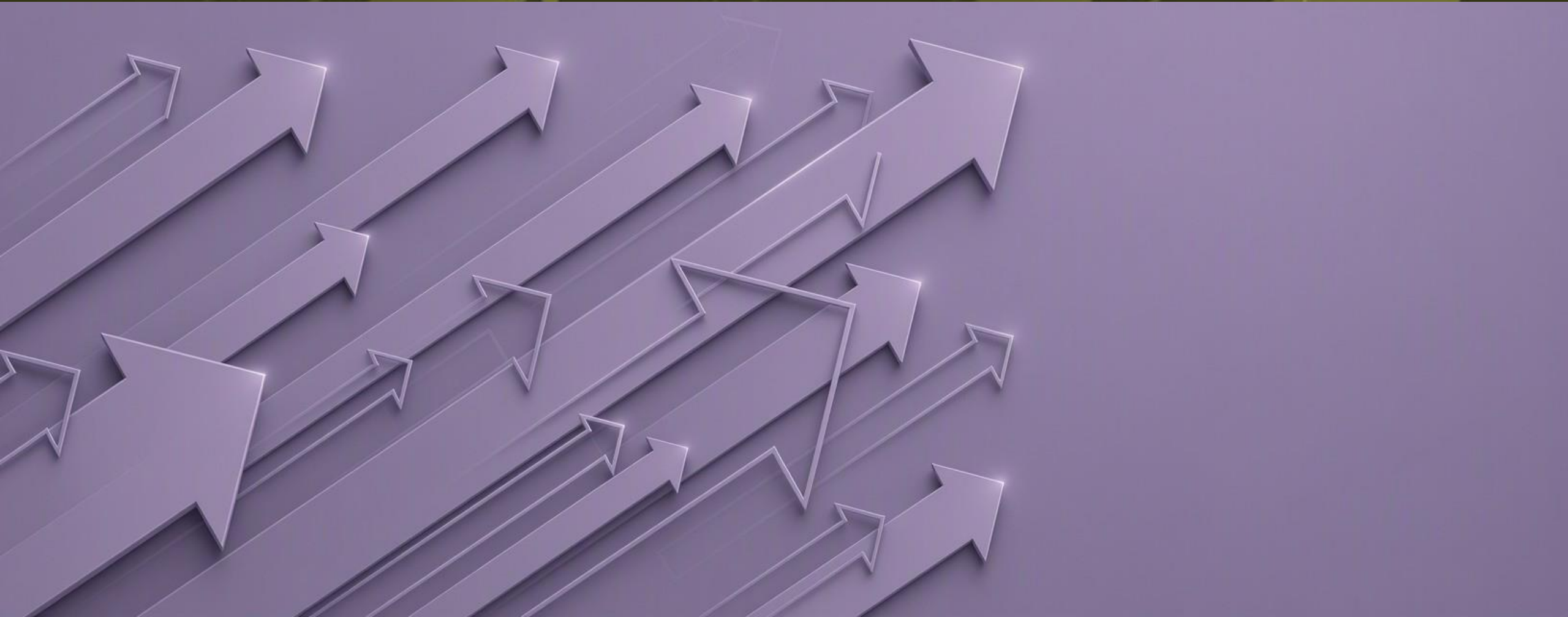
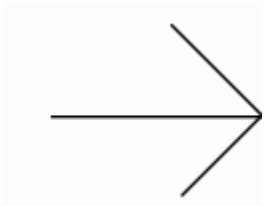




Key updates and progress achieved

South Eastern Area Key Achievements 2025/26





South Eastern Area Outcomes Group Key Achievements 2025/26

Collaborative Partnership Working

Strong multi-agency collaboration across health, education, community and voluntary sectors, with increased participation from new partners including Emotional Wellbeing in Schools and Youth Services.

Focus on Priority Areas

Targeted work aligned to agreed action plan priorities including early help, family support, parenting, neurodevelopmental needs and school attendance.

Impact Through Co-production

Engagement with families and practitioners through training, Neuro Cafés, and Locality Planning Groups helped shape service delivery and identify emerging needs

South Eastern Area Outcomes Group Key Achievements 2025/26

Measurable Community Improvements

High levels of engagement across programmes, events and support services, with increased access to support and improved coordination of services.

Strengthened Outcomes Group Delivery

Three Outcomes Group meetings delivered with 17–20 partners attending, including new members and guest speakers supporting knowledge sharing and alignment with regional programmes.

Focus on Priority Areas

Targeted work aligned to agreed action plan priorities including early help, family support, parenting, neurodevelopmental needs and school attendance.





Key Achievements for Early Help & Family Support

High Demand for Family Support Services

A total of 924 referrals received, highlighting significant demand for early help and family support services.

Targeted Support for Waiting Lists

Families waiting for support offered evidence-based programmes including Invest in Play and Solihull/Togetherness programmes.

Innovative Support Approaches

Introduction of online self-study Togetherness programmes to increase accessibility for families on waiting lists.

Anti-Poverty Support Initiatives

Hardship funding via Belfast City Council to Family Support Hub, administered via Colin Neighbourhood Partnership providing support for food, fuel, clothing and essential needs.

Impact on Families and Early Intervention

Improved Child Behaviour Outcomes

Evidence-based programmes demonstrated reductions in disruptive behaviour from clinical to non-clinical ranges.

Reduced Parental Stress

Parents reported lower stress levels and improved coping strategies following participation in programmes.

Stronger Parent-Child Relationships

Improved closeness and interaction between parents and children as measured through programme evaluations.

Increased Family Resilience

Families better equipped to manage challenges and access appropriate support earlier.



