

# **Application process for membership of Belfast Protect Life Implementation Group**

Applications are welcomed from statutory and non-statutory sector to join the Belfast Protect Life Implementation Group (BPLIG). This is an opportunity to contribute at a strategic level in the Belfast area to the implementation of the Protect Life 2 Strategy, Northern Ireland's strategy for reducing suicides and the incidence of self-harm in our communities.

An open, fair and democratic process of application to the Belfast Protect Life Implementation Group will be launched this week and applications will be available from 2nd July.

This process will support the creation of one overarching strategic group for the City that works to ensure implementation of Protect Life 2, The Suicide Prevention Strategy for Northern Ireland (2019 -2024) at a local level.

The application process has been developed by PHA to align with PL2 regional and local Terms of Reference (TOR) and has been informed by recommendations from the 'Workshop to Review Mental Health/Suicide Prevention Structures in Belfast, Final Report June 2019.

The membership application process will be scored by an independent panel of 5 made up of Community & Voluntary, Academic, Council and HSC representatives. There will be 15 members appointed with a reserve of 5 to draw on for membership should people leave or move posts; this reserve will also be drawn on for Task & Finish Groups as they arise.

In line with Regional & Belfast PLIG TOR the new groups will be co-chaired by PHA and a member elected from amongst the Non statutory /Voluntary &Community sector. As part of this process two non-statutory representatives will also be elected to the Regional PLIG to act as a two way conduit on behalf of BPLIG.

In order to apply for membership and to receive an application pack please contact Joan Crossey on e-mail [joan.crossey@hscni.net](mailto:joan.crossey@hscni.net) or telephone 028 9250 1259

Closing date for applications is 12 Noon on Friday 14th August 2020.

Successful candidates will be notified late September and invited to an online induction session in early October in advance of their first meeting on 4th November 2020.

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