Self Harm Implementation Project)
- EB Alternatives- 'My blood is red' anti-hate crime DVD has been launched. Also if anyone wants to visit the New Radar Centre, contact Alternatives.
- Barnardos Family Connections- Currently running Early Intervention, Incredible Years programmes, intensive family support sessions, family learning groups, women's group and an active dad's group.
- Mencap's sponsored walk in the park takes place on Saturday 26th September at Ormeau Park in Belfast, registration begins at 11am.
- Save the Children- Aine is currently meeting with schools to provide the FAST programme.
- East Belfast Counselling- Continuing to provide counselling for victims of NI conflict, unemployed, life coaching, working with SHIP and art and drama therapy.
- BHSCT- Exploring options about distressed children who may not need counselling and operational work for mental health crisis response plans re. suicides
- Barnardos schools programmes- Take 5 approach. '5 to thrive' programme, which gives 5 actions to build relationships with children. Extended schools clusters, to get parents engaged in school life.
- Home Start- Family visiting is currently ongoing. New training taking place soon.
- BHSCT Community development- The drugs and alcohol forum is taking place on the 10 October.

10. Any Other Business

No other business recorded

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18th November 2015 @ 10am - East Belfast Partnership