

Locality Planning Group Update

Northern Outcome Group Meeting September 30th 2020

Jan – March 2020

Programme/Projects/Events

Safeguarding in a Digital World Masterclass Feb 2020

- Event organised by Health & Wellbeing Officers in partnership with NHSCT by Sexual Health Promotion lead.
- Speaker , Jim Gamble CEO of the Ineqe Safeguarding Group and widely recognised as a global authority on safeguarding children.
- Covered contemporary issues and challenges that staff face including protecting children and young people in the context of technology and access to social media as well as highlighting new and emerging threats to CYP using the internet.
- Full attendance 135 participants
- Evaluation - 100% participants more informed.
- OBA report completed and shared.

Mid-Ulster LPG Mental Health Conference scheduled for March cancelled due to COVID 19 lockdown.

Carrickfergus Youth Fair

- Held February 11th 2020 for Year 10 pupils providing valuable information on organisations they can approach for help, advice and support.
- Almost 400 pupils attended
- Good feedback

Evaluation carried out with children and parents. OBA completed.

LPG Meetings Held

- Meetings held end of Jan/February 2020 in 3 locality areas prior to March COVID19 lockdown. Causeway LPG February meeting paused.

LPG engagement & development

Antrim/Ballymena LPG

- Scoping & Planning exercise carried out
- Outcome: 3 priority areas identified
- a)developing a facebook page, b) cultural awareness and c)mental health.
- All 3 outcomes have or are in the process of being addressed.

Newtownabbey

- Initial discussions commenced with Family Support Hub to explore setting up LPG for Newtownabbey Hub.
- Initial meeting/workshop with potential members held on 2nd March – 27 attendees from voluntary/community and statutory sectors attended.
- Sub-group meeting reconvened on 12th September to reset following COVID lockdown to discuss next steps.
- Next LPG meeting scheduled for 14th October

April - June 2020

COVID Response

- H&WB Staff redeployed into Covid 19 shielding service.

LPG communication

- Health & Wellbeing Officers maintained links to LPGs with circulation of relevant information, relationships maintained with partners and links made with regional peer support group.

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- H&W Officers worked in partnership with four NHSCT Loneliness networks to discuss and plan a project to address loneliness among teens as a result in COVID 19

July- September 2020

COVID Responses

- Some focus on shielding although emphasis back into Reset.

LPG Meetings held

- LPG meetings reconvened via zoom.
- Two meetings have occurred (July & September) in each of the 4 localities with good attendance numbers.
- 7 new members have joined the LPGs since lockdown (Parenting NI, Mid ulster Woman Aid, Extern, NHSCT Health Visitor, Pathway Project, Education Authority, NIHE X 2 (PEACE 4) (Good Relations)

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Range of initiatives took place both at a Northern area wide and local level:

Distribution of positive Emotional wellbeing/mental health boxes

- In partnership with four NHSCT Loneliness networks, Fresh Minds Education and young people to help those aged 14-25 struggling the most with lockdown.
- 500 boxes across the four localities given to 30 organisations, promoted and distributed via LPGs
- OBA Completed and shared

Helping children & Supporting the Return to School Webinar following COVID-19 Pandemic Webinar (24th June)

- 366 in attendance
- Qualitative evaluation completed and highly positive

NSPCC PANTS Campaign

- Launched 24th August in partnership with NSPCC, CYPSP and the Public Health Agency
- Aim: to promote and create awareness of healthy relationships to help protect children from sexual abuse by encouraging parents, carers and professionals to have conversations with children in age-appropriate ways.
- 4 x On-line PANTS awareness workshops (2 hours) for anyone working with or supporting families and children in the community. Co-facilitated by locality planning officers and NSPCC.
- 18 September, 22 September, 6th October, 13th October
- PANTS awareness workshop for teachers via zoom scheduled for Teachers 26th November.

Engagement with Children and Young People, Parents/Carers

Northern Area Children & Young People's Needs Survey

- LPG members involved in the development and design - currently live on survey monkey.
- Due to end Wednesday 30th September.
- Numbers of responses to date: 472 Parents & 127 Children
- Emotional Wellbeing /mental health appears to priority so far in all areas, followed by access to play, education (parents responses) , safe place to hang out, sports, healthy eating.

LPG engagement & development

CYPSP & NHSCT Review of Northern area Locality Planning.

- Attendance at meetings with CYPSP & LPG chairs
- Development of Standard operating protocol for each LPG to ensure a streamlined and consistent service
- Workshop scheduled for 16th October to finalise operating protocols and refresh roles/responsibilities within the regional and local CYPSP context.

Future Plans - Oct- December 2020

LPG next two monthly Meetings are all scheduled for November 2020

Action plan

- Review results of CYP survey with each LPG to identify priorities and develop a 2 year Action Plan

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Training for LPGs

- Cultural Awareness
- ACEs Training

PANTS Campaign

- Continue with community delivery phase up until mid-October
- Workshops based on evidence of need in each area
- Information sessions for teachers and for key statutory partners to implement those of community phase
- Information sessions delivered as and when required.

LPG engagement & development

- Continued development of Newtownabbey LPG New Group
- Subgroup reconvened 15th September via zoom to map out next steps.
- Next LPG members meeting 14th October.
- Interim chair NHSCT (Kate McDermott)