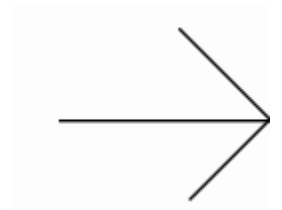




Key updates and progress achieved

Belfast Area Key Achievements 2025/26





Belfast Area Outcomes Group Key Achievements 2025/26

Targeted Early Intervention Support

Over 17,700 hours of commissioned support were delivered, with additional provision targeting unmet need, improving access and reducing waiting times for families.

Strategic Framework Development – Belfast Child

Co-produced framework developed and endorsed through multi-agency collaboration, strengthening a shared citywide approach to improving outcomes for children and young people.

Financial Hardship Support for Families

£75,000 hardship funding supported families across 11 hubs, helping meet essential needs and reduce financial stress, particularly during peak pressure periods

Strengthened Communication and Engagement

26 newsletters and extensive stakeholder engagement improved awareness of services, supports, and opportunities across the network.

Impact of Belfast Area Outcomes Group Work on Children, Young People and Families in Belfast

Improved Access to Early Support

Over 1,100 children and families accessed services, benefiting from earlier intervention and more timely support.

Reduced Financial Hardship and Crisis

Families were better able to meet basic needs, reducing stress and supporting stability, particularly during winter months.

Stronger System Coordination

Multi-agency collaboration improved service responsiveness and alignment, ensuring needs are identified and addressed more effectively.

Increased Awareness and Engagement

Improved communication and information sharing enabled families and practitioners to better access available supports and opportunities.





Locality Planning Groups Key Achievements 2025/26

Consistent Local Engagement and Planning

18 LPG meetings with strong attendance supported ongoing collaboration, knowledge sharing, and identification of local needs.

Improved Information Sharing and Awareness

26 newsletters increased awareness of services, funding, and support opportunities.

Stronger Cross-Sector Connections

Networking events and engagement activities strengthened links between schools, community organisations, and statutory services.

Strategic Local Action Planning

All four Belfast LPGs developed and agreed 2025–2028 action plans, improving coordination and responsiveness at locality level.

Locality Planning Groups Information Sharing

LPG Newsletter

A total of 26 issues of the LPG Newsletter were produced and distributed widely through Locality Planning Group membership, Family Support Hub membership and uploaded onto the CYPSP website, maximising reach across relevant partners. Download tracking was introduced in October 2025, with 1,575 downloads recorded between October 2025 and 31 March 2026.

North Belfast School Networking Event

This event was organised to address a gap in awareness between schools and community organisations regarding available supports for children and families. The event brought together 20 community organisations, 16 North Belfast primary schools and key statutory partners, facilitating valuable new connections across sectors. Positive feedback was received, and due to identified demand, a similar post-primary event was scheduled for June 2026.





Locality Planning Groups – Enhancing Service Planning, Collaboration and Capacity

Cultural Awareness and Community Dialogue Workshops

Four cultural awareness and community dialogue workshops were delivered in small-group settings, engaging 22 participants. The sessions contributed to increased confidence and a shared understanding among LPG members in relation to cultural awareness and community engagement. Participant feedback indicated a positive impact on practice, including intentions to apply learning to improve service user experience.

Establishment of a Therapeutic Services Subgroup

A Therapeutic Services Sub-Group was established in East Belfast to strengthen locality-based service planning, following gaps identified through LPG meetings. The subgroup has created opportunities for organisations to work collaboratively to address identified needs within the area, with work ongoing.

Action Planning Events

Four LPG action planning events and a Belfast-wide engagement session supported the development and finalisation of locality action plans for 2025–2028 across all Belfast LPGs, providing a clear, outcomes-focused framework to enhance coordination, responsiveness and service user experience.

Impact of Locality Planning Groups

Better Connected Services and Communities

Enhanced relationships between organisations improved access to support for children and families.

Improved Practitioner Confidence and Practice

Training and engagement increased confidence in areas such as cultural awareness and community engagement.

Increased Awareness and Take-Up of Services

Improved communication enabled greater uptake of available services and supports.

More Coordinated Local Responses

Action plans and collaborative working ensured a clearer, more structured approach to addressing local need.

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.





Family Support Hubs Key Achievements 2025/26

High Volume and Timely Referrals

Over 3,200 referrals received, with 100% processed within agreed timeframes, demonstrating strong responsiveness to family need.

Extensive Reach to Families

Support provided to 2,700+ adults and 2,200+ children, reflecting significant reach and engagement across Belfast communities.

Workforce Development and Capacity Building

Training programmes engaged 132 participants, strengthening skills in key areas such as emotional wellbeing and trauma-informed practice.

Strong Multi-Agency Collaboration

Regular hub meetings and engagement with 700+ partner organisations strengthened coordinated planning and service delivery

Impact of Family Support Hubs

Earlier Identification of Need

Coordinated hub processes enabled earlier recognition and response to emerging family needs.

Improved Quality of Support

Increased workforce skills and knowledge contributed to more effective and consistent support for families.

Enhanced Multi-Agency Working

Stronger collaboration resulted in more joined-up, efficient support pathways.

Identification of Service Gaps

Hub activity highlighted priority gaps (e.g. emotional wellbeing, financial support, disability services), informing future planning.





Cross-Cutting Impact & Key Messages

Strong Partnership Collaboration

Extensive collaboration across statutory, community, and voluntary sectors strengthened delivery and outcomes.

Focus on Early Intervention and Prevention

Investment in early support reduced escalation and improved long-term outcomes for families.

Co-Production and Engagement

Children, young people, families, and practitioners contributed to shaping services and priorities.

Improved Outcomes for Families

Coordinated, accessible support systems improved wellbeing, resilience, and access to services across Belfast.