

## Report from Locality Planning Groups to Southern Area Outcomes Group

Months: August - October 2019

<p><b>Current Issues being Discussed at LPG:</b> Including: Gaps in services/Emerging needs</p>	<p><b>Armagh LPG:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of service provision to cope with the recent influx of Roma families into the area. Also a lack of understanding on the part of newcomer families regarding available services</li> <li>• Behavioural problems &amp; parenting support for the is a regular referral feature to Family Support Hub</li> <li>• Young people awaiting diagnosis for autism is a regular referral feature to Family Support Hub</li> </ul> <p><b>Banbridge LPG:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer activities for siblings of children with disabilities - ASD standing out</li> <li>• Speech &amp; language development &amp; school readiness</li> <li>• Fuel poverty - Coming into winter months</li> </ul> <p><b>Craigavon LPG:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam stress &amp; pressure on young people linked to high parental expectations</li> <li>• EWO's seeing more complex mental health needs, particularly in teenagers, in the area</li> <li>• Youth organisations becoming unable to meet needs of young people with an emotional/mental health difficulty</li> <li>• Perinatal &amp; infant mental health support for new mums</li> <li>• There is a willingness, on the part of families, to access support, but quite frequently an inability to attend scheduled appointments [at CAMHs, for example, who don't offer home visits] owing to transport issues</li> <li>• Lack of service provision RE: gambling addictions - Dunlewey seeking funding to offer addiction service / Previously, Breakthru would have covered this space</li> <li>• Anti-social / nuisance behaviour in the Tullygally area (PCSP &amp; PSNI addressing)</li> <li>• Safe site / space for scrambler and off-road vehicle users in the area, owing to dangers posed by young riders using public pathways for recreational purposes</li> </ul> <p><b>Dungannon LPG:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of welfare reform and housing – ongoing need</li> <li>• EUSS application process, deadlines, etc. aren't fully understood</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Newry LPG:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carer's rights &amp; entitlements, independent living and interpreting services have been issues raised by parents &amp; carers in the Newry area</li> <li>• Better access for families where there is a child with autism / special sensory needs attending council-run events has been an issue raised by parents &amp; carers in the Newry area</li> </ul> <p><b>South Armagh LPG:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level of complexity is deepening, reaching bottle neck RE: service provision. Seeing an increase in adolescent referrals to Family Support Hub, mainly males, in the age bracket 13 to 16. Emotional behaviour is a major referral trend. Support for early intervention is proving difficult</li> <li>• Anti-social behaviour &amp; integration of BME families. Some newcomer families in the area are reluctant to enter the primary school setting</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recent Achievements by the Locality Planning Group.</b> How much did we do? How well did we do it? Is anyone better off? (can be included as a report card)</p>	<p><b><u>Resilience Screening:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arke Sure Start, Armagh for 16 Practitioners. Included facilitated discussion on Trauma, ACE's and Resilience in the community, among families with whom they work and within the Sure Start Team</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Evaluations:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the workshop session, 100% of attendees rated their knowledge of ACEs as either 'Good' or 'Excellent' (an increase from 16% pre-session).</li> <li>• After the workshop session, 100% of attendees rated their knowledge about Resilience as either 'Good' or 'Excellent' (an increase from 25% pre-session).</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Key messages to take from the event:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The "severe" effect such experiences do have, and yet we overlook them.</li> <li>• There is always a reason for a child's behaviour. We need to equip children with the skills to keep themselves safe</li> <li>• Early intervention is vital</li> <li>• ACEs affect children and affects health issues</li> <li>• Having ACEs in your life or ACEs in a child's life doesn't mean there is no hope. Resilience can be taught</li> <li>• It is not "what is wrong", but what has happened.</li> <li>• Joined up working is key to successful interventions.</li> </ul>

**Southern Trust Joint Training for Community Paediatrics & CAMHS:**

- Screening of Resilience, facilitated discussion, session on lived experience of ACE's and 2 presentations to Community Paediatrics & CAMHS
- **See Scorecard 19.7 for evaluation report**

**Meeting with June Wilkinson, Dept of Education:**

- Meeting with June & Valerie Maxwell, CYPSP, † further Report findings and recommendations of the Our Journey Through Disability event
- Process of Co-production to be identified as a Model of Good Practice for the NI Children's Services Co-Operation Act

**Presentation to Newry & Mourne Education Welfare Officers Team:**

- Presentation about Locality Planning & CYPSP to team of 16 EWO's and Manager
- Links made for representation onto Locality Planning Groups

**Presentation to Banbridge Anti Poverty Forum:**

- Presentation on Portadown Gets Active & School Uniform Fairs to show examples of partnership work in tackling poverty
- Follow up research into the cost of school uniforms for families

**FYI:**

- 4 x editions of information bulletin (12 Sept, 26 Sept, 10 Oct and 24 Oct). Average 28 pages per edition, 138 pieces of information in total. Distributed to 663 contacts and all C2K addresses.

**Contacts**

- Increase of 109 contacts for Locality Planning Groups and FYI from last Report period

<p><b>Engagement with Children and Young People, Parents/Carers:</b> including numbers</p>	<p><b>Armagh Youth Space Initiative:</b> engagement with 16 young people to review the Cheeky Blinders event and plan for future</p> <p><b>SPACE Joining the Dots:</b> engagement with 14 parents at information stall to promote family support</p> <p><b>Granemore GAA Health Information Day:</b> engagement with 20 parents, 12 children, at information stall to promote family support and health</p> <p><b>Total engagement with 12 children, 16 young people and 34 parents</b></p>						
<p><b>Meetings Held:</b> Breakdown of no. of meetings held &amp; attendance</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Armagh LPG – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – 18 attended</td> <td>Dungannon LPG – 12<sup>th</sup> Sept – 13 attended</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Banbridge LPG – 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – 9 attended</td> <td>Newry LPG – 19<sup>th</sup> June – 19 attended</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Craigavon LPG - 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – 15 attended</td> <td>South Armagh LPG – 17<sup>th</sup> Sept – 11 attended</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Total 85 attended LPG meetings</b></p>	Armagh LPG – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 18 attended	Dungannon LPG – 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 13 attended	Banbridge LPG – 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct – 9 attended	Newry LPG – 19 <sup>th</sup> June – 19 attended	Craigavon LPG - 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 15 attended	South Armagh LPG – 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 11 attended
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<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p>	<p>Trust-wide directory of emotional &amp; mental health &amp; wellbeing services available for children and young people: template sent out, currently 18 services/activities submitted</p> <p>Resilience screening with Primary School in Gilford: date TBC</p> <p>Resilience screening through Mid Ulster Community Planning: date &amp; details TBC</p> <p>ACE's Levels 1 &amp; 2 training run by Ascert, open to LPG members</p> <p>Community Resiliency Model Training in Banbridge by Barnardos Nova for LPG members</p> <p>Speaking at forthcoming SHSCT PPI Conference with a parent from Our Journey Through Disability</p> <p>Involvement with SHSCT Working Group on Infant mental Health Strategy &amp; launch on 29<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>Attending Council of Europe Conference in Strasbourg – Redefining Power: Strengthening the Rights of the Child as the Key to a Future-Proof Europe</p>						
<p><b>Additional Information:</b></p>							

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