

Minutes  
 Armagh Locality Planning Group  
 Thursday, 5 November 2015 at 10am  
 Amma Centre, Armagh

<p><b>Chairperson:</b> Mia Murray (<b>ArKe Sure Start</b>)  <b>Facilitator:</b> Annie Clarke (<b>CYPSP</b>)  <b>Attendees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Barbara Chapman (<b>Education Authority NI: Education Welfare Service</b>)</li> <li>- Colleen O'Hare (<b>Armagh Travellers Support Group</b>)</li> <li>- Glynis Brush (<b>Way 2 Go</b>)</li> <li>- Helen Cranney (<b>Closing the Gap, MUDC &amp; ACBCBC</b>)</li> <li>- Jacqueline Connolly (<b>SHSCT</b>)</li> <li>- Matthew Williams (<b>Cedar Foundation</b>)</li> <li>- Nadine Donald (<b>The Firs Playgroup</b>)</li> <li>- Pat McGeough (<b>Barnardo's YPP</b>)</li> <li>- Rosie Carey (<b>EANI: Youth Service</b>)</li> <li>- Ruth Briggs (<b>Home-Start Armagh &amp; Dungannon</b>)</li> <li>- Shirley Hayes (<b>React Armagh</b>)</li> <li>- Therese Gorman (<b>Women's Aid: CYPS</b>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Barry Devlin (<b>DELNI</b>)          Joanne McCourt (<b>Belfast Central Mission</b>)          Margarita O'Donnell (<b>ACBCBC</b>)          Nuala Haughey (<b>CYPSP</b>)</p>
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<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Mia welcomed the group to today's meeting and attendees provided a round of introductions.</p> <p>It was announced that Ruth is retiring and Ros Ewing may represent Home-Start on both the Armagh LPG and Dungannon LPG.</p>	<p><b>Members signed in</b></p>
<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were noted (see list above).</p>	
<p><b>Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Mia and Annie worked through the actions of the previous minutes. No amendments noted.</p>	
<p><b>Draft Action Plan and Evidence of Need</b></p> <p>The draft Action Plan and Evidence of Need booklet was circulated after the last Locality Group meeting and members were requested to consider the Action Plan and to forward comments or amendments to Annie. <i>The deadline has been extended to 19 November for any comments to be sent through.</i></p>	<p><b>Members: forward comments on Draft Action Plan to Annie no later than Thursday, 19 November</b></p>

<p><u>Various points discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence – Annie to circulate dates regarding an awareness seminar, once confirmed with Eileen at Women’s Aid Armagh-Down</li> <li>• Big Lottery Funding – (Armagh bid) unsuccessful</li> <li>• Music Therapy - Shane Harvey had compiled an information booklet about this type of therapy which might be of interest to group members (sessions x 2 to be coordinated for a group of children/young people with disabilities within Armagh area).</li> <li>• Membership – important to review this; what can your organisation bring to the table and what can you bring back to your organisation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Neighbourhood Renewal meeting with Helen and Margarita – can we link into this to ensure local community have a voice in this process?</li> <li>- We must be clear as to what the role of this group is and why is it beneficial to attend/participate?</li> <li>- Need to clarify roles/purpose/contract</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Annie/Nuala to circulate dates once confirmed.</b></p> <p><b>Nuala to re-send information booklet about Music Therapy to Armagh LPG and expressions of interest for young people to avail of sessions to be sent through to Nuala</b></p> <p><b>Jacqueline to send Parent Association contacts</b></p>
<p><b>Priorities – Progress Report</b> An updated Progress Report is included on page 5.</p>	
<p><b>Member Agency Update</b></p> <p><b>EA – Youth Service (Rosie Carey):</b> Projects are on-going; Youth Council hosted a “Fright Night” with over 200 young people attending; finished training – now awaiting Access NI checks.</p> <p><b>Education Welfare Service (Barbara Chapman):</b> working in local schools.</p> <p><b>ATSG (Colleen O’Hare):</b> Women’s Group on-going; Safe and Well will continue until end of March 2016; recent reports of a disturbance in Callan Bridge and the ATSG are seeking funding from the Community Relations Council to help resolve these issues. Colleen moving on to a new post and Fidelma will take over Colleen’s role. Mia thanked Colleen for her contribution to the group and wished her well in her new post.</p> <p><b>SHSCT (Jacqueline Connolly):</b> has just returned to work. SHSCT Small grants funding applications are out (older people and disability groups). £1,300 available, but there are conditions as to how this funding can be spent. Groups applying must be constituted.</p> <p><b>Women’s Aid: CYPS (Therese Gorman):</b> Staff are very busy at present with considerable waiting lists. Journey to Freedom programme has recently finished and participants will now move on to the next programme. There are currently 21 on the waiting list for the Promoting Healthy Hands programme.</p> <p><b>Closing the Gap, MUDC &amp; ACBCBC (Helen Cranney):</b> Working with Arke Sure Start to deliver programmes including “Renew, Review and Relax” - free crèche (10</p>	

