Newry Locality Planning Group
Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday 17th April 2019 at 10am
Bagenal's Castle, Newry

Attendees		Apologies
Jacinta Linden (SPACE - Chair)	Eileen Costello Rawat (Changing Lives Initiative)	Sinead Trainor (NMDDC)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Christina Ryan (Changing Lives Initiative)	Emma O'Hagan (NMDDC)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Lorna Fennell (Ascert)	Dara O'Hagan (Clanrye Group)
Kerri Morrow (NMDDC)	Conor Keenan (CCG Ballybot House)	Micheál Carlisle (Youth Justice Agency)
Jim McDonnell (Newry Gateway)	Sarah Hillen (PIPS)	Rosemary Deans (Centred Soul)
Bevin O'Hare (Home-Start Newry)	Eileen Bell (i-Recovery)	Sinead Wadforth (Newry Early Years)
Ciara Turley (SHSCT)	Seamus McCabe (PIPS)	Rosie Carey (EA Youth Service)
Gael Bailie (SHSCT)	Alice O'Halloran (Tusla)	Orla Fitzsimons (Parent Action)
Adiena Devlin (Youth Action NI)	Ann Marie Kidd (Tusla - South Louth)	Eileen Murphy (Women's Aid)
Morgan Brannigan (PWB SHSCT)	Paula McCabe (Tusla - North Louth)	Edell McKee (NIACRO)
Martina Flynn (NMDDC)	Gavin McGee (MACE Project)	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action – By Whom
Welcome,Intro's. & Apologies	Jacinta welcomed attendees and a round of introductions was made. Apologies noted, per above.	
Previous Minutes	Previous Minutes agreed, with no amendments. Darren confirmed all corresponding actions completed accordingly.	
Emerging Needs in the Newry Area & Member Agency Updates	Darren (**CYPSP**): CiNI recently launched Parentline NI, offering phone-in, online chat & face-to-face meeting options. Leaflets distributed. Darren encouraged members to submit their organisation's details to the FamilySupport NI website. Can present to groups on the site. Jim **(Newry Gateway)**: Currently trying to attract more young people aged 12-18 with learning disability to expand services. Emerging need: Recent trend in GPs turning to e-mail for prescription orders & appointment bookings, making life difficult for those with learning disabilities, as well as more elderly service users. Eileen (**i-Recovery**): Working with 16+ ages. Successfully set up in Cullyhanna & Kilkeel, N'hamilton to follow. Programmes are open but groups can host. Works on self-referral basis. Duration of courses based on the needs of given areas/groups. If relevant organisations identify someone with a related need, the individual can be signposted to them, even without formal mental health diagnosis. The programme is cross-border, so Jacinta suggested Eileen link up with Gavin McGee from CAWT MACE programme. Info distributed and refer to i-Recovery FB page for further info. Lorna (**Ascert**): New Strengthening Families Co-ordinator. Next course in Newry in Sept. Starting a pilot Strengthening Families At Home in September and will recruit facilitators: 14-week programme delivered to whole families (Specific activities offered to children & adults),	Contact Helen O'Neill at www.familysupportni.gov.uk
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Needs in the Newry Area & Member Agency Updates (Continued from previous page)	aiming to open lines of communication within the family. Majority of referrals from EWO's, GP's and Gateway, self-referral allowed. This is an evidence-based programme. Lorna welcomed expressions of interest for facilitators and they hope to set up a volunteer bank. Christina / Eileen **(Changing Lives Initiative)**: Interreg project, spread to the Newry area in January. 40 attended recent awareness session for professionals. 2 sessions for parents pending on 14th May: Newry Library (AM) and Canal Court (PM) - Eventbrite registration applies. Course planned for Newry in September and Armagh in December. Holding a conference in Riddel Hall, Belfast on 14th May. Seamus (**PIPS**): Key remit is prevention of suicide and self-harm, also dealing with post-suicide trauma and coping with bereavement. Training services & programmes are PH-funded: Assist, Be Positive, Shoulder To Shoulder. Funded by EA for in-house resilience programme. All training in local area is free. Outreached clinic: Tues-Armagh, Wed–Banbridge, Thurs-Kilkeel. Drop-In Centre & Training Room for hire available in Newry. 9 sessional, fully accredited trainers available. New website pending launch. Family support service currently being rolled out, working alongside other organisations, e.g. Futureproof in Banbridge and Armagh Men's Shed to extend outreach. Emerging needs relationship problems & resilience. Difficult to train the trainer due to quality control issues. Adiena (**Youth Action**): Based in Magnet Centre. Currently delivering ESF-funded Get Set programme and recruiting for this. Working in the area of NEETs, as an emerging need, and are requesting related referrals for their Peace IV programmes in particular. Kerri suggested they link up with schools such as St. Joseph's and Darren recommended contacting EWOs also. Ciara/Gael **(SHSCT)**: Working with ages 12-17 with disability, assisting in accessing services. Referrals through the Children 20With Disability