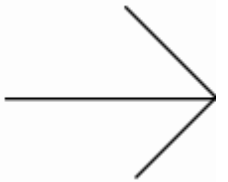




Key updates and progress achieved

Northern Area Key Achievements 2025/26





Northern Area Outcomes Group Key Achievements 2025/26

Collaborative Partnership Working

Strong cross-sector collaboration underpinning delivering across statutory, community and voluntary organisations, with increased alignment between services and shared approaches to support.

Focus on Priority Areas

Targeted work progressed across Children with Disabilities and Emotional Health & Wellbeing/ ESBNA responding to emerging needs and services gaps.

Impact Through Co-production

Parents, carers, schools and young people actively involved in shaping services, with co-produced resources and pathway improving relevance and accessibility.

Measurable Community Improvements

Increased access to resources, improved pathways and strengthened early intervention approaches delivering tangible benefits for families.

Key Achievements for Children with Disabilities

Regional Co-produced Resource development

The Let's Explore Behaviour Parent Guide was co-produced with parents and partner agencies and launched regionally on 25 March 2026, supporting families to understand behaviour as communication.

High Resource Uptake

The guide achieved over 5,800 downloads, demonstrating strong demand from families, schools, and practitioners.

Parent Training Delivery

Treat Me Well training delivered to parents, with participation from families and collaboration with Mencap and Trust partners.

Multi-Agency Delivery

Strong partnership working across health, education, and voluntary sector ensured consistent messaging and shared approaches to support.



Impact on Children with Disabilities and Families



Increased Parental Confidence

Parents reported improved confidence in understanding behaviour and supporting their child using practical, strengths-based tools.

Improved Consistency Across Services

Greater alignment between home, school, and services supporting children's needs more effectively.

Enhanced Access to Support

Improved signposting and awareness of local services through accessible resources and training.

Stronger Professional Practice

Practitioners using resources in training, group work, and direct family support, strengthening early intervention.

Key Achievements for Emotional Health & Wellbeing

New Integrated Support Pathway

Development of a new pathway between Connect North and Family Support Hubs improving coordinated, holistic support for families

Improved Service Signposting

Promotion of the Connect North Directory of Services enabling professionals and families to access appropriate supports more easily

School Engagement and Pilot Development

Extensive engagement with schools across the Northern Area to co-develop a graduated EBSNA response model, including collaboration with EA, MDT teams and partners.

Capacity Building and Training

Delivery of Solihull-informed training for MDT staff and teaching professionals to support consistent approaches.

Early Intervention Support Initiatives

Development of drop-in clinics and parent peer support models to help families navigate EBSNA challenges.





Impact on Emotional Health & Wellbeing

Improved Access to Services

Clearer referral pathways and improved signposting enabling families to access the right support sooner.

Stronger School-Services Collaboration

Enhanced partnership working between schools and services leading to more coordinated responses.

Increased Practitioner Confidence

Training and shared frameworks improving knowledge, confidence, and consistency across professionals.

Earlier Identification and Support

Improved engagement with schools helping identify needs earlier and preventing escalation.

Enhanced Family Support Networks

Development of peer support and community-based initiatives reducing isolation and increasing resilience.

Locality Planning Groups Key Achievements 2025/26

Targeted Support to Address Poverty and Cost of Living

Locality Planning Groups delivered a range of initiatives to support families experiencing financial hardship, including grocery voucher schemes, grant funding programmes, and family-focused community events. These initiatives ensured support reached vulnerable families, particularly those with children and young people

Autism and Additional Needs Support

Significant work was undertaken to support children and young people with autism and their families, including Autism Information Cafés, Social Cafés, and targeted grant programmes. These initiatives brought together multiple agencies and provided accessible information and support.

Delivery of Healthy Lifestyle and Wellbeing Programmes

Programmes promoting healthy eating, physical activity, and emotional wellbeing were delivered across local areas, with structured sessions reaching children, young people, and families.

Grant Funding to Support Early Intervention

LPGs coordinated and distributed small grant funding, enabling community organisations to deliver targeted interventions focused on early intervention, parenting support, and wellbeing.

Enhanced Partnership Working

Strong collaboration between statutory, community, and voluntary organisations enabled coordinated delivery of services, shared planning, and improved outcomes for local communities.





Locality Planning Groups Resource Development & Information Sharing

Weekly CYPSP Information Sharing

All LPGs contributed to consistent weekly CYPSP newsletters and updates, ensuring practitioners had up-to-date information on services, training opportunities, funding, and local events.

Improved Service Awareness and Signposting

Through presentations, events, and ongoing communication, LPGs increased awareness of key services such as Connect North, Libraries NI, parenting programmes, and local support services, strengthening referral pathways for families.

Development and Dissemination of Practical Resources

A range of practical resources were shared with families, including:

- Healthy eating guides and recipe cards
- Weekly meal planners
- Information on budgeting, energy efficiency, and benefits

These resources supported families to make informed decisions and access available supports.

Strengthening Practitioner Knowledge and Networks

Regular information sharing and engagement opportunities improved professional knowledge, collaboration, and coordination, enabling more effective support for children, young people, and families.



Locality Planning Groups Practitioner & Schools Engagement

Family and Community Events

LPGs delivered a range of large-scale events, including:

- Family Fayres and community events attracting up to 650 attendees
- Health and wellbeing events engaging over 130 participants

These events provided opportunities for families to access services, engage in activities, and receive practical support.

Autism and Specialist Support Events

Targeted events such as Autism Cafés and Social Cafés brought together families and service providers, with participation from:

- Up to 21 partner organisations
- Dozens of families and carers accessing information and support

School and Youth Engagement Initiatives

Events such as Youth Fairs engaged young people directly within school settings, improving awareness of local services and strengthening links between education and support services.

Community-Based Support Initiatives

Additional initiatives included:

- Preloved sales and sustainability-focused activities
- Repair cafés and practical support services
- Seasonal campaigns such as Christmas gift appeals

These initiatives supported families practically while promoting inclusion and community connection.





Impact of Locality Planning Groups

Improved Access to Services

Families and young people experienced improved access to local services through enhanced signposting, events, and direct engagement opportunities.

Increased Awareness and Knowledge

Both families and practitioners reported increased awareness of available supports, enabling more effective use of services and resources.

Enhanced Family Confidence and Wellbeing

Participation in programmes and events supported:

- Increased confidence in parenting and daily life
- Improved knowledge of health, nutrition, and wellbeing
- Reduced stress and financial pressure

Reduced Isolation and Strengthened Community Connections

Events and support groups provided opportunities for families to connect, reducing isolation and fostering peer support networks.

Positive Feedback and High Engagement

High attendance levels and positive feedback across events and programmes demonstrate the value and impact of LPG activity, with many families reporting meaningful benefits from participation.

Cross-Cutting Impact & Key Messages

Strong Partnership Approach

Collaboration across sectors enabled more efficient, coordinated and impactful delivery.

Responsive to Local Need

Programmes tailored to identified priorities including poverty, wellbeing and autism support.

Increased Service Awareness

Improved communication and networking strengthened knowledge of available supports.

Enhanced Community Engagement

Events and initiatives successfully engaged families, reducing isolation and improving access to early help.





Report Cards & Resources

[Let's Explore Behaviour Guide](#)

[Healthy Lifestyles – Helping to promote healthier eating for future generations – Year 2 \(2025-26\)](#)