

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Annual Report 2020/21



July 2021

Foreword from CYPSP Chair Shane Devlin

I am delighted to present the 2020/21 Annual Report for the NI Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership. This is an important document, outlining the progress that the CYPSP has made in the collaborative delivery of early intervention Children's Services Planning in Northern Ireland.

This has been a highly challenging year for everyone and the report illustrates the continued response to these challenges through creative efforts to ensure ongoing focus on improving outcomes for children and families. We have maintained Partnership meetings, replacing physical ones with virtual ones, and we have interacted across Departments and with localities even more intensively than before in our efforts to contribute to the crisis response. Progress has been made in important areas, and this is evidenced through completed outcomes and performance monitoring and through completed OBA report cards.

The CYPSP continues to ensure that the voices of children, young people and families are heard. Through the newly developed Children and Young People's Reference Group we have formalised this process and look forward to the participation of children and young people in the development of the 2021-2024 Children's Services Plan.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts made by all. The success of Children's Services Planning has depended in full measure on your resourcefulness, flexibility and engagement over the past year.

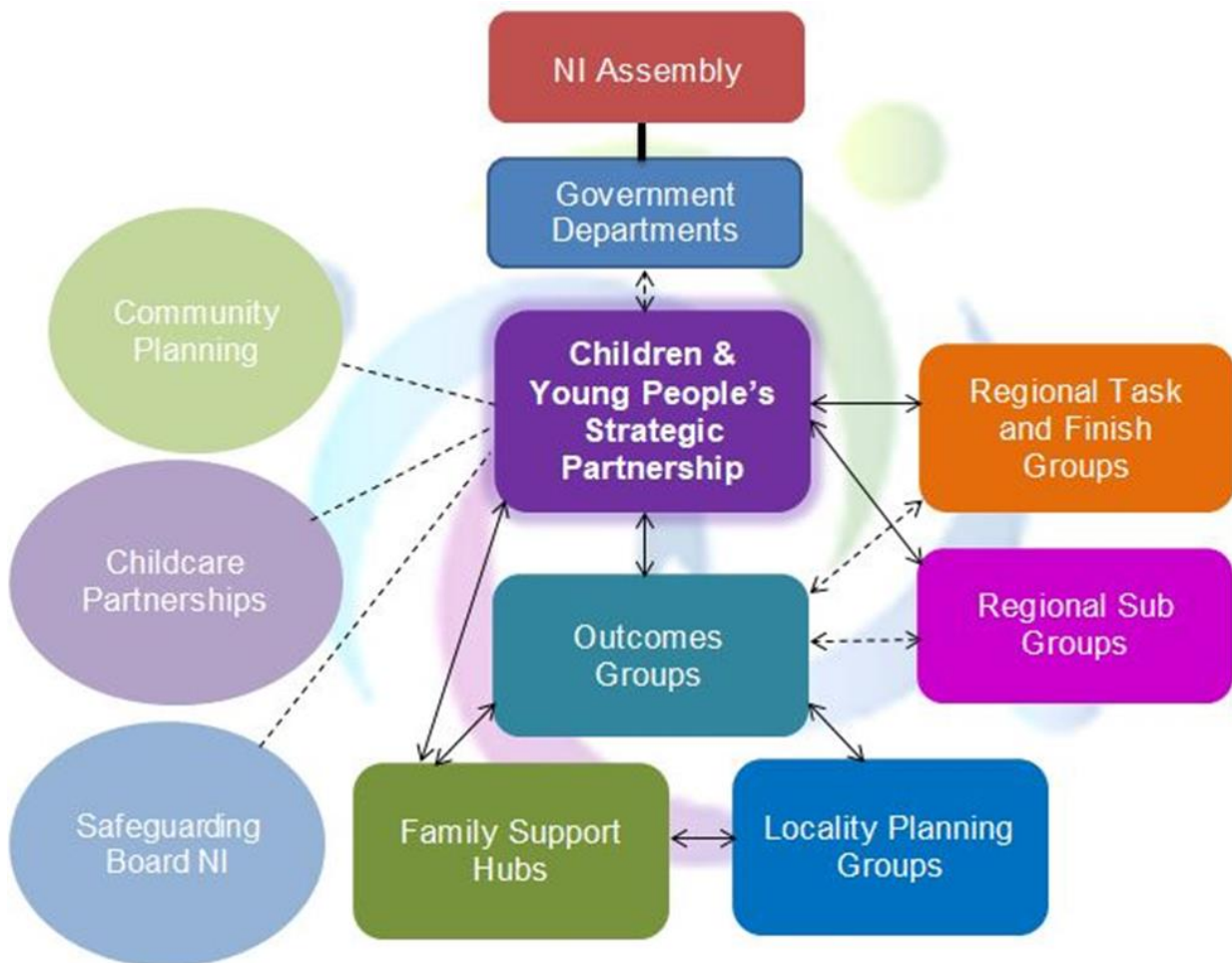


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CYPSP Infrastructure

Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People



Section 1

Introduction

The Children (1995 Order) (Amendment) (Children's Services Planning) Order 1998 requires the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) to prepare and publish plans for the provision of children's services... and to keep those plans under review. In preparing or updating its plans, the HSCB will:

“review..(the plan)..at least once in each financial year”, and shall consult

- Health and Social Care Trusts (HSC Trusts);
- Education Authority;
- Council Representatives;
- Representatives of Voluntary and Community organisations;
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive;
- Police Service of Northern Ireland;
- Northern Ireland Probation Board.

“The Department of Health and Social Services may require a HSCB plan to be submitted to it at any time”.

The guidance to the legislation requires that ***‘as part of the process of consultation’ the HSCB should ‘establish an area Children and Young People’s Committee (now known as CYPSP)....who will have overall responsibility for producing the Children’s Services Plan’***.

The CYPSP is a multiagency strategic partnership, consisting of the leadership of all key agencies across statutory, voluntary and community sectors who have responsibility for improving outcomes for all children and young people in NI, and is supported by HSCB to support the Children's Services Planning (CSP) process.

[The list of CYPSP partners is contained in Appendix 1].

The purpose of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Children's Services Plan is:

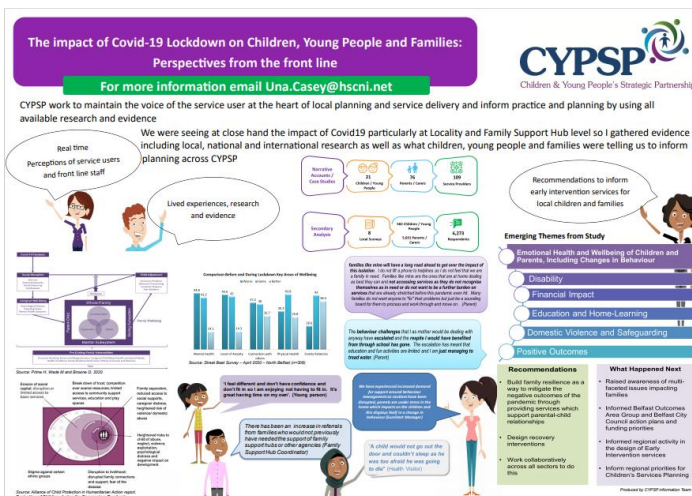
- To establish an agreed basis for collaboration in the delivery of children's services in order to address the outcomes of wellbeing as set out in the Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Strategy (2019-2029) and in line with the Programme for Government;
- To ensure that the Plan and supporting activities are focused on improving outcomes in relation to children in need;
- To promote co-production with children, young people and their families in the CSP integrated planning process;
- To support an integrated, multi-agency, information based planning process;
- To identify opportunities for pooled budgets;
- Incorporate children's rights into the planning process;
- To ensure an effective and efficient, fully mandated planning structure which is representative of all key stakeholders is in place to support the delivery of the CYPSP Children and Young People's Plan.

