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Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) Launch New Website.

Members of the CYPSP welcomed the launch of their new website www.cypsp.org at their meeting on Wednesday 21 March at Antrim Civic Centre. The website provides detailed information about how the Partnership is working together to improve the lives of children and young people in Northern Ireland.



The CYPSP has been set up to enable agencies, across the statutory, voluntary and community sectors, to plan services together that will improve outcomes for children and young people.

During a demonstration of the website, members were shown information on the CYPSP's work at four different levels:-

- Northern Ireland wide Sub- Groups addressing the needs of groups of children and young people at particular disadvantage, such as children and young people with disabilities
- Five geographically based Outcomes Groups – . They carry out the planning that needs to take place across agency in their geographical area.
- Locality Planning Groups are partnerships between children and young people, families, communities and representatives of agencies at a much more local level. They plan services in a very local area that makes sense to the children and young people.
- Family Support Hubs work directly with children, young people and their families to make sure that they have easy access to preventative and early intervention services to meet their needs at the earliest possible stage.

All of which involves partnership working between statutory agencies, voluntary and community organisations, children and young people, and parents.

The CYPSP, through all its groups, is carrying out planning to improve outcomes for children and young people. This means gathering statistical information and information from communities in order to understand how well children and young people are doing in terms of certain outcomes, and then putting into place services which are designed to improve these outcomes.

Therefore the demonstration also included a mapping tool that holds shared information and indicators on children and young people that will enable both strategic and more localised information to be accessed and monitored against outcomes more easily.

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