

Launch of the CYPSP Ards and North Down Locality Planning Group

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) Ards and North Down Locality Planning Group was launched on 25 October 2016 in the Ards Community Network.



Members of the Ards and North Down Locality Planning Group

The locality group is made up of a broad range of over 20 community, statutory and voluntary organisations including Healthy Living Centres, Barnardo's, Ards Community Network, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust and Police Service Northern Ireland. All locality members are committed to improving outcomes for children and young people through a multi-agency planning approach.

The locality planning group is an ongoing process of engagement with children, young people and their families. This group will take into account the emerging needs through evidence based information alongside local knowledge to collaboratively address the issues affecting children, young people and their families from across the locality.

Maurice Leeson, CYPSP Professional Advisor from the Health and Social Care Board provided a strategic overview of the CYPSP structures and links with Programme for Government and the Children Strategy for Northern Ireland. The

purpose of locality planning across Northern Ireland was also shared at the launch event.

Maurice Leeson noted at the event; 'There are now 30 CYPSP Locality Planning Groups in Northern Ireland who have been bringing together partner organisations to develop low and no cost evidence based solutions to local issues. There are also over 600 agencies offering family support services and interventions to families through Family Support Hubs across Northern Ireland'.

Locality Planning the North Down and Ards area began over two years ago in Kilcooley as a pilot planning group. The partner agencies worked together to develop an action plan for the area in response to emerging needs identified through statistics and local knowledge. The Kilcooley locality planning group members have merged with the recently established Ards and North Down locality planning group but will continue to take forward the Kilcooley priorities to improve parental engagement and school attendance.

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