The Impact of Covid 19 Pandemic

It is acknowledged that 2020/21 has been an especially challenging year for children, young people, families and that creative and resilient efforts have been made to maintain the activities in line with the above stated purpose, and to respond to new and emerging needs as a result of the impact of Covid 19 and associated restrictions.

The CYPSP is supported by a small team of support staff who continued to facilitate a collaborative multi-agency approach to Children's Services Planning and information sharing across all levels of the CYPSP infrastructure, and coordinated the production of a number of key resources specifically related to managing the impact of Covid 19 and to help mitigate the effects of lockdown.

This report is the annual review for 2020/21.



Section 2

CYPSP Activity

Record of Meetings

In line with the restrictions imposed in the management of the Covid 19 pandemic, the Partnership progressed to online meetings and succeeded in meeting the requirement for three meetings per year.

Date of Meeting	Number of Statutory Partners in Attendance	Number of Vol/Com/BAME Partners in Attendance
24 August 2020*	12	4
9 November 2020	18	12
18 February 2021	12	13

*The meeting on 24 August included a one item agenda focused on Learning from Covid 19.

Agendas, minutes and associated documentation from all meetings are available on the CYPSP website at <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/children-and-young-peoples-strategic-partnership/>

Revision of CYPSP Terms of Reference and Governance Arrangements

A review of CYPSP's Terms of Reference and Governance Arrangements and Partnership Agreement commenced at the end of 2019/2020 and was completed in October 2020.

The revised governance documentation was signed off by the Partnership at the November 2020 meeting and a copy of the revised documents can be viewed at:

1. Governance Arrangements 2020-2023

<http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/CYPSP-Revised-Gov-Arr-2020-2023-Nov-2020.pdf>

2. Communications Strategy 2019-2021

<http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/CYPSP-Communications-Strategy20-21.pdf>

3. Information Strategy 2019-2021

<http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/CYPSPInformationStrategy19-21.pdf>

Development of CYPSP Regional Priorities

The Partnership approved the prioritisation of four key areas of work priorities in relation to the early intervention needs of children and families. These overlapping priorities informed strategic planning and collaborative action at Outcomes Group and Locality Planning levels.

These priorities area:

- Children's mental health and emotional wellbeing, in particular but not exclusively children in the 5-10 age groups;
- 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 service responses.

In addressing the priorities above the CYPSP has supported a blended approach to service delivery through the use of virtual platforms and resources, and has continued to ensure inclusive service delivery responses in recognition of the specific needs of the BAME community, and in conjunction within the participation of children and young people.

A focus on these priorities and associated actions will drive the Children's Services planning process for 2021, and contribute to formation of the next three year Children's Services Plan for 2021-2024, in line with the eight

parameters of wellbeing set out in the Children and Young People's Strategy 2020-2030.

Co-production and the Voice of Young People

A core principle of CYPSP is co-production and putting children, young people and families at the centre of planning and design of services with work underpinned where possible by the voice of young people and parents through co-production. Two major pieces of co-production work were agreed and signed off during 2020/21:-

1. Our Journey through Disability

During 2020/21 significant work was carried out with parents of children with a disability to discuss barriers and possible solutions faced by families of children with a disability with regards to all services affecting them. The 'Our Journey' report with 19 recommendations was co-produced by the CYPSP Newry and Mourne Locality Planning Group, and parents in autumn 2020. The recommendations from this report were endorsed by CYPSP in November 2020 and taken forward in the action plans of all five CYPSP Outcomes Groups.

http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/CYPSP_OurJourneyDisabilityReport.pdf





2. Voice of Young People

In 2020 a number of consultation exercises were undertaken with children and young people, via existing youth forums, with the purpose of strengthening partnership planning with children and young people. A new task group was established at the end of 2020 to facilitate the co-production of the Youth Wellness Hub as a CYPSP resource to promote mental health and emotional wellbeing for children and young people. A Children and Young People's Reference Group has been established to assist with the new planning period 2021-2024.

Section 3

CYPSP Regional Subgroups

The Partnership supported three Regional Subgroups and two Task and Finish Groups. The progress of a number of these groups was impacted upon by the coronavirus pandemic and the resultant lockdown as agencies sought to meet immediate operational priorities. This is reflected in the updates below.

Group Title/Chair	Purpose	Progress
Children Young People and Offending Declan McGeown, YJA	The group concerned are defined as: children and young people at risk of offending; children and young people in the justice system; and children and young people for whom offending and its consequences present as significant risk.	This group was temporarily stood down during Covid 19, and is now in the process of reconvening. The group will continue to act a Reference Group to the Partnership.
Disability and Transition Kieran McShane, HSCB	Focuses on children and young people who have a physical, sensory or learning disability or prolonged illness or condition which, in interaction with various barriers and without the provision of adequate support services, may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others and	This group was temporarily stood down during Covid 19. Weekly regional meetings took place to address the significant operational issues as result of the impact of Covid 19 and associated restrictions. The Regional Sub Group is now in the process of reconvening and has

Group Title/Chair	Purpose	Progress
	hinder their optimal potential for personal development and social inclusion.	reviewed and revised its Terms of Reference.
Children with Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties Peadar White, SHSCT	Emotional and mental wellbeing support to children including those with disabilities. Joint work with YJA on support to children with emotional and behavioural difficulties in the justice system.	A joint SHSCT/YJA Pilot noted to be hugely successful with regional roll out hoped for 2021, however, funding commitments have paused. Potential roll out in WHSCT is being explored. This group has developed a revised Terms of Reference.
NI Strategic Steering Group for Trauma Informed Practice Paul Morgan, SHSCT	Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma informed practice.	This group continued to meet during 2020/21 and are currently working on action planning. A scoping document was devised which highlighted how partner agencies supported ACEs/trauma informed practice implementation to date. There is ongoing contribution to the ACEs 5 Nations Forum with a core group representing NI.
Joint Education and Health working group for SEN in early years Michelle Tennyson / Pat Ward, EA	To develop and strengthen multi-agency partnerships in the delivery of high quality, integrated Early Year's SEN provision and support across Northern Ireland.	This group was stood down during Covid 19 and was deemed no longer required.

Section 4

CYPSP Outcomes Groups

The Partnership supported the work of five Outcomes Groups (OGs) to coordinate and plan Early Intervention Family Support Services in their respective area. These groups are a collaborative of senior leaders across Statutory, Voluntary and Community sectors in each of the five Trust areas, and are chaired by the respective Directors of Children's Services.

The outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic impacted on the ability for Outcomes Groups to come together, face to face during the early stages of 2020. Outcomes Groups progressed to online meetings from July 2020.

CYPSP Outcomes Groups: Record of Meetings 2020/21

Meeting	1	2	3	4	5
Belfast Area OG	24 July 2020	1 Dec 2020	12 Jan 2021	12 Feb 2021	
Northern Area OG	30 Sept 2020	12 Nov 2020	9 Feb 2021		
South Eastern Area OG	27 Oct 2020	7 Dec 2020	9 Feb 2021		
Southern Area OG	30 July 2020	13 Oct 2020	13 Jan 2021	9 Feb 2021	31 Mar 2021
Western Area OG	24 Oct 2020	16 Dec 2020	24 Feb 2021		

Summary of HSCB Investment on Outcomes Groups 2020/2021

HSCB invested £100,000 in each Outcomes Group through each HSCT, to assist with the commissioning and maintenance of Early Intervention Family Support Services based on local priorities and relevant Outcomes Group plans.