Key Achievements for Training & Parenting Support

Delivery of Evidence-Based Training

Programmes including Solihull/Togetherness training delivered to 39 practitioners, alongside whole-school approaches.

Parenting Programme Promotion

Information on parenting supports widely shared through CYPSP platforms and partner networks.

Improved Practitioner Capacity

Training enhanced practitioner confidence and consistency in delivering evidence-based approaches.



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Impact on Training and Parenting Support

Increased Practitioner Confidence

Practitioners better equipped to support families using structured, evidence-based approaches.

Improved Parenting Skills

Parents reported increased confidence and improved strategies for managing children's behaviour.

Better Outcomes for Children

Reduced behavioural difficulties and improved emotional wellbeing among children.

Locality Planning Groups Key Achievements 2025/26

Active Locality Planning Groups

Four Locality Planning Groups operating across the area (Ards & North Down, Colin, Down and Lisburn), meeting quarterly with agreed action plans and active participation from partners.

Cross-Area Partnership Initiatives

Two Task & Finish Groups have been established to focus on dental health and school absenteeism. The school absenteeism task & finish group comprises of SE Trust , Southern Trust , Newry Mourne Down (NMD) Council & CYPSP staff. This group demonstrates partnership working across Council boundaries to address a priority in SE Outcomes action plan and in NMD Council Community Plan.

Improved Information Flow and Service Awareness

Through Ards & North Down and Down LPG Newsletters practitioners have increased awareness of available supports, leading to more effective signposting and improved access for families.





Locality Planning Groups Key Achievements 2025/26

Speech and Language Early Intervention Programme

Rollout of “It’s Time to Talk” programme across pre-nursery and nursery settings, supporting early speech, language and communication development.

Youth Engagement and Participation Initiatives

Active engagement with young people through consultation and initiatives such as Lisburn’s Got Talent and youth wellbeing events.

School-Based Counselling Services

Provision of in-school counselling support across primary and post-primary settings, offering both individual and group interventions.



Locality Planning Groups Neuro Café Events 2025/26

Neuro Café Community Model

Three Neuro Cafés delivered across Downpatrick, Ards and Lisburn, supporting families awaiting ADHD and autism assessment.

The Café was designed to provide valuable information and support for parents and carers of children with Autism and ADHD, as well as those awaiting assessment. The events feature interactive workshops for parents and carers, offering practical advice and strategies to support families navigating challenges.

High Engagement from Families

Over 300 families attended, with 120 attending the Lisburn event alone.

Multi-Agency Participation

Up to 30 partner organisations involved from statutory and community & voluntary sector, providing advice, information, and signposting.

Downpatrick Neuro Café

Background to Down LPG Neuro Café

Locality Planning Groups are a Partnership of front line leaders and staff across all sectors from the local Neighbourhood/ locality. The work focuses on early intervention, building preventative places and improving outcomes for children and young people. Responding to the expressed needs of families on the waiting lists for assessment/diagnosis for ADHD/Autism, the Down LPG hosted a Neuro Café, an informal drop in event. Over 30 services from Community, Voluntary & Statutory sectors hosted stalls and workshops. Refreshments were provided thanks to Newry Mourne & Down District Council.

CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group consists of: County Down Rural Community Network, SureStart, Homestart, YMCA, Action for Children, Newry Mourne and Down District Council, Education Authority, Clannaire, PSNI, Ballynahinch Counselling, Autism NI, Youth Justice, Barnardo's, South Eastern Health & Social Services, MYMY, NCV, Patrician Youth, Family Support Hub, Common Youth, Parent Action, Early Years, Christians Against Poverty, Parenting NI, Action Mental Health, SERC, Downpatrick Autism & GP Federation Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT)

CYPSP's Strategy for NI High Level Outcome Contributions

- All Children and Young People experience economic and environmental wellbeing.
- All Children and Young People live in safety and stability
- All Children and Young People Learn and Achieve

Contributing to the Newry Mourne and Down Community

- All people in Newry Mourne and Down enjoy good health and wellbeing
- All people in Newry Mourne and Down fulfil their lifelong potential

Find Out More:
For more information on the role of the CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group please visit:
www.cypsp.org/locality-planning-groups/down-locality-planning-group

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working together and with families DOWN LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP





Impact of Neuro Café Events

Improved Access to Information

Families gained direct access to advice, resources and service pathways while awaiting assessment.

Reduced Isolation for Families

Opportunities to connect with other families and services reduced feelings of isolation.

Enhanced Partnership Working

Improved collaboration between services supporting neurodevelopmental pathways.



Impact of Locality Planning Groups

Improved Partnership Working

Stronger collaboration across organisations leading to more coordinated responses for children and families.

Increased Awareness of Services

Partners have improved knowledge of available services, supports, and initiatives across the South Eastern area.

Enhanced Local Coordination

Locality Planning Groups supporting more effective identification of need and responsive planning at community level.



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Cross-Cutting Impact & Key Messages

Partnership Collaboration

Strong collaboration across statutory, community and voluntary sectors enabling integrated service delivery.

Co-production with Families

Families actively engaged in shaping supports through events, programmes and feedback.

Focus on Early Intervention

Support provided earlier through accessible programmes and improved pathways.

Inclusive Support System

Enhanced access to support, information, and services for children, young people, and families.



Report Cards

[Youth Voice Conference – May 2025](#)

[Bee Safe – May 2025](#)

[Lisburn Neuro Café – October 2025](#)

[Down Neuro Café – February 2026](#)

[Ards & North Down Neuro Café – May 2026](#)