

Dungannon LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 18th June 2020 at 10am
Via Zoom Video Conference Call

Attendees			Apologies
Jacqueline Masterson (SHSCT - Chair)	Maxine McClean (Network Personnel CFSP)	Mark Doran (ABC Council / MUDC)	Annie Barrett (MUDC)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Kerrie McCann (CAPS NIACRO)	Bernadetta Kepa (STEP)	Pat McGeough (Barnardos YPP, FSH)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Colin Ryan (PSNI, Dungannon NPT)	Alison Daly (SHSCT)	
Joanne McCourt (BCM)	Lorraine Griffin (COSTA)	Ciara Clarke (EA Youth Service)	
Lorraine O'Neill (Parenting Partnership)	Mairead McMullen (Clogher Valley Sure Start)	Brenda McElroy (YouthAction NI)	
Annette McGahan (MUDC / PCSP)	Lucinda McGinnis (START360)		

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Welcome, Intros. & Apologies	Jacqueline welcomed all to the meeting. Darren ran through Zoom-related housekeeping matters. Apologies noted, per above. A brief round of introductions was made by all members.	
Previous Minutes - 27th February 2020	Previous Minutes agreed, with no amendments. Make The Call info. session put on hold, owing to COVID-19 restrictions - To be revisited post-Summer.	
Member Agency Updates & Unmet Needs in the Dungannon Area	<p>Mairead McMullen (Clogher Valley Sure Start): Service continued online during lockdown. Ongoing needs with child protection & safeguarding. Particular issues for some families back living under the one roof. Introduced garden gate visits and walk & talks, adhering to social distancing. Primary issues raised by families: financial strain / poverty, mental health, behavioural management. Some families also advising of a rise in anti-social behaviour. Providing activities to support ante-natal parents, delivering parenting & play-based programmes online. Now focusing on organising smaller group sessions & face-to-face meetings and transitioning parents back into programmes, updating policies, etc.</p> <p>Lucinda McGinnis (START360): Able to switch service delivery to Zoom & Teams during lockdown. This week is NI Alcohol Awareness Week, so currently getting the corresponding message out. Working with relevant colleagues in the SEHSCT & WHSCT to pull together an online resource for alcohol awareness.</p> <p>Lorraine O'Neill (Parenting Partnership): Working remotely. Several programmes started prior to lockdown had to be cancelled, but ongoing contact made with parents. Looking at delivering programmes online in the future, along with potentially smaller group sessions with adherence to social distancing.</p> <p>Bernadetta Kepa (STEP): Working partially remotely, partially in office which is closed to the public so no face-to-face appointments. Telephone support has been ongoing. Support staff have been dealing with increasing Foodbank requests and STEP have applied for various grants to support this. Advice staff working throughout the lockdown and seeing increasing applications for Universal Credit. Increase in employment issues also. Unable to finish Incredible Years programme due to</p>	Joanne P. to share e-mail RE: NI Alcohol Awareness Week

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<p>Member Agency Updates & Unmet Needs in the Dungannon Area (Continued from previous page)</p>	<p>lockdown. Planning for summer & September assisting children return to school. Dungannon & Cookstown offices operating on a full-time basis, Magherafelt office has a worker in on Fridays, all other weekday calls redirected to the other offices.</p> <p>Colin Ryan (PSNI, Dungannon NPT): The Neighbourhood Policing Team was depleted to just two staff during lockdown and is now back up & running and functioning as best as they can with social distancing in place. Unable to attend addresses for normal check-ups or enquiries. Only calling out to people where it's absolutely necessary, but are working via telephone & e-mail. All current meetings are taking place via Zoom / phone call. If anyone requires them, they will make themselves available.</p> <p>Brenda McElroy (YouthAction NI): Started a new Amplify project in January, but have continued working throughout, with ongoing support via Zoom meetings, phone calls & direct tasks. Current programme extended until end Sep. Ongoing issues: mental health, higher anxiety levels, social isolation</p> <p>Lorraine Griffin (COSTA): Offices closed to the public. Producing & circulating newsletters & funding bulletins to the community. Charity support and village plan work currently taking place remotely. Exploring how to develop capacity building online. Delivered a small grant programme with CWSAN2 and supported approx. 44 groups in Mid Ulster with grants of up to £150 to help with COVID-19 related resources. Regional Survey going out 19 June to find out about needs in rural communities, to be fed up to the Dept. of Agriculture. Working with DAERA to see how services, programmes, grants, etc. can be developed going forward. Focusing on groups to adapt to the current situation and COVID-19 recovery interventions. Rural Micro Grant had wound up in advance of lockdown, so successful groups were able to receive their related payments. Women in Community Transformation Programme classes were all delivered in advance of lockdown.</p> <p>Kerrie McCann (CAPS NIACRO): Adapted services and moved online, however some children haven't been engaging as well online. Still at quite high capacity, accepting referrals and looking at adapting a virtual activities programme for summer, starting in July. Current issues for young people: mental health, not getting out for exercise, poor personal hygiene, lack of routine / structure, behavioural difficulties and aggression towards parents in the home (sometimes has resulted in contact with the police). Working with parents on managing the home-schooling process, including lack of technology, children not wanting to engage and working with schools to address the same, including getting some vulnerable children back into school.</p> <p>Maxine McClean (Network Personnel CFSP): Continued working during the pandemic, adjusting service to accommodate ongoing referrals. Lockdown has exacerbated existing problems such as behavioural issues with children and poverty. In some cases, increasing support via telephone calls and Teams calls Reducing social isolation is one of key targets and engagement has been heightened in some instances via recently established online connections. Seen an increase in referrals over the past couple of months. Offering a range of workshops, from mindfulness sessions to creative media courses and have looked at putting supports in place at the onset to enable people to successfully engage in such initiatives.</p> <p>Ciara Clarke (EA Youth Service): Continuing to offer support remotely. Emerging needs include financial difficulties, free school meals, access to technology. Currently dealing with 32 cases, working with schools and other community organisations.</p>	<p>For any needs / advice, please contact Colin (colin.ryan@psni.pnn.police.uk / 07826528321)</p> <p>Contact Brenda if members are aware of any virtual sessions which might be useful for young people to access</p>