OG Area	Summary
Belfast	The £100K has contributed to the commissioning of family support services in Belfast for home visiting and mentoring services. The Outcomes Group is working on a procurement process to start in 2021/22 onwards of their funding to address several priorities in their action plan.
Northern	The £100K investment supported £75K contract with Cedar Foundation for Northern Outreach Service Children with Disabilities Project initially for three years. £25K for LPG activities including mental health support and a range of health and wellbeing activities.
South Eastern	The £100K together with additional funding utilised to continue the existing service level agreements with Action for Children, Barnardo's and the YMCA to deliver bespoke one to one tailored family support packages to assist families experiencing behavioural challenges and to provide therapeutic and parenting support. Funding was also used to purchase some packages of support from the Family Meeting Service in the Trust. This helped support families impacted by parental separation.
Southern	The £100K, supported practical family support to parents and children delivered in the home and was targeted at most vulnerable families including ethnic minority interventions. This was delivered by:- £33k - Belfast Central Mission £33k - Parenting NI £33k - Bolster

OG Area	Summary
	£5k additional Investment for Voice of Young People work and Covid 19 related spend to Family Support Hubs.
Western	The £100K funding supported the Western area 2020/21 £12.5K for UNICEF work with DCSDC £995 Trauma Informed Schools training £15.4K for Period Poverty through LPG members £75K for small grants for food/fuel poverty pre-Christmas

Outcomes Group Performance

In line with the Regional Children's Services Plan 2017-2020 (extended to 2021) each of the Outcomes Groups produced a Plan on a Page to reflect the three year action plan.



Performance Profiles and Outcome Monitoring

The CYPSP Information Team has produced Performance Profiles and printable reports for each OG area. These can be viewed at [Performance Profiles](#) and [HSCT Reports](#).

Performance (31/03/2019)					
Indicator Name	Area	Current Value	NI Avg	Baseline 2015	Trend
▼ Outcome: Healthy					
Number of Live Births (Source: CHS) (31/03/2019)	Belfast OPG	4,420	No Data	4,704	
Percentage Mums smoking during pregnancy (Source: CHS) (31/03/2017)	Belfast OPG	18	13	19	
Percentage Mums who breastfed at Hospital Discharge (Source: CHS) (31/03/2019)	Belfast OPG	48.7	48.5	45	
Number Children with a Disability in receipt DLA 0-15 yrs (rounded) (Source: NINIS) (2020)	Belfast OPG	5,640	No Data	4,420	
Number of G.P Registrations Children Aged 0-2 years (Source: NINIS) (2020)	Belfast OPG	12,356	No Data	13,66	
Number of G.P Registrations Children Aged 3-5 years (Source: NINIS) (2020)	Belfast OPG	13,572	No Data	14,205	
Percentage Dental Registrations Aged 0-2 yrs (Source: NINIS) (2018)	Belfast OPG	31.8	30.4	28.1	
Percentage Dental Registrations Aged 3-5 yrs (Source: NINIS) (2018)	Belfast OPG	73.4	75.1	70	

Outcome Monitoring activity in relation to each Outcomes Group Action Plans has been produced by the CYPSP Information Team and evidences progress made across each area:-

[Belfast Outcomes Group](#)

[Northern Outcomes Group](#)

[South Eastern Outcomes Group](#)

[Southern Outcomes Group](#)

[Western Outcomes Group](#)

SECTION 5

CYPSP Locality Planning

There are 23 (25*) Locality Planning Groups (LPGs) across NI, which are chaired by locality/community representatives. Locality Planning Groups work together at grassroots level to address emerging local needs and to inform their respective Outcomes Group plans. These groups work to support multi-agency early intervention for populations. HSCB invests funding for the recruitment of Locality Planning Coordinators, to support this process.

In 2020/2021, there were approximately 540 partner organisations involved in Locality Planning.

Summary of HSCB Investment in CYPSP Locality Planning Groups

Area	No. of Locality Planning Groups	No of LPG Coordinators Funded by HSCB	LPG Coordinator Organisation Responsible
Belfast Area OG	4	£66K recurring FYE funding 1 Coordinator	BHSCT
Northern Area OG	5	Funding £89K FYE recurring for 2 posts for 1 x LPG Coordination and 1 x Participation Officer. Is now used to part-fund 4 x Health Improvement Officers who work across CYPSP Locality Planning and Health Improvement.	NHSCT
South Eastern Area OG	2 (+2)*	1 P/T LPG Coordinator funded by SEHSCT	SEHSCT

Area	No. of Locality Planning Groups	No of LPG Coordinators Funded by HSCB	LPG Coordinator Organisation Responsible
Southern Area OG	6	1 (+ P/T Admin) £64K FYE recurring equivalent to 1 x Band 6 1 x Band 4)	CiNI
Western Area OG	6	2 x Coordinators (£97K recurring) (1 x LP Coordinator for 4 LPGs in NW is on secondment, currently being covered by CYPSP)	WHSCOT

**There are two LPGs in South Eastern OG area that have been developed independently but who link in with the CYPSP structure.*

Record of CYPSP Locality Planning Groups Meetings

Belfast Outcomes Group Area						
LPG	Date of Meeting	No. of Attendees		LPG	Date of Meeting	No. of Attendees
South Belfast & East Belfast	11 June 2020	18		North Belfast & West	4 June 2020	14
	27 Aug 2020	15				
	20 Oct 2020	24				
	8 Dec 2020	21				
	14 Jan 2021	27				
	3 Mar 2021	22				
North Belfast	16 June 2020	13		West Belfast	20 Aug 2020	10
	17 Aug 2020	11			6 Oct 2020	19
	1 Oct 2020	19			17 Nov 2020	13
	24 Nov 2020	20			14 Jan 2021	18
	12 Jan 2021	22			3 Mar 2021	14
	4 Mar 2021	26				

Northern Outcomes Group Area							
LPG	Date of Meeting	No. of Attendee s		LPG	Date of Meeting	No. of Attendees	
Larne / Carrickfergus	19 June 2020	14		Mid Ulster	22 June 2020	19	
	30 Sept 2020	10			11 Sept 2020	15	
	5 Nov 2020	15			6 Nov 2020	14	
	20 Jan 2021	20			15 Jan 2021	13	
	5 Mar 2021	18			12 Mar 2021	20	
Antrim / Ballymena	23 June 2020	14		Causeway	30 June 2020	13	
	15 Sept 2020	16			10 Sept 2020	17	
	3 Nov 2020	14			10 Nov 2020	17	
	19 Jan 2021	19			12 Jan 2021	18	
	23 Mar 2021	17			9 Mar 2021	15	
Newtownabbey	14 Oct 2020	25					
	10 Nov 2020	23					
	19 Jan 2021	26					
	16 Feb 2021	28					
	23 Mar 2021	26					

Southern Outcomes Group Area

LPG	Date of Meeting	No. of Attendees	LPG	Date of Meeting	No. of Attendees
Armagh	21 May 2020	20	Banbridge	9 June 2020	14
	8 Oct 2020	16		20 Oct 2020	13
	19 Nov 2020	18		1 Dec 2020	14
	14 Jan 2021	16		27 Jan 2021	13
Craigavon	2 June 2020	12	Dungannon	18 June 2020	17
	16 Oct 2020	10		29 Oct 2020	13
	24 Nov 2020	14		10 Dec 2020	10
	19 Jan 2021	14		2 Feb 2021	17
Newry	13 May 2020	13	South Armagh	23 June 2020	10
	1 Oct 2020	12		3 Nov 2020	14
	10 Nov 2020	16		16 Feb 2021	11
	2 Feb 2021	17			

Southern Eastern Outcomes Group Area

LPG	Date of Meeting	No. of Attendees	LPG	Date of Meeting	No. of Attendees
Ards & North Down	25 Nov 2020	13	Down	10 Sept 2020	18
				21 Nov 2020	14
				21 Jan 2021	18
Early Intervention Lisburn	Information unavailable		Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	Information unavailable	

Western Eastern Outcomes Group Area						
LPG	Date of Meeting	No. of Attendees		LPG	Date of Meeting	No. of Attendees
Waterside	19 Jan 2021	6		Strabane	25 Feb 2021	16
	9 Mar 2021	7			25 Mar 2021	14
Derry	No meetings held			Limavady	No meetings held	
Omagh	10 Nov 2020	13		Fermanagh	18 Nov 2021	14
	11 Feb 2021	10			25 Mar 2021	16

Summary of LPG Performance

Locality Planning Group Members Survey

The Biennial Locality Planning Group Members Survey was undertaken in August and September 2020. The purpose of the survey is to gauge the effectiveness of the groups in making a difference to outcomes for children and young people and the coordination and cooperation facilitated by LPGs. 159 responses were collated. This is a significant reduction from the 302 responses gained in the 2018 survey. It is acknowledged that the decrease in responses may have been due to survey fatigue which was reported on by many members from the onset of Covid 19. However this may also evidence the need to continue to work on strengthening the links between locality planning and the wider CYPSP infrastructure.

