

**Craigavon LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting –16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10am**  
**Via Zoom Video Conference Call**

Attendees			Apologies
Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craigavon - Chair)	Debbie Smith (SHSCT)	Scarlett Czuczor (Women's Aid)	Lynette Cooke (PCSP)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Helen Hamill (St Anthony's PS)	Aine Campbell (PSNI)	Val Loughery (EA Intercultural Education Service)
Kerry O'Hagan (CYPSP-Minutes)	Michelle Moulton (Carers Trust)	Pamela McIlhinny (PSNI)	Jane McCann (EA EWO)
Frances Haughey (ABC Council)	Jade Mellish (PSNI)	Lisa Grant (NIACRO/Family Support Hub)	Andrew McCreery (CIP)
Alex Clifford (ABC Council)	Gwen Bartley (PCSP)		
Tim Strain (Youth Justice Agency)	Billy Fyffe (YMCA)		

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<b>Welcome, Intros &amp; Apologies</b>	Deborah welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above.	
<b>Previous Minutes - 19/1/21</b>	Previous Minutes shared on screen & agreed, amendment Billy Fyffe apologies to be amended. All actions followed up on accordingly.	
<b>Member Agency Updates &amp; Emerging Needs in the Craigavon Area</b>	<p><b>Jade (PSNI):</b> Deals with mainly adult offenders but do have some juvenile offenders. Main role is rehabilitation and providing pathways to support in order to reduce offending. First meeting and hoping to gain information on support available.</p> <p><b>Alex (ABC):</b> Practical sports sessions currently not happening. Usually would have diversionary activities - Midnight Street Soccer, Street Games or MUGA programmes. Concluding virtual programmes this month with Youth Leadership and Employability programmes. Youth Leadership programme includes OCN in Sport &amp; Business, Coaching Badges and Inclusion training. 64 people signed up for the Employability programme.</p> <p><b>Helen (St Anthony's PS):</b> Have been open for key workers' children. Currently have 13 iPads on loan to families. Have applied to Council for Covid Community support with Fitzzone for iPads and Laptops which will help families engage in distance learning. Have noticed a drop in children's mental health and wellbeing especially from midterm in February. Greater impact this lockdown on children.</p> <p><b>Frances (ABC):</b> Emerging needs emotional wellbeing and poverty. Working on Keep Warm, Keep Well packs setting up baby packs and hygiene supplies for families most in need. Food Poverty tackling with Cook It programmes and engaging with kids and families, learning to cook on a budget. Upcoming: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 Southern Area Men's Health Webinar 10.30am via Zoom.</p> <p><b>Gwen (PCSP):</b> Projects: New Road Safety Committee set up in ABC area. Working with Road Safe NI who are launching new Highway Code book for kids which will go to all schools in the area. Looking for new locations for new Rapid Bins for the area. Secondary Schools and Colleges Talks from Theresa Burke on drugs. Internet Safety talks rolled out to Community Groups.</p>	
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<b>Updates &amp; Emerging Needs in the Craigavon Area</b>	<p><b>Michelle (Carers Trust):</b> Provide support to unpaid carers. Events all over Zoom, ongoing coffee morning via Zoom. Very busy with Carer’s vaccines. Able to book Vaccines for Carers. Worked with Alzheimer’s to provide awareness sessions. Ran a Healthy Eating Talk for Carers. Upcoming: Easter Craft sessions, juggling course. Registration open for all Carers.</p> <p><b>Tim (Youth Justice Agency):</b> Work with young people from 10-18 years involved in offending behaviour. Continuing to deliver Court Orders, Community Resolution notices, Early Intervention and family work. Work online mostly. Unmet Need: Placements for Service in the Community is all on hold. Young people are waiting and on hold.</p> <p><b>Debbie (SHSCT):</b> Ran Community workshops on Census to help vulnerable communities complete. May hold more workshops in March and if members know of any community group struggling to complete Census, let Debbie know of the need. Working on Covid Recovery Plan and Action plan for the next 6 months. Proposed change for Neighbourhood Renewal areas for Health Trainers who can work with ethnic minorities and families and young people, this ties in with Social Prescribing.</p> <p><b>Aine &amp; Pamela (PSNI):</b> Lurgan Neighbourhood Police engaging with local school children giving talks on drugs, particularly vaping, Road Safety legislation and Online safety. Emerging Need: Lot of reports of anti-social behaviour in Lurgan Park, organised fights, ASB in the local community. Local Community Safety Wardens were engaged in the areas. LPG meeting has helped with referrals to FSH.</p> <p><b>Scarlett (Women’s Aid):</b> Work with women and children who experience domestic abuse. Continuing with face-to-face appointments and Zoom. Children’s Service report face to face support is the best, as children are going through increased anxiety. Running educational programmes once a week. Emerging need: Families are struggling financially especially vulnerable families. Secured grants for families and provide devices for children, utility bills and educational toys and books.</p> <p><b>Billy (YMCA):</b> Centre Leader at YMCA Portadown. Provided 222 educational support packs and 172 food hampers to members’ homes. Starting the Period Poverty project. YMCA Activity Book, third booklet produced - mainly mental health for young people, children, and adults. If anyone would like one, contact Billy. Received funding from ABC to provide Chromebooks to local schools.</p> <p><b>Deborah (Home-Start Craigavon):</b> Support families with young children 0-5 years via parent volunteers. Started online training for volunteers. Home visits postponed, offering telephone and socially distanced walks. Received funding for 4 free counselling sessions for mums. Received funding for mums for gym classes online. Unmet need: Isolation for mums and impacting on physical and mental health.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:debbie.smith@southerntrust.hscni.net">debbie.smith@southerntrust.hscni.net</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:william.stewart@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk">william.stewart@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>Craigavon LPG Action Plan Update</b>	<p>Key priorities at SOG planning workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Children’s Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing in particular children in the 5-10-year age group,</li> <li>●Early Intervention support for children with disabilities and their families,</li> <li>●Support to children whose wellbeing is being affected by disruption to their schooling.</li> <li>●Contribution to Strategic cross departmental actions in response to food and fuel poverty as well as locality-based services and responses.</li> </ul>	<p>Kerry to send out Key Issues template</p>

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	<p>Feedback: Impact of lockdown, counselling via Zoom not working for all children. Level of anxiety among children is very high. Children anxious about coming back to school. Children feeling isolated. Tackling poverty as this has increased. Mental Health with young people and Drug and Alcohol awareness. YMCA - Maths and English tutoring for young people for GCSE level.</p> <p>Action plan for Locality due to start April 2021.</p>	
<b>Family Support Hub Update</b>	<p><b>Lisa (NIACRO):</b> Business as usual for the Hub. As Services are opening referrals are well up. Promotional Plan in place if figures do not get up to targeted figures. Trends in referrals: Increase in families with children are at various stages of assessment for ADHD and ASD. A lot of the families are not clear on the process and appears to be a backlog with assessments. Face to face appointments were possible, Zoom has limitations, issues with confidentiality.</p>	
<b>SAOG Update</b>	<p>Darren: 6 Locality Groups across the Southern Trust, feed into the Southern Outcomes Group. Emphasis on early intervention and link into existing Services. Workshop held in February 2021. Task and Finish Groups set up: BAME Community, Voice of Children and Young People, Emotional and Wellbeing Network and Disability Group.</p>	
<b>AOB</b>	<p>One Stop Shop for info/signposting for young people, developed by Consultants in Belfast to signpost young people on Mental Health.</p>	<p><a href="https://youngpeopleni.org/">https://youngpeopleni.org/</a></p>
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Via Zoom Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b> <i>Thank you, as always, for your time and input!</i></p>	