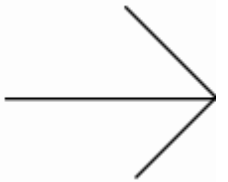




Key updates and progress achieved

Southern Area Key Achievements 2025/26





Southern Area Outcomes Group Key Achievements 2025/26

Collaborative Partnership Working

Southern Area Outcomes Group's success stems from strong partnerships across statutory, community, and voluntary sectors.

Focus on Priority Areas

Targeted work on children with disabilities, emotional wellbeing, and access for minority ethnic families.

Impact Through Co-production

Commitment to co-production and early intervention improves outcomes and reduces inequality.

Measurable Community Improvements

Coordinated planning and shared resources yield measurable improvements for individuals and communities.

Key Achievements for Children with Disabilities

Accessible Resource Dissemination

The 'Your Journey through Disability' guide had over 6,235 downloads this year, supporting parents navigating services.

Youth Co-Production

Sixteen young people helped develop the 'All About Me' booklet, reflecting their voices and priorities through face-to-face sessions.

Tailored Training Sessions

'Treat Me Well' training sessions were delivered to parents and professionals, receiving positive feedback from all participants.

Special Needs School Programmes

Parent Plus programmes were embedded in five special schools, enhancing school-parent relationships and parental confidence.

All About ME



A GUIDE TO HELP **YOU** ON YOUR JOURNEY
THROUGH DISABILITY/ADDITIONAL NEEDS

For Parents by Parents



Impact on Children with Disabilities and Families



Parental Confidence and Support

Parents gained confidence in understanding their child's needs and navigating services with tailored training and accessible information.

Enhanced Parent-School Relationships

Parent Plus programmes strengthened collaboration and communication between parents and schools for children's learning and development.

Empowerment of Young People

Co-produced resources help young people promote independence, self-expression, and improved information sharing across settings.

Strengthened Peer Support Networks

Peer support networks reduce family isolation and encourage shared learning and mutual aid among families.



Key Achievements for Emotional Health & Wellbeing

Family Support

240 families received practical support tackling parenting, daily challenges, and service access during 2025/26.

Evidence-based Parenting Programmes

Over 25 parenting programmes engaged 8–12 parents weekly, supporting children from pre-birth to 18 years.

Youth Wellbeing Resources

More than 500 young people benefited from wellbeing resources co-designed with youth involvement.

Parent Peer Support Group

A safe peer group was created to support families dealing with Emotional Based School Non-Attendance challenges.

Impact on Emotional Health & Wellbeing

Improved Family Relationships

Parenting programmes helped reduce family conflict and strengthened relationships between parents and children.

Increased Confidence and Resilience

Families gained confidence and resilience to manage challenges, reducing escalation to higher-tier support services.

Youth Wellbeing Resources

Young people accessed resources promoting self-care, emotional awareness, and help-seeking behaviors.

Collaborative Support Systems

Partnerships between statutory and community organisations ensured timely and coordinated emotional health support.



Key Achievements for Minority Ethnic Families



Digital Translation Devices

130 Vasco devices were distributed to reduce language barriers in health and community settings, enhancing communication.



Community Engagement Events

Over 300 people attended International Women's Day events and 200 participated in Human Library sessions promoting understanding.



Cultural Competence Training

948 professionals completed e-learning and 2,500 booklets published to strengthen inclusive practices across services.

Impact on Minority Ethnic Families and Communities

Improved Service Access

Minority ethnic families gained better access to services and felt valued and respected by professionals.

Enhanced Cultural Competence

Training improved practitioners' empathy, understanding, and inclusive practice towards diverse cultures.

Community Connection Events

Events helped reduce isolation, foster connections, and promote shared understanding across cultures.

Partnership and Inclusion

Collaborative initiatives ensured accessibility, cultural sensitivity, and stronger, more inclusive communities.





Locality Planning Groups Key Achievements 2025/26

Collaborative Learning Leading to Earlier Identification of Need

Regular Locality Planning Group meetings created structured opportunities for practitioners to share insight, enabling earlier identification of emerging needs and more timely responses for children and families.

Strengthened Cross-Sector Connections

Engagement of 525 practitioners across 29 meetings improved relationships between services, resulting in more coordinated support pathways and reduced duplication of effort.

Improved Information Flow and Service Awareness

Through 19 FYI newsletters and ongoing communication, practitioners had increased awareness of available supports, leading to more effective signposting and improved access for families.

Enhanced Community Connectivity

Networking events strengthened links between services and communities, making it easier for families to access support and engage with local services.