Responses that were received demonstrated that LPGs are effective in helping to identify gaps in services in their areas, improves information sharing, communication trust and collaboration across member organisations. The majority of respondents agreed that LPGs increased the focus on early intervention and prevention in the locality.

Frequency of Meetings

In the early part of 2020/21 a number of LPGs did not meet, and those LPG Coordinators who are employed in HSC Trusts were temporarily redeployed to Covid 19 crisis response roles. This was the case in the Northern, Western and South Eastern areas. By June 2020 the majority of LPGs were back in situ and feedback from many members stated that over the last year the LPGs have proven to be essential in maintaining support, networking and sharing of key information of service provision at grassroots level.

Some LPGs are currently either not meeting at all, or meeting infrequently. This is particularly evident in the Western area. This may be due to a LPG Coordinator vacancy in the Western OG area. In order to ensure the continuity the coordination of four LPG areas has been managed by the CYPSP Business Support Manager since November 2020 pending the recruitment of a new LPG Coordinator. This has enabled the development of respective locality action plans.

Strengthening links between LPG network and CYPSP Infrastructure

The link between the strategic Partnership and work at locality level is crucial to the success of Children's Services Planning and work is ongoing to ensure clarity of lines of communication across the LPG network.

Achievements

Regional Coordination Activity

At the onset of lockdown, the CYPSP Team carried out a rapid review of Locality Planning Group member's activity across the region, to provide the most up to date information about the resources and services available at locality level across the five HSC Trust areas. The information was compiled into a series of online documents for use by families and service providers. These included:

- Locality Service Delivery Guide which is a live document, and was updated daily from 24 March until 16 September 2020;
- Children and Young Peoples Resource Pack (June 2020).

LPG Network Activity

The LPG network has undertaken a breadth of work, particularly in response to new and emerging needs identified as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. In line with the lockdown restrictions, there has been a creative

and timely on-line response in terms of the provision of information and resources for children and families.

Examples of the breadth of work undertaken are reflected in the completed OBA report cards, all of which can be viewed under each LPG at <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/locality-planning-groups/>

Below are some examples of the quality, breadth and nature of collaborative locality based working, across the region.

Northern Area Locality Planning Groups:


This year, the CYPSP Team in collaboration with the Northern Area Outcomes Group and LPG Chairs undertook a review of the locality planning in the Northern area, and built in monitoring arrangements to regularly review LPGs place in the wider CYPSP infrastructure. The Northern Area OG also successfully implemented a new Locality Planning Group for Newtownabbey area.

LPGs secured funding for a range of Community Sports Network programmes, Relax and Regulate packages and other Emotional Health and Wellbeing programmes through AWARE and Action Mental Health.



Belfast Area Locality Planning Groups:

Anti-poverty subgroups were established and received funding from Belfast City Council (£96K), West Belfast GP Federation (£40K) and Belfast Area OG (£62K) to roll out baby packs, Wi-Fi support, food related activities and flexible fund for families. The report for this activity was presented to the Belfast Area OG in February 2021. [For further details click here.](#)

<div data-bbox="612 787 844 888">  </div> <div data-bbox="354 955 773 1089"> <p>Outline of Belfast Area Outcomes Group Partner Ad-hoc Covid Response Activity identified via Locality Planning Group Priorities</p> </div> <div data-bbox="354 1207 773 1262"> <p>Presented to Belfast Area Outcomes Group on Friday 12th February 2021</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="932 827 1331 844"> <p>Partner Funding Allocations, Conditions and Geographic Parameters</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 852 1373 898"> <p>Belfast City Council, £96k available in total within the BAOG area. This was based upon a £24k, contract based spend, per LPG area, in line with BCC contracting protocols, but otherwise flexible.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 909 1386 953"> <p>West Belfast GP Federation, £40k, clear geographical restrictions and a high level of conditionality on spend arrangements, as the federation is establishing a contracting framework from scratch.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 961 1365 995"> <p>BHSCT/BAOG, £62k No geographical restrictions on spend other than being line with BHSCT contracting protocols and BAOG geography.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1003 1365 1062"> <p>Belfast City Council approach based on geographically equitable investments in each of the Five BCC District Electoral Areas. The Colin District Electoral Area lies within South Eastern Area Outcomes Group and SEHSCT and has also been allocated a £24k spend under the same conditions.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1071 1377 1131"> <p>The West Belfast GP federation also wished to invest in this area, as a substantive number of patients on the lists of West GP's are resident in Colin DEA. Both organisations have arrived at decisions to roll out the same approach to this area as that taken in other parts of the city via the local neighbourhood partnership.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1140 1299 1157"> <p>The BHSCT/BAOG investment is focused purely on the BAOG area.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1167 1235 1184"> <p>Additional Delivery Areas identified via LPG Activity</p> </div> <div data-bbox="950 1192 1373 1348"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional practical support to families with Children under Two in the family home 2. Additional activity in relation to digital poverty issues affecting children and families. 3. Enhancements to availability of 'flexible funds to meet particular needs of families in localities. 4. Alignment of some food related activity with fresh food/connecting/healthy eating frameworks which already exist in local areas </div> <div data-bbox="932 1356 1049 1373"> <p>Delivery Approach</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1383 1386 1457"> <p>Since December 1st continued engagement with the LPG chairs and groups has been central to a co-production based approach taken by the funding partners in agreeing responses to the needs identified. Indeed, without the active participation of the LPG's, their members and chairpersons, this approach would not have got off the drawing board.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1465 1382 1499"> <p>Spends under each heading are shared between the three funding partners. Or if geographic or other operational conditions preclude this, then particular partners will</p> </div>
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Southern Area Locality Planning Groups:

The Portadown Gets Active initiative, aims to provide children with a healthy breakfast and lunch outside of school term-time, as well as providing opportunities to learn something new, participate in physical activity and in fun activities with their peers. The programme is carried out with the invaluable help of Peer Mentors who volunteer to work with children and as a team of volunteers. Referrals came through the Craigavon & Banbridge Family Support Hub with children from Portadown, Craigavon, Lurgan and Banbridge attending the Programme.

[Click here to view full Report Card.](#)

How Much Did We Do?

- ❖ 3 PGA programmes/activities took place in Easter, Summer and Halloween 2020. A Christmas event was also held to provide hampers and a hot meal
- ❖ Each programme was open to children of Primary School ages and their families
- ❖ Eligibility for PGA were children in receipt of free school meals and children referred by the Family Support Hub
- ❖ Oasis staff led the programmes, however Peer Mentors could only get involved during the summer programme due to Covid restrictions
- ❖ Staff from SHSCT, NIACRO, CiNI, CYPSP and ABC Council helped by attending Planning Group meetings




How Much Did We Do? Summer PGA

Summer Programme:
The Summer PGA Programme took place over 10 days in the Summer of 2021.

Dates were:
Week 1: Mon 27-Wed 29 July
Week 2: Mon 3-Wed 5 August
Fri 7th August
Week 3: Mon 10-Wed 12 August

There was a mix of online/Zoom activities and face to face activities due to social distancing regulations.



37 page booklet for each participant.

