

# Banbridge Locality Planning Group

## Achievements & Emerging Needs

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# What do they do?

The role of each locality planning group is to

be a **partnership** between children and young people, families, communities and representatives of agencies at locality level at a geography that makes sense to the local community

draw up a locality **plan** to address priorities identified through **outcomes based planning** and to

**mobilise local resources** from the statutory, voluntary and community sectors to address these priorities – as part of the Children and Young People's Plan

Focus on  
Early  
Intervention  
0-18

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## Achievements 2012/2013

- 2012 (Banbridge District Council chairing the locality planning group)
- March- Launch of Locality Planning Group (12 members)
- May- Audit of Need carried out and draft Action Plan complete
- March- Involvement of young people in the CYPSP consultation on priority areas

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## Achievements 2012/2013

- October- 12 members attended Autism training as requested by Locality Planning Group
- November- Gilford Family
- Fun and Information Day (in partnership with PCSP, HSCT and Banbridge District Council)



## Achievements 2013

- July- Presentation from Elaine (Beat the Cyber Bully)

December – Three  
“Supporting Parents in a  
digital world workshops”  
& Young People’s Online  
Reputation Matters  
Workshop (hosted by SELB)



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## Achievements 2014

- 2014 (React taking over Chairing the Locality Planning Group)
- February – Volunteer Fair in partnership with Banbridge Business Partnership and Volunteer Bureau
- April- Stakeholder Event

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# Family Support Hub

- Strategic Context
- What is a Family Support Hub?
- Purpose of Hubs
- Hub Host Agencies
- How to make a referral to a Hub
- Supporting families

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# Strategic Context to Development of Family Support Hubs

- Focus on early intervention
- Focus on Family Support
- *Intervening early and as soon as possible to tackle problems emerging for children, young people and their families... early intervention may occur at any point in a child or young person's life"*  
(C4EO, 2010)

**Families Matter 2009**

OFMDFM Delivering Social  
Change Programme

CYPSP – Southern Outcomes  
Group & HSCB

Transforming Your Care 2011

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# What is a Family Support Hub?

## Hub Membership includes:

SHSCT Gateway Service,  
CAMHS,  
Young Peoples Partnership  
Health Visiting,  
NIACRO Caps Project,  
Women's Aid,  
Education Welfare Service,  
Barnardos,  
Homestart, Surestart,  
South Down Family Health Initiative

Early Intervention and  
Family Support Services

Statutory Voluntary &  
Community Partners

Joint Collaboration

Solution Focused

Informal and Flexible

Multi-Agency network

- To help Families access the support services they need
- To know what services are in our community and know how to access them



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# Objectives of the Hub

- To identify and help families to access appropriate family support services at the earliest point;
- To coordinate existing early intervention family support services across the statutory, community and voluntary sector;
- To support stronger collaboration between key agencies who provide family support services;
- To improve awareness and increase knowledge about family support services in the local community;
- To identify and address unmet need with partner agencies

# Hub Host Agencies

- Three family support hubs were established in the Southern Area in April 2012
- Three interim host agencies from community and voluntary sector
  - Armagh Hub – Barnardos (Young People's Partnership)
  - Portadown Hub – NIACRO (CAPS)
  - Newry Hub – (South Down Family Health Initiative)
- The hub host agency facilitate a hub meeting once per month in each locality

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# How to make a referral

- Referrals can be made by completing the family support hub referral form and forwarding this to [familysupporthubs@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:familysupporthubs@southerntrust.hscni.net)
- All referrals should have signed consent;
- Referrals are presented to a hub meeting which takes place once per month in each locality;
- Information treated confidentially;
- Following multi-disciplinary discussion, appropriate support services for the family are identified;
- Family and referrer informed of supports to be offered.

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# Some needs of families referred to Hubs

## Presenting Issues

- Family Breakdown
- Parenting Difficulties
- Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties
- Isolation
- Mental Health
- Unemployment and Debt
- Domestic Violence.

## Referral by Age of Children

Approx 30 families referred per month

- 0-4 yrs 24%;
- 5-11yrs 36%;
- 12-15 yrs 22%;
- 16-17yrs 20%;

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# Case Study

- Mum presented to GP – 13 Year old daughter behavioural difficulties. Mum finding it difficult to cope.
- Moved to new area due to marital breakdown and stigma of older siblings criminal record.
- GP referred to Gateway – no child protection concerns so redirected to Hub.
- Hub recommended – Caps Support 12 year old, YPP for 13 year old, CAMHS assessment for both children.

## Support provided & Outcomes..

- 1-1 weekly support for 12 & 13 year olds
- Parenting support for mum
- Housing Advice – Damp, Wanted to move area, unhappy in home.
- Budgeting / Debt Advice – SVP & Buttle Trust referral
- Education Support for children – Linked in with EWO & Behaviour Support Team
- Mum – referral to CPN through GP
- Positive engagement with Services – previously reluctant
- Increased confidence/emotional well-being for mum & girls
- Financially budgeting better
- Increased school attendance
- Behaviour at home settled
- Children better linked to community supports
- Support to continue for another 3-6 months

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It takes a whole village  
to rear a child

Keeping families centre  
stage!

Developing confidence  
and self-esteem



Collective  
responsibility,-  
empowering families

Knowledge of  
services available

Best use of  
resources, purpose of  
our work



Family based, non-  
stigmatising service

Holistic response-  
one support leads to  
another

# Thanks for listening... Any Questions?

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# EMERGING NEEDS

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# Emerging needs

- Poor mental health of young people in Banbridge
- Family support- improve uptake in parenting courses
- Cyber Bullying and young people/workshops on keeping children safe online for parents
- Lack of knowledge of what services are available (March 2012)

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# Emerging needs

- Underage drinking - Reduce the use of alcohol and drug use - Provide more healthy alternatives
- Young People and risky taking behaviour leading to criminalisation, source training for Community and Volunteers in how to deal with this matter
- Funding for REACT to go into schools 12-14 year olds

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# Emerging needs

- Low dental registration/high number of fillings
- Waiting list of counselling within schools
- Poor GCSE attainment- Number of year 12 not getting 5 GCSE's
- Mental Health- Providing hope, vision for the future and positive images.

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# Emerging needs

- Is there something about using SRC earlier for 11-14 year olds?
- Career advice- other options
- Lack of transport for after school activities
- Improved school attendance (Early Intervention pilot)

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# Emerging needs

- Lack of service for first time dads
- Young People and Anger Issues (due to parental separation etc)
- Families who are entitled to are not claiming free school meals, this is having an effect on both performance and behaviour.

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