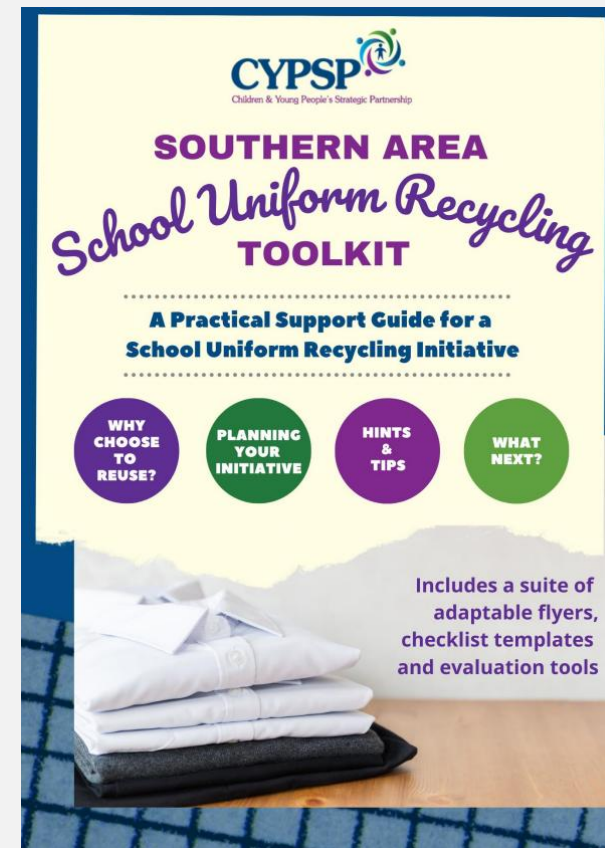
Locality Planning Groups Resource Development & Information Sharing

School Uniform Recycling Toolkit

The School Uniform Recycling Toolkit was developed to support schools and communities with practical templates and clear guidance. A total of 172 downloads were recorded, enabling local initiatives to address cost of living pressures for families.

FYI Newsletter

A total of 19 issues of the FYI Newsletter were produced, reaching approximately 610 recipients per issue, while real-time signposting enhanced access to services, ensuring families could more easily find the support they need.



Locality Planning Groups Community Engagement Events

Feel Good

ARMAGH

Community Networking Event 2025

Saturday 7th June 2025, The Mall



REPORT CARD 25.3

CYPSP
Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

Feel Good

DUNGANNON

Community Information Day

Saturday 27th September 2025
Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House



REPORT CARD 25.4

CYPSP
Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

Feel Good Armagh Community Networking Event & Local Services Resource (June 2025)

Brought together 43 services and organisations, strengthening links between communities and local support. Collaborative planning across 9 organisations enabled delivery of an inclusive event with free family activities and refreshments, attracting strong community participation. The development and distribution of a comprehensive service resource, both in print and online, improved awareness of available supports and enhanced ongoing access to services for individuals and families.

Feel Good Dungannon Community Networking Event (September 2025)

Brought together 41 services and organisations, strengthening connections between local communities and support services. Collaborative planning across 9 organisations enabled delivery of this inclusive event, supporting broad community participation across all age groups. The event increased visibility of local services, improved awareness of available supports, and facilitated direct access to information and signposting for individuals and families across the Dungannon area.

Locality Planning Groups Practitioner & Schools Engagement

Understanding Self-Harm Workshop (January 2026)

This workshop delivered in partnership with Inspire, provided a two-hour in-person awareness session for practitioners. The session engaged 19 practitioners from 12 organisations and services, strengthening cross-sector understanding and capacity to respond to self-harm. This collaborative training increased awareness, improved practitioner confidence, and supported more effective identification, response, and signposting for individuals at risk.

Newry & Mourne and South Armagh Schools Networking Event (February 2026)

This event raised awareness of local support services for children, young people, and families through a three-hour engagement event for school staff. Collaborative planning across 12 organisations enabled delivery of a well-attended event, with 90 participants registered, representing 16 schools and the Education Welfare Service. A total of 37 information stands enhanced visibility of available supports, strengthening connections between education settings and services, and improving access to information, guidance, and signposting for pupils and families.

ABC Council Area All About YOUTH Conference (February 2026)

This conference brought together 138 practitioners from 54 organisations for a full-day event focused on wellbeing, networking, and sharing good practice. Collaborative planning across 6 organisations enabled delivery of a diverse and engaging programme, strengthening cross-sector connections and professional learning. Interactive feedback methods and networking activities supported knowledge exchange and relationship-building, while wellbeing initiatives such as Laughter Yoga, health checks, and mindfulness promoted self-care. Digital resources and service promotion increased awareness of local supports, with feedback captured and shared to inform future development and enhance ongoing impact across the youth sector.

UNDERSTANDING SELF-HARM WORKSHOP

21st January 2026



Schools Networking Event

[Newry & Mourne and South Armagh Areas]

Wednesday 4th February 2026



All about YOUTH

Working with Children and Young People



Impact of Locality Planning Groups

Stronger Partnership Working

Enhanced collaboration across statutory, community and voluntary sectors.

Improved Service Awareness

Increased knowledge and visibility of available supports.

Enhanced Coordination

Better connected services supporting early intervention and prevention.

Positive Practitioner Feedback

Locality Planning Groups recognised as valuable networks for collaboration and service delivery.

Locality Planning Groups played a key role in strengthening early intervention by improving coordination, increasing service awareness, and enabling quicker access to support for families.

Cross-Cutting Impact & Key Messages

Partnership Collaboration

Statutory, community, and voluntary organisations worked together, pooling expertise and resources effectively.

Co-production with Communities

Services were shaped with input from parents, young people, and communities to ensure relevance and responsiveness.

Focus on Early Intervention

Early support helped prevent escalation of needs and supported families at the right time.

Inclusive Support System

Resulted in a coordinated, accessible system improving outcomes and strengthening communities.





Report Cards & Resources

[School Uniform Recycling Toolkit](#)

[Feel Good Armagh Community Networking Event 2025 Scorecard](#)

[Feel Good Armagh Services Resource](#)

[Feel Good Dungannon Community Networking Event 2025 Scorecard](#)

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