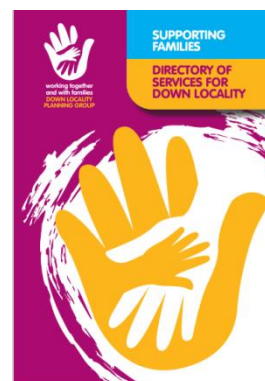
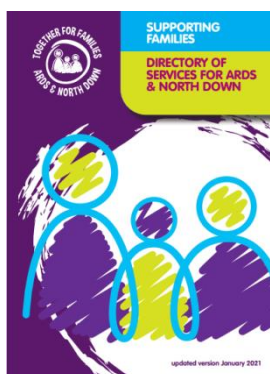
Contents included:
Why keep active?
Why eat healthily?
Food diary
Recipes
Dental Hygiene
Activity Guides:
Daily Mile
Cress Heads
Baking
Arts & Crafts
Plant & Flower Hunt
Scavenger Hunt
Talent Show
Alphabet Workout

Week 2 Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday 7 August
8.30am-9am	Breakfast with Family	Breakfast with Family	Various Activities:	Family shopping trip!
9am-11.30am	Activities on Zoom	Activities on Zoom	- sports	
11.30am-1.30pm	Cooking lunch with Family	Cooking lunch with Family	- gardening	
1.30pm-2pm	Hubnet Quiz Evaluation	Hubnet Quiz Evaluation	- fun day	

South Eastern Area Locality Planning Groups:

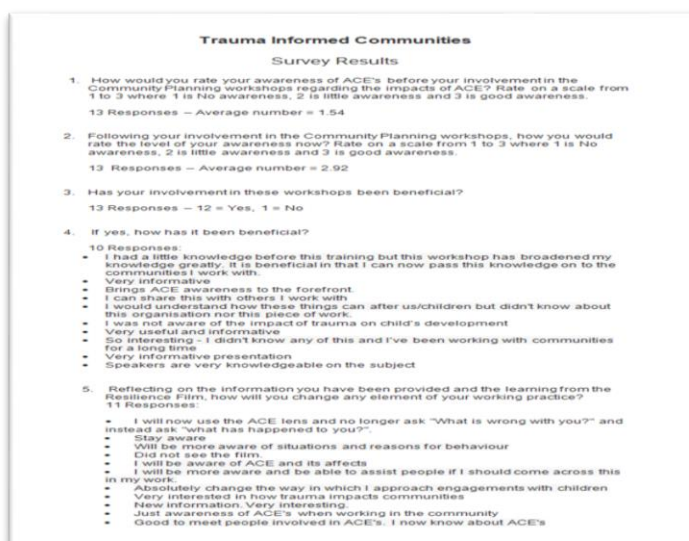
The LPGs continued with the fortnightly news to keep members updated on advice, training opportunities, useful information. The Down LPG has agreed a Covid 19 recovery plan and a Directory of Services for Ards and North Down and Down was printed and distributed.



[Click here to view fortnightly news and full directories](#)

Western Area Locality Planning Groups:

Strong relationship between LPGs and MACE project on ACEs developed. LPGs hosted Trauma Informed Schools UK to deliver training.

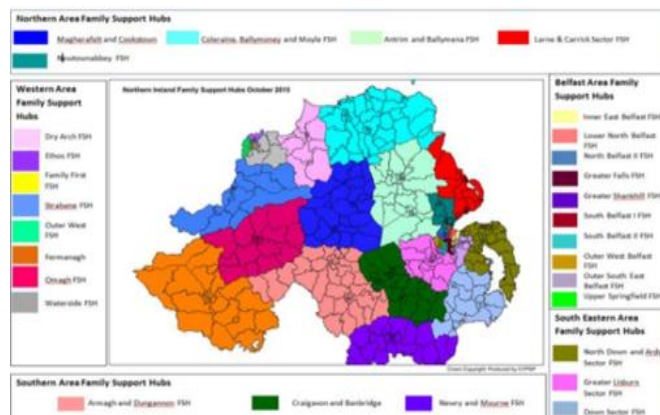


SECTION 6

Regional Family Support Hubs

The Regional Family Support Hub (Hub) network is a collaborative network of statutory, community and voluntary providers whose purpose is:

- To improve access to early intervention services;
- To improve collaboration across service providers;
- Assess unmet need to enable planning activity at OG and LPG levels.



CYPSP supports 29 Family Support Hubs across the region.

The Family Support Hub network supported **8,405** families in 2020/21. This is an increase of **815** families an almost **11%** increase from the previous year. There are approximately **650** organisations involved in the Hub network.

Number of Family Support Hubs per HSC Trust area

Trust	BHSCT	NHSCT	SEHSCT	SHSCT	WHSCT
No of FS Hubs	10	5	3	3	8

HSCB Investment in Family Support Hubs

As well as the provision of baseline funding to each of the HSC Trusts for Family Support Hubs, the HSCB secured an additional £247,450 for 2020/21, to support the Hubs in their response to the impact of Covid 19.

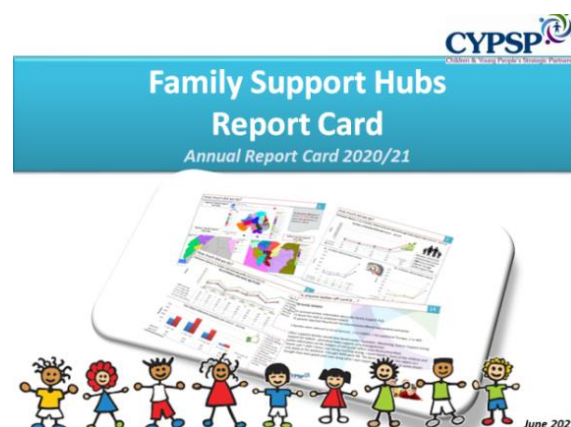
Regional Family Support Hub Steering Group Record of Meetings

Meeting	1	2	3	4
Date	20 May 2020	1 July 2020	16 Sept 2020	16 Dec 2020

Regional Family Support Hub Network Performance

All 29 Family Support Hubs remained fully operational during the Covid 19 pandemic. At the onset of lockdown a short survey was conducted by Family Support Hubs for the period April / May 2020, to ascertain the level and nature of referrals. Based on a 72% response rate, the data shows that there were 1123 referrals during this two month period alone. This number reflected a reduction in the usual number of referrals from schools and GPs and an increase in community based referrals for food, fuel and advice about community based organisations.

Quarterly and annual report cards are collated in respect of regional Family Support Hub activity and data analysis is produced by the CYPSP Information Team. During 2020/21 separate Covid 19 specific



data has been collated on a quarterly basis, which has helped inform priority setting for the 2021-2024 Children's Services Plan. Family Support Hub monitoring report cards can be downloaded at <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/family-support-hubs/#ffs-tabbed-23>

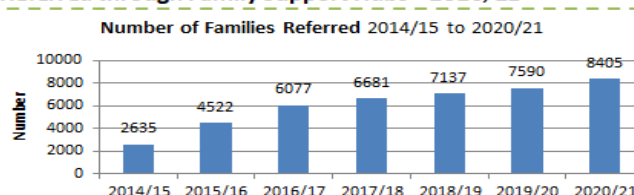
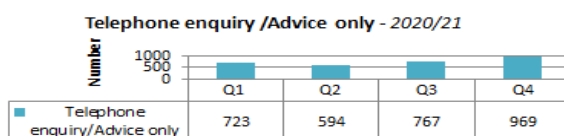
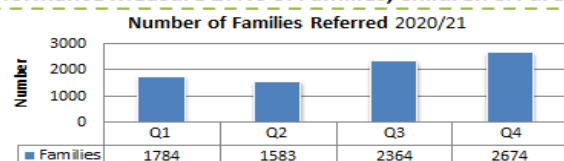
2020/21 Report Card