places) and “Weigh to Health” – begins 13 January 2016 and runs for 7 weeks. A free crèche is also available. Some flexibility for families in surrounding area who are not registered with ArKe Sure Start.

**Cedar Foundation (Matthew Williams):** Foundation is very busy; Recently organised two 2 events which enabled 7 young people visit the Argory and Navan Fort. Cedar’s “Right 4 U” programme (ASD focus) currently has 7 young people engaged – keen to increase the numbers of those attending. The Outlook service is at full capacity with 20 Young People and an additional 10 young people on the waiting list.

**Barnardo’s YPP (Pat McGeough):** Work as usual. Therapeutic Support Service is offered through the YPP project. Pat also co-ordinated the Family Support Hub for Armagh and Dungannon which meets on a monthly basis. The hub is currently assessing approximately 15 referrals each month. Pat will be attending the Family Fun and Information Event in Keady to raise awareness of both Barnardo’s Projects and the service offered by the Family Support Hub.

**The Firs Playgroup (Nadine Donald):** There have been a severe cut in funding for Speech and Language services. Mia informed members that families who live within the geographical area covered by ArKe Sure Start can avail of services offered by ArKe including Speech and Language Services.

**Home-Start Armagh & Dungannon (Ruth Briggs):** The service is very busy. There has been an increase in the number of families requiring support to address more complex needs, which means volunteers are supporting families for longer periods. Home-Start is experiencing a lack of volunteers in the Keady/Armagh area. Quality Assurance review was recently undertaken with Home-Start Armagh & Dungannon receiving a 96% (excellent) rating. Ros Ewing’s contract finishes at end of March 2016. Ruth highlighted the huge demand for practical/emotional support in the home.

**Way 2 Go Project (Glynis Brush):** Project within First Housing Services and Glynis will attend the Family Fun and Information event in Keady to promote the project which offers support to individuals and families around alcohol.

**React, Armagh (Shirley Hayes):** provides programmes and activities for 10 – 20 year olds; very busy at present with Shirley covering Donna’s post as well as her own. The Youth Mentoring Service can be offered within the home and React has recently advertised for two staff members. Programmes include: Drug and alcohol support for 12-15 year olds and Esteem-building activities for 10 – 15 year olds. React also offer a Youth Counselling Service and they are working in partnership with the Youth Justice Agency to deliver a NEETS programme for young people which includes a Gym pass and other opportunities for participants. The Girls Group are currently learning about empowerment/relationships and a youth drop-in is available on a Saturday morning at the youth centre. React also offer an OCN Level 2 in Community Relations for those aged 14-18 years.

