

**WESTERN AREA OUTCOMES GROUP
LOCALITY PLANNING GROUPS**

Locality Planning is a very important part of the Children and Young People's planning process which aims to improve outcomes for all families in your area. To help us plan better for your family we would like to know how you are coping in this time of high unemployment and rising food costs. We would be grateful if you could fill in the questions below, only fill the ones that you feel comfortable with and if you would like to fill in any comments please do. You do not have to add your name as this is completely confidential.

1. In which District Council do you live?

	Fermanagh		Omagh
	Strabane		Derry/Londonderry
	Limavady		

2. Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?

- Disabled, not able to work
- Retired
- Not employed, not looking for work
- Not employed, but looking for work
- Employed working part time
- Employed working fulltime
- Do not work, but bringing up children
- On maternity leave

3. Which age range do you fit into?

- 0-17
- 18-24
- 25-44
- 45-64
- 65-74

3.b Are You?

- Male
- Female

4. Which of the following categories best describes your marital status?

- Married
- Single
- Widow/Widower
- Cohabiting
- Separated
- Divorced

5. Do you have any children under 18 years?

- Yes
- No

Age Range – please put the number of children against each age band

Expecting	_____
0-4 Years	_____
4-11 Years	_____
11- 16 Years	_____
17-18 Years	_____

6. Who is responsible for the day to day decisions about money in your household?

- You
- Your Partner
- You and Your Partner
- Another Family Member Please specify _____

7. Sometimes people find that their income does not quite cover their living costs. Has this happened to you in the last 12 months? If so, detail how you made ends meet.

- Used existing resources such as savings
- Borrowed from family
- Cut back on spending
- Did without
- Sold something
- Worked overtime

- Pawned something
- Took out a loan
- Used overdraft
- Used payday loan
- Credit card
- Missed payment
- Unregulated lender such as loan shark
- Did not happen

Other (please specify or give a comment)

8. The following questions relate to financial awareness, please answer as best you can? Tick as many as appropriate

A. I have a written spending plan (budget) to plan income and expenses.

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| Yes | No | Not Applicable |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

B. I save money regularly (at least once a month).

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| Yes | No | Not Applicable |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

C. I pay my bills (rent/mortgage/electric) on time.

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Yes | No | Not Applicable |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

D. I use direct debits to pay my bills.

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Yes | No | Not Applicable |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

E. I usually shop around before buying something.

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Yes | No | Not Applicable |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

F. I feel knowledgeable and in control about managing my money.

Yes No Not Applicable

G. I have money set aside for emergencies.

Yes No Not Applicable

H. I have access to a local Credit Union

Yes No Not Applicable

I. I talk to my children/grandchildren about money and/or teach them money management.

Yes No Not Applicable

J. I pay more than the minimum payment due monthly on credit cards.

Yes No Not Applicable

K. I know how much I owe on all my outstanding debts.

Yes No Not Applicable

L. I have written financial goals with a specific date.

Yes No Not Applicable

M. I consider myself a frugal person who has learned to 'live on a shoestring'.

Yes No Not Applicable

N. I want to learn more about ways to stretch my money and make it grow.

Yes No Not Applicable

O. I spend my money on needs (basic necessities) before wants (optional expenses)

Yes No Not Applicable

P. I know where to go for information and advice on money issues, including advice and managing debt.

Yes No Not Applicable

Q. This type of service is available in my area

Yes No Not Applicable

R. I have accessed information and advice on money issues, including advice and managing debt in the last 12 months

Yes No Not Applicable

S. Would you say you have enough money to buy what you consider to be essential items?

Yes No Not Applicable

T. Would you say you have enough money to buy what you consider luxury items when you want

Yes No Not Applicable

9. Have you used a food bank in the last 12 months?

Yes No Not Applicable

10. Do you use charity shops more than you did 12 months ago?

Yes No Not Applicable

11. Do you have access to the internet
- | | | |
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| Yes | No | Not Applicable |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

This questionnaire is completely confidential however it would greatly help us in our future planning of support and services if you would share your postcode. We will not use this to contact you but will group postcodes together to allow us to look at bigger geographical area.

POSTCODE _____

Please use the space below to tell us any other information you think we would find useful

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. The information will be very useful for Locality Planning Groups to plan services and support in each of the areas listed above.

Please return to:

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