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Young people living in Larne have their say on local services

Sixty young people from the Larne area are taking part in shaping and making decisions about what services should be available for children, young people and their families in the area. As part of the children's services planning process these young people are working in partnership with local service providers to highlight the issues which are important to them.

At a special event organised recently by the Larne Locality Partnership, young people living in the area came together to kick start this important process. Their views will influence the Larne and the regional Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Plan.

Davey Norris, North Eastern Education and Library Board Youth Service, opened the event on behalf of the Larne Locality Partnership. He urged the young people to "have their say in the development of their services and their future."

Geraldine McGahey, Chief Executive Larne Borough Council, commended the young people on their "commitment and determination to make local services better for all children and young people."

Feedback from the young people who attended the event included comments illustrating that they would like "more events like this" and that they wanted to be involved in the planning of their

services because “we will be the ones who use the services” and “our opinion counts as it affects us.”

The Larne Locality Partnership is one of a number of locality-based partnerships within the Northern Area Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership and which is led by the Health and Social Care Board

If you are a young person aged between 14 and 18 years and would like to “have your say” on what it is like for you living in the Larne area, please contact: Sandra Anderson, Participation Development Officer, on 028 2563 6609 or sandraL.anderson@northerntrust,hscni.net.

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