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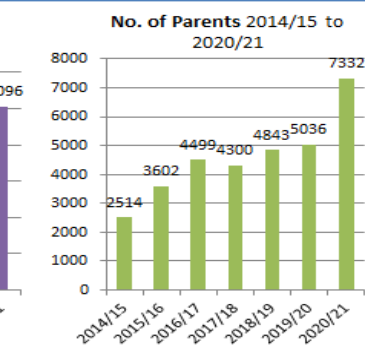
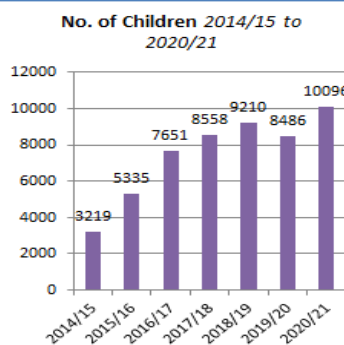
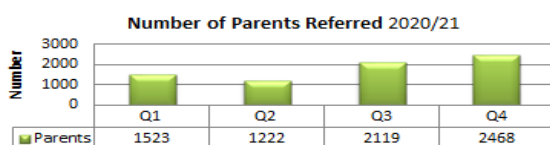
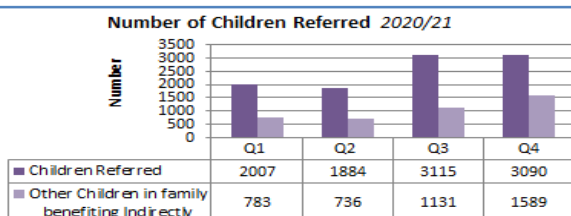
How much did we do?

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Performance Measure 2: No of Families, Children & Parents Referred through Family Support Hubs – 2020/21



In 2020/21, **8405** families were referred through family support hubs, **815** more families than in 2019/20, slightly over a **10.7%** increase. There were also **3053** telephone enquiry/advice only calls in 2020/21, a slight rise since 2019/20.



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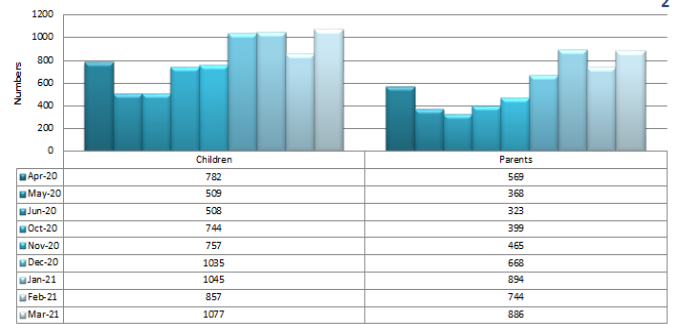
Family Support Hubs

Learning during Covid19 Lockdowns

Qtrs 1, 3 & 4 April 2020 – Mar 2021



Covid19 Specific Referrals – Quarters 1, 3 & 4 2020/21



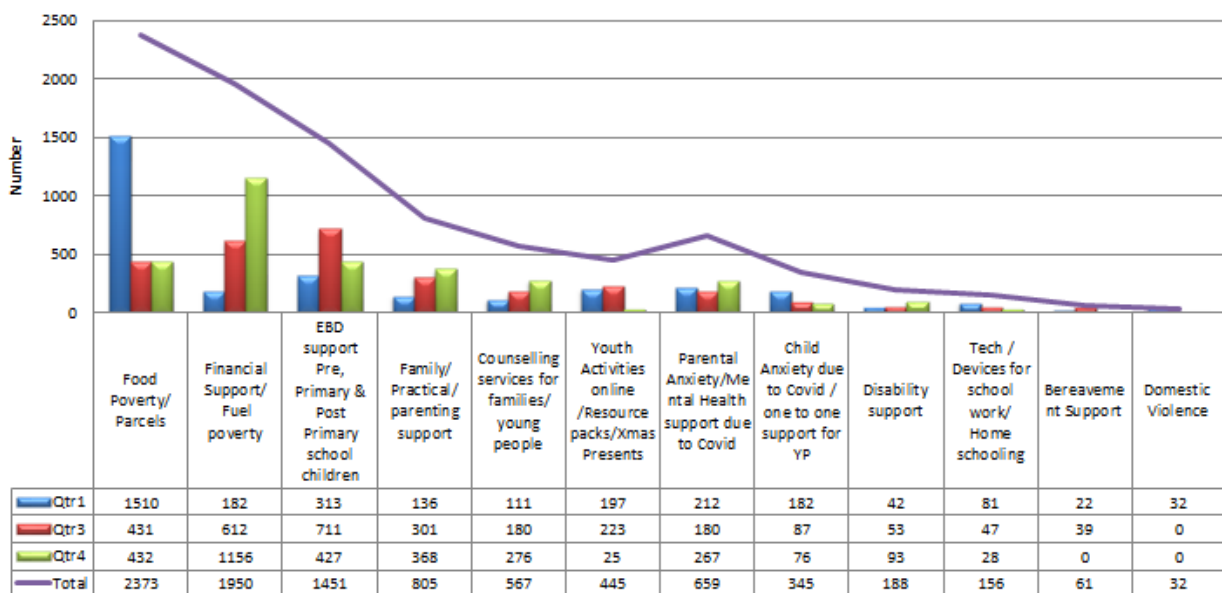
A total of 1,799 children were referred during Qtr1 for Covid19 specific referrals with 1,260 parents.

A total of 2,536 children were referred during Qtr3 for Covid19 specific referrals with 1,532 parents.

A total of 2,979 children were referred during Qtr4 for Covid19 specific referrals with 2,524 parents.

The total number of 7,314 children and 5,316 parents were referred due to Covid19 specific issues, with continuous rise each month with a slight drop in February 21, with highest numbers for children at March 21 putting extra pressure on Hubs.

Reasons for Referrals - Qtr1, Qtr3 & Qtr4 2020/21



The top reason for referral April to June 20 was Food Poverty at 1510.

The top reason for referral October to December 20 was EBD support for children at 711.

The top reason for referral January to March 21 was Financial/Fuel Poverty at 1156.

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Family Support Newsletters were issued publicly on a weekly basis during the first wave of the pandemic and have been downloaded **6,547** times - copies are available at <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/family-support-hubs/>

Section 7



CYPSP Information and Communication Support

The purpose of the CYPSP Information Team is to provide a comprehensive regional planning and information / communications function to support planning and commissioning of early intervention Children's Services through liaison and the gathering of knowledge and Intelligence from other key agencies. During 2020/21, the CYPSP Information Team continued to:

- Maintain NI Outcome Monitoring Report – How are children and young people doing in NI - http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/cypsp_northern_ireland_monitoring-2019.pdf
- Maintain an interactive mapping system and performance profile system monitoring trends of high level outcomes and agreed indicators from Programme for Government and the NI Children's Strategy across different geographical levels including Trust / OGs, LPGs, Sure Starts, and Council areas <http://maps.cypsp.hscni.net/> - <http://maps.cypsp.hscni.net/performance-profile/>
- Maintain the central Family Support Hub monitoring system and associated quarterly and annual report cards. <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/family-support-hubs/#ffs-tabbed-23>

- Maintain the CYPSP website and social media sites (Twitter / Facebook and introduce Instagram) which achieved verified status (blue tick) during 2020.

New Activity in 2020/2021



The Team, in collaboration with Department of Education, introduced [UNCRC Child Rights indicators](#) monitoring onto the CYPSP electronic system.

Northern Ireland UNCRC Monitoring Report

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, or UNCRC, is the most complete statement of children's rights ever produced and is the most widely-ratified international human rights treaty in history. The Convention has [54 articles](#) that cover all aspects of a child's life and set out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that all children everywhere are entitled to. It also explains how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy all their rights.