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	<p>Alison Daly (SHSCT): Unable to deliver service face-to-face. Involved in COVID-19 helpline in the interim. Exploring how Community Sector Training is delivered going forward. Potential issues: access to technology & reliable broadband for participants, sensitivity on safeguarding training delivered online. From feedback received from community groups, it is preferable not to meet face-to-face for the foreseeable. Potentially some open courses from September running in particular venues with limited spaces available. Online safeguarding training sessions currently available online from Volunteer Now.</p> <p>Annette McGahan (MUDC / PCSP): Redeployed to Community Support Hub, carrying out befriending calls. A lot of people reporting mental health issues, particularly anxiety. Planning at how to deliver virtual programmes in future, in partnership with other agencies as access to schools will be extremely limited. Recently dealing with some anti-social behaviour issues.</p> <p>Mark Doran (ABC Council / MUDC): Involved with co-ordinating food parcel deliveries, etc., with the COVID-19 Community Hub. Now planning how to most effectively & safely restart programmes, based on required criteria.</p> <p>Joanne McCourt (BCM): Taking a steady stream of referrals. Parent support has been busy and seeing poverty and mental health as major issues. Delivering cooking & budgeting sessions via Zoom and now back to doing home visits and walks, maintaining social distancing, as a lot of young people really need face-to-face contact.</p> <p>Jacqueline Masterson (SHSCT): Involved with supporting the Community Helpline - high level of calls from the Dungannon area, incl. Clogher, Augher, Fivemiletown. The COVID-19 Response Groups were extremely busy providing support in the community via food parcels, accessing pharmacies, befriending calls, etc. Jacqueline will be speaking to such groups to ascertain their needs going forward. Also linking in with wider community groups on supporting their plans for the future.</p>	<p>Any organisations who might need support or links set up, please contact Jacqueline (Jacqueline.Masterson@southerntrust.hscni.net)</p>
<p>Dungannon LPG Action Plan Update / Future Action Plans</p>	<p>Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing: Finalising <i>Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Resource</i>. Printing and upload to CYPSP website pending.</p> <p>3 scheduled <i>Infant Mental Health Awareness Workshops</i> postponed due to COVID-19, rearranged dates & format TBC.</p> <p>Feedback recently requested from LPG members on <i>Emotional & Mental Health and Well Being of Children and Young People during COVID-19</i> noted that some children are actually feeling less anxiety due to bullying issues at school.</p> <p>Webinar took place last Monday, led by Trauma Informed Schools UK, RE: supporting the return to school.</p> <p>'Reimagining Education in Northern Ireland' NCB Webinar taking place tomorrow at 10am</p> <p>Postvention / Responding to workplaces, schools and communities following suicide Webinar taking place on 24 June</p> <p>Supporting Families: Needs Assessment for Newcomer Families Task & Finish Group met on 10 June with a presentation delivered by Dr. Neal Morgan, Clinical Lead for Virtual Hospital in Craigavon on the disproportionately high no. of BAME communities testing positive for COVID-19, particularly Roma community members. Also low GP registration rates. A sub-group has been set up to explore how best related COVID-19 messages can be transmitted to the BME community. CYPSP have recently been including translated COVID-19 info. via 'FYI'. Survey pending.</p>	<p>(Register HERE). (E-mail PWB Team HERE to register)</p> <p>Contact Jacqueline if any member organisation feels they can contribute to the Newcomer T&F Group</p>

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Dungannon LPG Action Plan Update / Future Action Plans (Continued from previous page)	<p>Feedback received from LPG members on issues parents & workers are facing in relation to Home Schooling in the current climate to be fed up to SAOG and the Assembly.</p> <p>Addressing Risk-Taking Behaviours Previously scheduled Gambling Play had to be cancelled due to lockdown. No immediate plans for the play to be shown, due to ongoing lockdown restrictions.</p> <p>'FYI' has been circulated on a weekly basis due to COVID-19 developments and the increased volume of updates being received from members and other contacts across the past couple of months. With the recommencement of LPG meetings, 'FYI' has reverted to fortnightly frequency. Daily E-mail Updates, introduced in March, will continue until Begin July.</p> <p>CYPSP Southern Area Locality Planning recently produced an LPG Info. & Action Plan 2018-2021 Leaflet, which has been printed and also shared digitally with all LPG members.</p>	
Family Support Hub Update	<p>Update provided, per Pat McGeough: The number of referrals into the FSH has reduced significantly since COVID-19 lockdown emerged, primarily as a result of school closures and limited GP referrals. It should, however, be highlighted that support for families is being provided in different ways where FSH is either directly or indirectly involved, e.g. online support services being provided by Parenting NI, Women's Aid, Sure Start, etc. FSH have experienced an increase in the number of telephone enquiries which have resulted in some families being signposted to these online supports and the FSH has also issued a number of food vouchers for their local foodbank.</p>	
SAOG Update	<p>No SAOG meetings have recently taken place during the lockdown period, but a virtual meeting is pending - Updates to follow. 'Our Journey Through Disability' will be discussed during the upcoming meeting, as the aim is to escalate related concerns raised. The release of the corresponding report is pending and will be shared with members via CYPSP.</p>	
AOB	<p>N/A</p>	
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Via Zoom (Date TBC) <i>Thank you, as always, for your time and input!</i></p>	