

Report from Locality Planning Groups to Southern Area Outcomes Group Months August-October 2020

<p>Current Issues being Discussed at LPG: Including: Gaps in services/Emerging needs</p>	<p>2 LPG Meetings have taken place since last Outcomes Group Meeting:</p> <p>Armagh (8th October)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people referred to service not feeling confident about using Zoom – group work with peers they do not know and limited opportunities get to know them (REACT) • No opportunity for 1-1 youth work – missed opportunity (REACT) • Limited amount of new activities: young people getting tired of using Zoom (REACT) • Zoom very difficult to work with families. Had carried out home visits recently now back to garden gate visits (Arke Sure Start) • Young people not engaging as much on Zoom as face to face (Barnardos Sixth Sense) • Face to face work was reintroduced and is much easier than online support (Womens Aid Armagh Down) • Young people adapting well to returning to school (NIACRO CAPS) • Parental anxiety around schools reopening – fear of contacting COVID (Arke Sure Start) • Parents needing support with home schooling (Arke Sure Start) <p>Newry (1st October)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulties in resuming youth work: building require risk assessments and numbers greatly reduced: smaller groups new of 3-4 young people instead of 10-12. Working with most vulnerable (EA Youth Service) • No problem recruiting young people for activities but these are extremely limited – unable to do team building (EA Youth Service) • Recent consultation with young people reported returning to school as extremely difficult for older teens with lost privileges (6th Form rooms), course work piled on and constant, weekly tests in case of another lockdown. Anticipating more mental health problems with stress about future (EA Youth Service) • Apprehension among organisations in opening centres to the public: need for cleaning and risk assessments (SHSCT PWB) • Roma families returning to NI in time for school reopening however forms not completed for e.g. school meals: anticipated backlog (SHSCT PWB) • Volunteering help reduced since March possibly due to returning to work and school (SPACE) • Services feeling more pressure and tension due to COVID 10, schools reopening and the threat of another lockdown (various LPG members) • Increase in poverty: food, fuel, IT, wi-fi, paper and ink ((various LPG members)
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<p>Recent Achievements by the Locality Planning Group. How much did we do? How well did we do it? Is anyone better off? (can be included as a report card)</p>	<p><u>Our Journey Through Disability:</u> Report launched 2nd October Meetings during summer to proceed with Recommendations: work on an A-Z of support for families has commenced. Parents to present to the assembly All Party Group on Children and Young People on 20th October</p> <p><u>Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Resource:</u> Launched 10th October on social media 45 services/organisations included, 68 programmes advertised. Resource attached with Report</p> <p><u>Portadown Gets Active:</u> Summer programme over 9 days in July/August Online programme and socially-distanced face-to-face activities Scorecard to follow</p> <p><u>Presentation to Moray Community Planning Partnership</u> Monday 5th October, with CYPSP representatives Sharing learning and examples of LPG work</p> <p><u>FYI:</u> Fortnightly e-bulletin continues, positive feedback as to the relevance</p>
<p>Engagement with Children & Young People, Parents/Carers:</p>	<p>PGA Easter Programme: 21 children, 30 parents/carers Our Journey: 12 parents/carers Total engagement with 21 children and 42 parents/carers</p>
<p>Meetings Held:</p>	<p>Armagh (8th October) – 16 attended Newry (1st October) – 12 attended Further meetings to take place – 1 per week until 2nd week of December to ensure 2 LPG meetings in each of the 6 areas between October and January. Total 18 attended LPG meetings</p>
<p>Upcoming Events:</p>	<p>4 Workshops on An Introduction to Infant Mental Health facilitated by Oak Psychological Services. Dates; 22nd October, 13th November, 21st January, 5th March Demand high so a 4th session added.</p>
<p>Additional Info:</p>	<p>Welcome return to Kerry O'Hagan after maternity leave.</p>