CYPSP has brought together a wide range of indicators under each of the UNCRC Themes and Articles aimed at improving wellbeing and the realisation of rights of children in Northern Ireland, in relation to the [8 outcomes as set out in the Northern Ireland Executive Children and Young People's Strategy](#)



At the onset of Covid 19 at March 2020, the CYPSP Information Team were able to adapt quickly and utilise online functionality by facilitating and developing a number of key resources. These included:

1. **Covid 19 Service Delivery Guide** which was hosted on the website as a live document from 26 March 2020, providing information on access arrangements to LPG partner agencies' services. This was promoted widely and downloaded **5,174** times – <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/download/documents/LPG-Members-covid-19.pdf>
2. A summer version on services available during the summer months July and August was also produced and downloaded **509** times. Download available at <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/download/documents/LPG-Members-Summer-Provision.pdf>

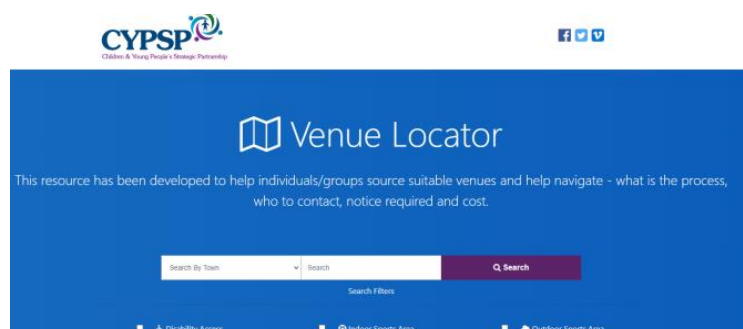
3. CYPSP Online Covid 19 Support and Resources

A Covid 19 support and resources page was developed providing live themed information and support for mental health, autism, bereavement, education, children and young people activities, parenting, disability and much more. The CYPSP website continues to act as a central repository for information and guidance across services and working to ensure cross referencing to other on line information via voluntary and community service providers, PHA, HSCB, Education, Housing, Police and Justice.

The mental health and wellbeing resource was monitored in relation to activity and uptake and reported weekly to the Department of Health as part of the Covid 19 Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Silver Cell Outcomes Delivery Plan. [See report card](#)

4. CYPSP Online Venue Locator

As we moved out of the first lockdown we were receiving numerous requests in relation to partners providing social distanced support on a one to one or small group basis requiring accessible venues – a searchable venue locator system was developed and launched at the end of June 2020. View page at <https://venues-cypsp.hscni.net/>



5. CYPSP Online Translation Hub Service

A need identified during the first wave of the pandemic was to provide translated information to assist with access to services for the BAME community. A central Translation Hub was set up and launched in August 2020 and provides information on health, education, family support, Covid 19, housing, employment, safety, Police, EUSS, sign language and contacts – view page at <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/translation-hub/>.



6. CYPSP Children's Resource Pack

The Children's Resource pack was developed and promoted widely from 15 April 2020 which includes information for children, young people and downloaded **6,410** times – download available at <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/download/documents/CYPSP-Resource-Pack-2020.pdf>

7. Parent Support Page

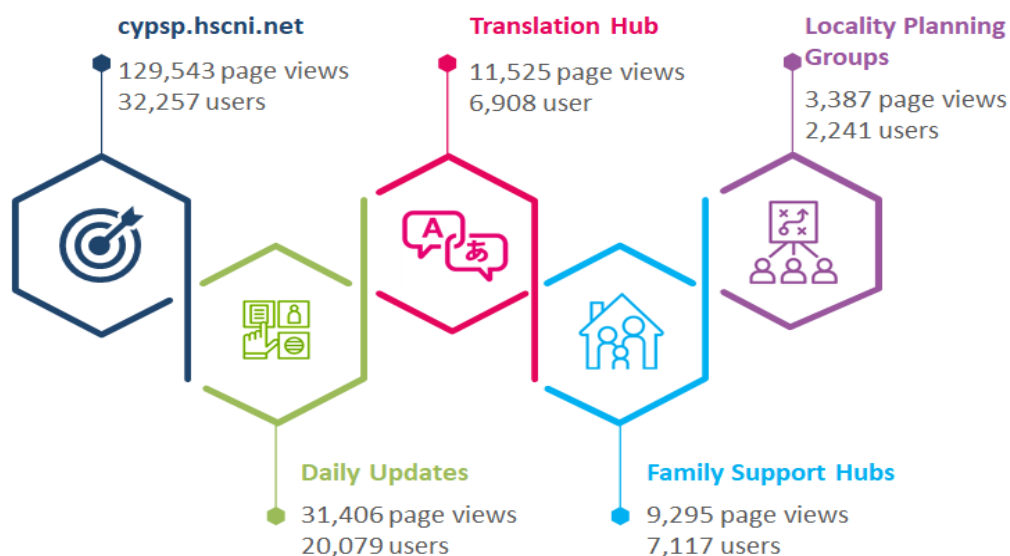
A Parent Support Page was relaunched during 2020 providing information on parenting programmes available across Trusts along with registration details – this includes evidence based programmes – Mellow Bumps Incredible Years programmes - for Toddlers; Pre-school; Autism and

Speech and Language Delay, Odyssey Parenting your teen and Family Links Nurturing. View page at <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/ebpp/>

