

Regional Report from Locality Planning Groups

Reporting Period: June to August 2021

Current Issues/Challenges being Discussed at LPG: Gaps in services/emerging needs *Updated information not available from Belfast and South Eastern areas		
Northern	Southern	Western - update based on the North West LPGs only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addressing education issues - Internet safety - MHEW - need for counselling, particularly for CYP aged 4-11 years. Reports from FSHs via LPGs is that they had been able to fund some counselling services, this funding has now expired - Poverty - food, uniform, digital - Anti-social behaviour and risk taking behaviour - Gap in services highlighted in Newtownabbey area to support those who reside outside of the 'Thrive Project' boundary - Hidden harm of youth gambling - increase in problem gambling amongst NI young people - Rebuilding after the pandemic - services opening up again 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emotional wellbeing & mental health of children & young people - Addressing the impact of poverty - Support for parents and caregivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Length of waiting lists and support while on waiting list for ASD - Request for counselling for primary school age children - Anxiety and emotional health and wellbeing for whole families - Poverty – all types - Anti-community behaviour - Befriending - Child towards parent aggression - Practical Family Support - Membership from all sectors - Gap in showcasing the great work that is happening at a local level – hoped that re-establishing LPGs will help address this - Drugs - Coordinator post in Northern sector is vacant – currently being supported by CYPSP Business Support Manager in addition to full-time role - Coordinator in Southern Sector off on long-term sick leave hasn't been backfilled

Recent Achievements by the Locality Planning Groups

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MHEW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aware NI: MHFA - 25 people registered for June sessions • AMH Mental Health sessions – 44 attended staff sessions, 41 attended parents sessions – Physical Activity - Secured funding for a range of Community Sports Network programmes delivered in partnership with LPG members. Anecdotal evidence to date positive and encouraging – 330 Looking After Me Journals distributed to Newtownabbey LPG members in May/June 2021 – Co-ordinated and promoted Demystifying Disability Hate crime webinar – Members attended GamCare training sessions held in June – Talk, Learn, Do training sessions delivered to parents. These sessions help parents to talk to their children about money management skills for life – Antrim/Ballymena: Worked in partnership with MEA council to fund outdoor toy box in People's Park to promote outdoor play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – FYI: 4 editions of the fortnightly e-bulletin FYI distributed – Summer is Coming: 3 Zoom sessions on 25th, 28th and 29th June to share summer activities in the ABC, NManD and Mid Ulster Council areas – Portadown Gets Active: Summer Programme over 9 days in July & August. Partnership initiative to help address Holiday Hunger, including food, physical activity and educational opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Barnardo's/Save the Children/FSHs relations/partnership established. – Strabane LPG held two Autism themed meetings with presentations from Autism NI, WHSCT Autism coordinator and Middletown Centre for Autism – Presentation from Claire Lynch on UNICEF project – WAOG funding for period poverty to LPGs. 4 LPGs across the west worked together to negotiate best value for money with wholesale company and free delivery. Other 2 groups negotiated with local shops. Will be distributed out to community/voluntary sector members. (report card to follow) – Gambling awareness and Brief Intervention Training in June was rolled out regionally highlighting concerns about the increase in gambling over the lockdowns. Feedback on the training has been very positive – FYI Newsletter to share training, funding, events, service updates, shared twice per month, positive feedback

Meetings Held: Break down of number of meetings held and how many attended		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Larne/Carrick Task & Finish Groups Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing 11 June (4 attended) Poverty 11 June (4 attended) - Mid-Ulster LPG Action Planning meeting 11 June (18 attended) - No LPG meetings held in July or August in the Northern Area at the request of members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armagh LPG – 1 July (13 attended) - Dungannon LPG – 1 June (12 attended) - Newry & Mourne LPG – 24 June (15 attended) - South Armagh LPG – 22 June (9 attended) <p><u>Total attendance at LPG meetings: 49 members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summer is Coming – 3 sessions (63 attended) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strabane LPG – 24 June (9 attended) - Waterside LPG – 20 July (5 attended) - Derry Workshop postponed to September

Upcoming Events:	
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Action planning Workshops	<p>Derry LPG Action Planning Workshop - 16 September 1-3.30pm</p> <p>Strabane LPG meetings - 30 September at 10am & 28 October at 10am</p> <p>Waterside LPG meetings - 21 September at 10am & 16 November at 10am</p>

Additional information:

1. CYPSP members to nominate staff at a local level to engage with their LPGs. They bring a really rich level of knowledge of local issues to the group and help to share best practice, develop local relationships and helps to avoid duplication of effort
2. A regional review of Locality Planning currently underway