Team. Organising a Trust wide Carer's Programme in Lurgan, one in Newry in 2020. Transition from DLA to PIP was raised at the recent 'Our Journey' event and so they are looking at running related sessions. Query for suggestions for physical activities for young people with Down Syndrome: Down Right Brilliant and NMandD DC (Ciara Lowe) suggested. Alice & Paula **(Tusla):** Taking referrals from CVS organisations and self referral. These are discussed at referral meetings with managers and decided whether the family would benefit from a family support practitioner or support through a Meitheal process, which is a Tusla Led National practice Model supporting families to identify what works well or not in order to put a plan in place to address unmet need. Gavin (**CAWT MACE**): Distributed overview document to members on the programme (Newry & Louth). Interreg funded. Developing a tool kit, planning & training within the area, developing a database of needs & interventions. Creating a cross-border community network to share best practices & ACEs info. Currently identifying best ways to target programmes within existing structures. Bevin (**Home-Start**): Supporting young families with children aged 0-5. Emerging needs: poverty and mental health amongst ages 7-15. Continuing to deliver food hampers as families no longer able to access provisions from food bank. The Larder / Newry Helping The Homeless flagged as a possible source of food provisions also. Morgan **(PWB SHSCT)**: Emerging need: impact of Brexit on families - already being felt on the ground. Ongoing issues with Roma community trying to register with GPs owing to form completion difficulties. Highlighted that those involved in the 'Our Journey' sub-group were transformed personally via the co-production element linked to the event and also flagged that there is a lot of follow-up potential from the event. Jacinta mentioned the power of the videos and the storytelling model which was applied to the event. Morgan also announced his upcoming retirement at the end of July.	Contact www.changinglivesinitiative.com or FB page Darren to link up with Ciara / Gael RE: direct outcome of 'Our Journey' event
Emerging Needs in the	Conor (**CCG Ballybot House**): Recruiting for Student Summer Scheme. Receiving referrals from CWD Team, recently used 2 'Our Journey' videos as a resource. Working with Gateway to involve more families in social activity and to promote Gateway itself. Working	

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Action Planning 2018 - 2021	**Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing** ***'Resilience' DVD screenings***: 75 attended Newry, 45 in Dungannon. Darren now in receipt of video link for dedicated group screenings. Plan to work with CAWT MACE project in sharing resources & best practice. CYPSP will be mapping ***mental health & wellbeing services and programmes*** available across the Southern Trust and for all ages. Work on the directory has commenced and member inputs will be requested post-Easter. **Supporting Families** ***Support for newcomer families***: Interagency Roma Group is ongoing, meeting in Newry High School regularly. Darren has spoken to Roisin O'Hare and EWO's have been invited to attend LPG meetings. Morgan confirmed that, at present, the group is dealing with crisis-related frontline issues, but that more structure is coming in. **Risk-Taking Behaviours** Risk-Taking Sub-Group to be formed via imminent meeting. **Supporting Inclusion of Children & Young People with a Disability – *'Our Journey' Event*** 170 attended (65 parents/carers). A more joined up approach & single point of contact was a clear message from the day. June Wilkinson, who is involved in the writing of the Children's Strategy was also in attendance. The parents' videos agreed as the most outstanding part of the day - currently being released via social media. Darren to share feedback with SAOG, Community Planning and policy makers – aim to effect real change as a result of the event. Jacinta stressed the importance of parents designing and owning the event, and any potential sensitivities associated with inviting open conversations around services were well safeguarded on the day.	Darren to send link to Scottish & Welsh ACEs videos to LPG Kerri to confirm Sub-Group meeting date Further event feedback to follow, from Darren
Family Support Hub Update	Jacinta reported the FSH is currently dealing with above contractually agreed nos. of referrals on a monthly basis and is encouraging member organisations to get involved with LPGs.	
SAOG Update	Darren advised that the issue of screen time has now been made a Task & Finish Group priority and a Screen Time Resource Bank has been set up and available to members for reference.	
AOB	Jacinta urged the third sector not to cut itself short when it comes to applying for contracts, given current under-resourcing issues.	
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 10am (Venue TBC - Any member organisation willing to host to contact Darren, per his request) *Thank you, as always, for your time and input!*	