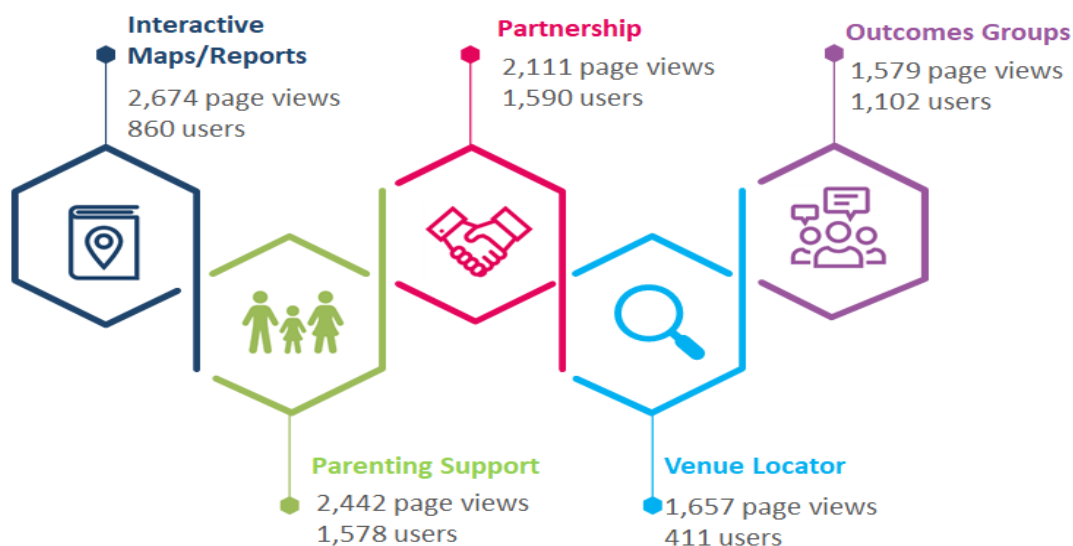
CYPSP Website Reach



Website Stats 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021



Website Stats 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021



Appendix 1: CYPSP Membership

Agency	Agreed Membership
Chair of CYPSP – Shane Devlin (Chief Executive, SHSCT)	
Statutory Sector	
Health and Social Care Board	Sharon Gallagher, Chief Executive Brendan Whittle, Director, Social Care and Children Una Lernihán, Commissioning Lead
Public Health Agency	Geraldine Teague, Lead AHP Consultant Deirdre Webb, Assistant Director Public Health Nursing Children and Young People
Education Authority NI	Una Turbitt, Interim Director Children and Young People's Service
Health and Social Care Trusts / Outcome Groups Chairs	Carol Diffin, Director, BHSC Maura Dargan, Director, NHSC Barbara Campbell, Director, SEHSC Paul Morgan, Director, SHSC Tom Cassidy, Acting Director, WHSC
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	Adele Faulkner, Supporting People Contract Manager
Probation Board Northern Ireland	Aideen McLaughlin, Assistant Director
Police Service Northern Ireland	Melanie Jones, Chief Superintendent
Youth Justice Agency	Stephen Martin, Chief Executive
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools	Gerry Campbell, Chief Executive
SOLACE	Marie Ward, Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Safeguarding Board for NI	Helen McKenzie, Director of Operations
Department of Communities	Michael Donnelly
Department of Education	Paul Brush, Director for Early Years, Children and Youth
Voluntary Sector	
Children in Northern Ireland	Pauline Leeson, Chief Executive
Action for Children	Lorna Ballard, Director **
Include Youth	Paddy Mooney, Director
Action Mental Health	Amanda Jones, Operations Manager Resilience & Wellbeing **
Barnardo's	Michele Janes, Head of Barnardo's NI **
National Children's Bureau	Celine McStravick, Director **
Bytes Project	Stephen Dallas, Chief Executive **
ASCERT	Gary McMichael, Chief Executive **

Community Sector	
Dry Arch Children's Centre	Brenda Macqueen, Executive Director
Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group	Marie Cavanagh, Board Member - Treasurer
Bolster Community	Jacinta Linden, Chief Executive **
Mae Murray Foundation	Alix Crawford, Chairperson **
BAME Sector	
Wah Hep Chinese Community Association	Paul Yam, Director
Staff In Attendance	
Maxine Gibson	Children's Services Planning Professional Advisor
VACANT	Family Support Hub Regional Coordinator
Valerie Maxwell	Children's Services Planning Information Manager
Una Casey	Children's Services Planning Business Support
Sharon McMinn	Children's Services Planning Support Officer
Maurice Leeson	Programme Manager Partnerships, Emotional Health and Wellbeing and CAMHS

**** New Voluntary/Community/BAME members following recruitment exercise in October 2020.**

Appendix 2: CYPSP Voluntary / Community / BAME Forum – Examples of Shared Learning

Summary of achievements and activities reported:

- Responding creatively to restrictions imposed due to Covid 19 by moving services, activities and training online at the start of 2020/21;
- Securing of emergency Covid 19 funding to support vulnerable families;
- Delivery of practical support for families impacted by Covid 19, redundancy / furlough etc. including the provision of food parcels, electric / heating / phone top ups, white goods, hygiene goods, laptops/tablets to ensure connectivity and continuation of education online;
- Highlighting the issue of food and fuel poverty on the mental health and emotional wellbeing needs of children, young people and families and ongoing work to secure the continuation of free school meals outside term time. Direct payments have been secured until Easter 2022;
- Supporting children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing throughout lockdown via online support programmes / 1:1 mentoring / counselling, distribution of activity packs;
- Close working with Government Departments / Agencies to ensure continued provision to vulnerable children and young people;
- Ongoing engagement with MLA's, MP's, DE regarding children and young people's mental health;
- Response to policy consultations including Special Educational Needs, Mental Health Strategy, Disability Strategy, Draft Programme for

Government, Finance Budget, DoH Making Life Better – Preventing Harm & Empowering Strategic Framework to Tackle the Harm from Substance Misuse.

Summary of issues and challenges reported:

- Challenges in the provision of online delivery for services / programmes including difficulties in engagement, digital poverty;
- Feeling of isolation during lockdown for many children and young people with concern around their education, wellbeing and mental health noted;
- Demand from parents struggling with issues in the family related to young people substance use or behaviours. Concern that a reduction in referral to young people's support services in environments of increased drinking, mental health issues, family conflict and domestic violence is resulting in increased hidden harms to children;
- Reduction in referral rates due to the impact of lockdown and reduced face to face contact. An increase in referrals has been reported since services have started to reopen with the increase likely to continue;
- Continuous need to complete funding applications / tenders to secure funding for necessary and ongoing work. Where funding is available, reports of agencies being unable to spend all funding within the short timeframe due to amendments to business service delivery models and staff capacity;
- Zoom fatigue and staff burn out due to the demand for services;
- Increase in food and fuel poverty – increased referrals for practical support from families not previously known to service.

Appendix 3: CYPSP Principles & Communicating Key Messages Report Card 2020/21

What we said we would do?	How well did we do?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Being clear that what we do makes a difference through Outcomes based planning and delivery and promoting same 2. Use evidence to underpin planning, using multi-agency information to drive commissioning and demonstrate impact and effectiveness 3. Inclusion of children, young people and families in planning and design of services 4. Incorporation of children's rights in planning and delivery of services 5. Working to deliver greater collaboration and less overlap - Integrated planning and commissioning 6. Maintaining an efficient, effective and representative structure 7. Promoting Learning and Knowledge Transfer 8. Communication to Key stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabled all CYPSP planning groups to demonstrate outcomes and effectiveness with the use of multi-agency information Report Cards • Enabled all CYPSP planning groups to use data more effectively to assess need and monitor trends through interactive mapping, performance profiles and reports. • CYPSP have commissioning Parenting NI to facilitate Parental Participation – Locality Development officers have ensure co-production with families and a new Children & Young People reference group has been established • A new UNCRC child rights indicators report has been introduced to the CYPSP website • Improved interfaces/ linkages with other planning processes specifically Programme for Government, Community Planning, Children's Strategy and Public Health and looked at opportunities to share resources and expertise across interfaces. • Recruitment process carried out in 2020 for CYPSP partnership membership
<p align="center">Is anyone better off?</p> <p>Fortnightly News x 24 Editions - http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Fortnightly-News-40th-edition.pdf</p> <p>Migration Awareness - http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Migration-awareness-OBA.pdf</p> <p>Christmas Craft Packs - http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Christmas-craft-packs-OBA.pdf</p> <p>Positive Mental Health Boxes - http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Positive-MH-boxes-OBA.pdf</p> <p>Digital Safety Masterclass - http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Safeguarding-in-a-digital-world-OBA-Final2020.pdf</p> <p>Southern Area LPG FYI News x 24 Editions – http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Southern_Area_FYI_Issue55_11Mar21.pdf</p>	

Portadown Gets Active - <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Scorecard-20.4-Portadown-Gets-Active-2020-Programme.pdf>

Gambling Awareness - <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/fermanagh-and-omagh-lpg-preview-gambling-awareness-service/>

Growing a Healthy, Positive Me - <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/growing-a-healthy-positive-me-among-200-local-school-children/>

Street Reach - <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/streetreach-project-carrickfergus-and-larne-july-2020/>

Derry, Strabane, Limavady Fortnight News x 3 – <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/DLSW-LPG-March-FYI.pdf>

Financial Wellbeing for families during Covid 19- <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/fermanagh-and-omagh-lpg-financial-wellbeing-for-families-during-covid-19/>

Renew and refresh Strabane LPG - <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/first-meeting-to-renew-refresh-strabane-locality-group/>

Renew and refresh Waterside LPG - <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/renew-and-refresh-the-waterside-locality-planning-group-may2021/>

New Covid 19 support and resources – <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/covid-19-daily-updates/>

Translation Hub - <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/translation-hub/>

Parent Support - <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/ebpp/>

Support and Resources report card - <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/CovidSupportResources-31Mar21.pdf>

Venue Locator - <https://venues-cypsp.hscni.net/>

UNCRC report - <https://reports.instantatlas.com/legacy/report/view/82f7dbf9e2b64cd0bcd3effb41ccb6b0/ni001?clear=true&from=RB2>

Trust Reports - <https://reports.instantatlas.com/legacy/report/view/13d6ee6a972b4ce791eb8c02946ebc00?clear=true&from=RB2>

Performance profiles - <http://maps.cypsp.hscni.net/performance-profile/>