Shirley hopes to try again in the New Year to establish a boys group to possibly include activities such as martial arts. Ideas from the youth group were gathered

**Annie to raise this with Southern Outcomes Group and Paul Morgan.**

**Nadine to contact Gemma (ArKe) regarding Speech and Language.**

<p>(soapbox). React are keen to organise activities that will encourage boys to attend, but girls have also expressed an interest in participating in similar activities.</p> <p><b>ArKe Sure Start (Mia Murray):</b> Undertaking their next cycle of Strategic Planning. A new “Welcome to the world” programme (an 8 week programme for expectant parents and couples) has started. This programme provides the opportunity to share experiences, hopes and fears for the future and think about your future as parents, a couple and a family. The Department of Education recently published their Review of Sure Start with very positive feedback received for the work undertaken by Sure Starts across the region. The Programme for 2 year olds is at capacity. There has been increased engagement from Traveller Community, especially since moving from O’Fiaich Playgroup.</p> <p><b>CYPSP (Annie Clarke):</b> The Armagh Locality Planning Group has its own webpage on the CYPSP website and members are welcome to send in information on their upcoming activities and events to Nuala/Annie for advertisement on the webpage. “Strengthening Families” email to be forwarded to the group again. Annie informed the group that Julie would be returning in January 2016. Annie thanked the members and Mia and Ciara as Chairs, for their support and hard work over the past nine months and wished them all the best for the future.</p> <p>Mia and Jacqueline acknowledged the contribution made by Annie and thanked her for her hard work.</p>	<p><b>Nuala to circulate “Strengthening Families” email</b></p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting for the Armagh Locality Planning Group will be held on:</p> <p>Date: <b>Thursday, 14 January 2016</b></p> <p>Time: <b>10.00am</b></p> <p>Venue: <b>Amma Centre, Armagh.</b></p> <p><b>Thank you for attending and for your contribution</b></p>	

## Progress Report - September 2015

**Priority: Raise awareness of Support Services available for Children, Young People and Families**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Responsibility</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>
Organise an Information Event in partnership with local Primary schools in the Keady area	Information Event Subgroup	Family Fun and Information Event took place on Friday, 13 November 2015 at the TMAC Centre, Keady. This was a very successful and enjoyable day.
Organise an Information Event(s) in the Armagh Area in partnership with local community groups and schools	Information Event Subgroup	

### Agreed Next Steps

<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Responsibility</b>

**Priority: Review Membership of Locality Planning Group (Increase representation of Community/sports groups)**

Action	Lead Responsibility	Progress to date
Liaise with Council in relation to the proposed new City wide Community Forum	Locality Admin Locality Officer Margarita O'Donnell and Helen Cranney – ACBCBC	Annie met with the Armagh neighbourhood Renewal Community subgroup to raise awareness of the work of the LPG and to explore opportunities to engage with local communities, including the new Community Forum
Explore opportunities for community groups/organisations to feed into the Locality Group	Locality Officer	
Compile a list of sports organisations within the Armagh Area	Locality Admin Locality Officer Helen Cranney – ACBCBC and Mid Ulster Councils	
Undertake a survey of LPG members to ascertain their commitment and contribution to the Locality Planning group and to identify possible organisations to be invited to participate in the LPG.	Locality Officer Locality Admin	
Draft and publish an information leaflet to promote the work of the Locality Planning Group		

**Agreed Next Steps**

Action	Lead Responsibility

**Priority: Improve dental registrations and dental health**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Responsibility</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>
Work in Partnership with ArKe Sure Start to deliver a Tooth Fairy Event in Armagh	Mia Murray (ArKe Sure Start) Locality Officer	A very successful Tooth Fairy event was held on Thursday, 15 October 2015 in Sherry's Field Armagh. Over 50 Children, parents, teachers and childminders attended the event.
Explore activities and programmes which have increased Dental Registrations in other areas e.g. Down Sure Start's successful programme at increasing dental registration in Murlough.	Locality Officer	Annie met with Clare-Marie Dickson (Down Sure Start) regarding research undertaken in relation to dental health and work being taken forward by the South Eastern Outcomes Group focusing on improving dental health among children and young people.

**Agreed Next Steps**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Responsibility</b>
Work in Partnership with ArKe Sure Start to deliver a Tooth Fairy Event in Keady and the surrounding area.	Mia Murray (ArKe Sure Start) Locality Officer