

Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 4th March 2021 at 10am
Via Zoom Video Conference Call

Attendees			Apologies
Aileen O'Callaghan (EA Youth Service – CHAIR)	Kerry O'Hagan (CYPSP - Minutes)	Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Bernadette Lally (CAWT MACE)
Anne Marie Baxter (Barnardo's/FSH)	Gwen Bartley (ABC Council PCSP)	Jacqueline Masterson (SHSCT)	Shirley Wells (NIACRO)
Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI)	Siobhan Mackle (REACT)	Gillian McKeown (Barnardo's DCYPPP)	Ela Kasiask (Armagh Down Women's Aid)
Kelly Mallon (ABC Council)	Matthew Matchett (Cedar Foundation)	Ursula McGivern (Youth Justice)	Edel Ferson (ABC Council)
Teresa Miles (BCM)	Mark Doran (ABC Council)	Gwyneth Buchannan (PSNI)	
Mia Murray (Surestart)	Alex Clifford (ABC Council)	Sarah Hillen (Pips)	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action – By Whom
Welcome, Apologies, Previous Mins 14/1/21	Aileen welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.	
Member Agency Updates & Unmet Needs in the Armagh Area	<p>Matthew (Cedar Foundation): Working towards going back to face-to-face work with priority register for young people who were not able to engage online. Emerging need is anxiety among young people and mental health issues in the future.</p> <p>Siobhan (REACT): Unmet need young people suffering from high anxiety and are socially isolated. One to one mentoring has started, mostly over Zoom and some face to face. A lot children online all day and not getting out or seeing friends.</p> <p>Teresa (BCM): Facing Zoom fatigue with young people and in general people's mental health very low. Reduction in substance misuse and an increase in fuel poverty. Engagement with young people more difficult, doorstep visits.</p> <p>Gillian (Barnardos): Similar issues to note, more phone calls from parents regarding anxiety issues, poor mental health and Zoom fatigue. Considering someone to ones as there is such a need for it.</p> <p>Gwyneth (PSNI): Finding similar issues in the community. Covid calls still ongoing. Anti-social behaviour is an issue. Two Neighbourhood Teams in Armagh.</p> <p>Kelly (ABC Council): Have received calls from Community groups about anti-social behaviour in Drumbreda. Working with PSNI and PCSP, more patrols and Community Group have set up Neighbourhood Watch. Working on Covid Response, Warm Well-Connected programme funded through DfC. For Youth, a Healthy Kidz programme running through March with 4 GAA Clubs in the area, engaging with youth. Hoping to run a Cook It programme for families.</p>	

<p>Member Agency Updates & Unmet Needs in the Armagh Area (Continued)</p>	<p>Michael (Youth Action NI): As Irish language week, Michael made greetings in Irish. One to one mentoring work has continued. Group work still via Zoom. Similar issues of young people's mental fitness. Get Set employment scheme is continuing online. Recent announcement on Pathway, hope to see some face-to-face group work.</p> <p>Sarah (PIPS): Emerging issues: usually have groups to target with Training, with not all groups running more difficult. Running open training, open to the Public. Workshops on Eating Disorders, Resilience training and GIMME 5 training for Primary kids. Working alongside the Respect Project, working with local Sports groups with Awareness training.</p> <p>Jacqueline (SHSCT): Very little Community Groups delivering at the moment. Working on supporting positive vaccine information to BAME groups. Lack of wearing masks coming through as an issue with the BAME community. Have leaflets available in Bulgarian for organisations that are front facing, contact Jacqueline for the leaflets.</p> <p>Gwen (PCSP): Road Safety meeting tonight, committee set up and one of the focuses will be on young drivers. Drugs talks continuing with SRC and Schools. Community session on Drugs with Theresa Burke 11th Match 2021 at 7.30pm – contact Gwen for attendance. Emerging issues: Vaping of Spice and reports of walkers with no High Vis. Internet Safety training delivered to schools and Community Groups. Good Morning calls continuing.</p> <p>Mia (Surestart): Unable to go back to group work with restrictions. Good uptake of the weekly zoom sessions and doorstep visits on the Programme for 2-year-olds. A lot of groups taking place via zoom, continuing to provide one to one onsite support for vulnerable families. Similar issues of school return and uniforms.</p> <p>Ursula (Youth Justice): Work comes via Courts, getting busier. A lot of work is via WhatsApp and via phone with some face-to-face work. A lot of parents struggling and offering more family work at this time. Trying to be creative with young people. Issues: Social isolation among young people. CAMHS worker as part of the Youth Justice team is Darren Hughes. Amazing resource available for young people coming through with mental health issues. Quick access for young people.</p> <p>Alex (ABC Council): Within Sports Development virtual programmes ongoing Employability programme and youth Leadership programmes. Aim to do practical coaching qualifications and volunteering within sports clubs. Planning sports models for delivery when restrictions allow. A lot of online classes for people to stay active: Virtual Couch 2 5k, Macmillan Move More virtual walk,</p> <p>Mark (ABC Council): Projects running at the moment Warm Well Connected, Cook It. Tenders awarded for programmes.</p> <p>Aileen (EA): Closed down in line with education. Have online courses with ABC, Easy Fitness course, Virtual Youth Hang Out, Comedy nights, Period Poverty initiative, programme with young women around dignity. Also, have bespoke interventions for vulnerable children via face to face and small groups.</p>	<p>Jacqueline contact details: Jacqueline.Masterson@southerntrust.hscni.net</p>
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Armagh LPG Action Plan Update	<p>CYPSP Key priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing in particular children in the 5–10-year age group • Early Intervention support for children with disabilities and their families • Support to children whose wellbeing is being affected by disruption to their schooling. • Contribution to Strategic cross departmental actions in response to food and fuel poverty as well as locality-based services & responses. <p>Feedback: Mental Health among middle age primary children displaying behavioural issues, tantrums. Parents struggling and parental capacity. Family support, Covid has exasperated issues, isolation, furlough, bereavement. No support for children who have suffered from bereavement. Poverty a major issue. Anticipation of CAMHS Referrals. Young people not having space to study. Poverty increased over the last year: fuel, digital and food poverty due to Universal Credit, limited social housing. Private rent increasing, families relying on charities. Build structures within our communities as funding will be coming down through communities.</p>	<p>Kerry to circulate information on oil stamps.</p> <p>Kerry to circulate Key Issues template for next meeting.</p>
Family Support Hub Update	<p>Referrals are varying. Emerging needs are children going back to school, children's anxiety and behaviour management. Finding children's behaviour has seen an increase of domestic violence of children against parents. Return to school and need for new uniforms. Open for referrals. Can refer to Disability worker with Bolster, for families waiting on diagnosis. Biggest referral trend is poverty.</p>	
SAOG Update	<p>Six Locality Groups in the Southern Area, feed into the Southern Outcomes Group. Workshop held on 9th February 2021 on Action Planning. Task & Finish Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with Young People. Aim to strengthen the voice of young people and become more involved. • Disability: Roll out the recommendations from the Our Journey Report. • Newcomer Needs Assessment: Presently doing focus groups and hope to complete Report with recommendations by the Summer 21. 	
AOB	<p>Virtual Launch at next meeting of REACT programme.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>6th May 2021, via Zoom Many thanks for your participation!</p>	