

**Report from Locality Planning Groups to Southern Area Outcomes Group
Months October 2019-January 2020**

<p>Current Issues being Discussed at LPG: Including: Gaps in services/Emerging needs</p>	<p>Armagh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulgaria-Roma families don't normally tend to reach out to Women's Aid for support. (Armagh Down Women's Aid) • Questions raised about how effectively courts deal with prosecution process, including feedback provided to those affected by domestic abuse. (Various members) • Family Health Initiative prog. finishes in Dec, leaving a service gap for children referred with weight issues. (Early Years) • Access to limited available school places continues to be an issue (Various members) <p>Banbridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech & language development & school readiness difficulties. (Home-Start Banbridge) • Fuel poverty - Coming into winter months. (ABC Council) • Issue RE: coping with the recent influx of newcomer families raised at recent Local Advisory Group meeting. (EA YS) • Lack of summer scheme opportunities for siblings of children with disabilities - ASD standing out. (FSH) • Health RE: BME community, e.g. dental registrations & accessing GP services. (SHSCT) <p>Craigavon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeing more complex mental health needs, particularly in teenagers. EA Education Welfare) • We are currently unable to meet complex mental health needs in our centre. (Oasis Youth) • Sports programme coordinators report seeing a rise in social anxiety amongst young people. (ABC Council Sports Dev.) • There is a willingness, on the part of families, to access support, but quite frequently an inability to attend scheduled appointments [at CAMHs, for example, who don't offer home visits] owing to transport issues. (EA Education Welfare) • Lack of service provision RE: gambling addictions - Dunlewey seeking funding to offer service. Breakthru previously met this need (SHSCT) • We are currently working with the PSNI to address anti-social / nuisance behaviour in the Tullygally area. (PCSP) • We are aiming to source & secure a safe site / space for scrambler and off-road vehicle users in the area, owing to dangers posed by young riders using public pathways for recreational purposes. (ABC Council Sports Development) • Lack of available hall space in evenings, should be alleviated when new leisure centre opens. (ABC Council Sports Dev.) <p>Dungannon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing demand with our 2-year old programme regarding children with early indications of ASD. (Clogher Valley Sure Start) • Stress on children at transfer test stage is being raised as an issue by families. (Clogher Valley Sure Start) • Challenge with covering a rural area is the lack of access to transport and there is also now no taxi service available for families attending various programmes. (Clogher Valley Sure Start)
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- Parents highlighting that children & young people's mobile usage and screen time is a major source of stress for them- children still taking risks online and relationships breaking down in the home as a result. (Clogher Valley Sure Start)
- Securing school placements for newcomer families, particularly Bulgarian children, is an ongoing issue - Better awareness raising RE: application process, incl. timings, is needed. (EA Education Welfare)
- Children with anxiety and co-parenting as a result of separation are emerging need. (BCM)
- Fuel poverty is a seasonal ongoing need, with ill-health being an ongoing issue. Severe lack of emergency/temporary accommodation. Organisations such as the Vineyard church are a great source of support in the area. (BCM)
- Access to limited available school places continues to be an issue (Various members)
- Under 18's impacted by domestic violence, with a notable increase in referrals falling within the 14-16 year old age bracket. Funding for relationship work much needed. (Mid Ulster Women's Aid)
- Domestic violence affecting parents' mental health (leading to anxiety, depression, etc.) and the ability to parent in general. (Parenting Partnership)
- A lot of confusion relating to Universal Credit and adjusting to the new system. (Network Personnel)
- Lack of social housing and benefit delays affecting housing payments, which ultimately impacts on families. (STEP)
- Universal credit, shortage of affordable housing and little building of social housing. Landlords not registering with Land & Property Services affecting Universal Credit applications for tenants, as no breakdown of rent & rates available. (BCM)

Newry

- Issues around mental health and linking in with other services are ongoing. (Action For Children)
- Currently a lack of social housing available, particularly in the Newry area. (MACS)
- Have a few transition properties available in the Newry area, but not enough to meet related demand. (SHSCT)
- Seeing issues RE: teenage boys with no positive role models. Also seeing a return of young vulnerable adults who have no accommodation, no family & no support. (SPACE)
- Education Welfare & schools overwhelmed by influx of new Roma families into the area, particularly at post-primary level, e.g. Newry high School & Newtownhamilton High School. (NMANDDD Council)
- Anxiety in young primary school aged children, bullying and peer pressure in local schools. (EA Education Welfare)
- Young people under pressure from drug dealers RE: making payments and young people also congregating in areas in Newry and older people living in fear. (CCG)
- Diversion needed to address anti-social behaviour - In the absence of leadership, radicalisation can ensue, e.g. of a political nature. (SPACE)
- Emerging needs: drugs, alcohol, addictions, homelessness & social isolation. (Clanrye Group)
- Anti-social behaviour & risk-taking behaviour e.g. drugs, especially amongst young men. Community groups struggling to address anti-social behaviour issues due to volunteer capacities and strict funding boundaries. Inter-community tensions affecting ASB. Young people vulnerable to accusations of involvement in hate crime. (NMANDDD Council)
- Lower tolerance of people to anti-social behaviour. (PCSP)

	<p>South Armagh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpreters are a key cost consideration RE: proposed newcomer drop-in clinics. (SHSCT) • Exam stress is an ongoing need, per feedback from young people. (EA Youth Service) • Universal Credit, budgeting & internet safety are major issues for families. (Home Start) • Recent referrals primarily linked to emotional regulation and seeing online safety affecting children as young as P6/7, as well as social anxiety associated with mobile phone usage. (CAPS / NIACRO) • Bulk of referrals linked to anxiety, bullying, social media and gambling - particularly male teens. (EA Education Welfare) • Behavioural support & anxiety in children are ongoing referral trends. (FSH) • Engaging with BME community continues to prove difficult. Parents rarely attend planned workshops/programmes and attendance is very sporadic when they do: could be linked to work shift patterns (Newtownhamilton Community Centre) • Disability, including programmes for sibling of disabled children continuing to feature in referrals. (FSH)
<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>Trauma Informed Practice/ACE's & Resilience</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screenings of the Resilience documentary to SLT Team of SHSCT, School Pupils in Carrickmacross and Community Paediatrics/CAMHS joint training day in Dungannon • Joint SHSCT CAMHS/Community Paediatrics day (23 Oct) at S Tyrone Hospital – included screening of Resilience documentary and facilitated sessions by CiNI (See Scorecard 19.7) • ACE's Awareness Training in partnership with ASCERT and SBNI: Levels 1 & 2 in Lurgan (21st Nov) and level 2 in Armagh (28th Nov) • Community Resiliency Model training in Banbridge (2 Dec) in partnership with Barnardos Nova (See Scorecard 19.8) <p><u>Youth Space Initiative, Armagh</u> Unmet need identified as lack of youth provision on Saturday afternoons & evenings hence increasing risk taking behaviour in Armagh. The Partnership Group has continued to advocate for a space for young people and the Epicentre in Armagh has now opened on 2 Saturday afternoons as a pilot, with attendance of around 30-40 young people. The Centre is open on the last Saturday in a month and will be reviewed by the group to evaluate.</p> <p><u>Newcomer Families</u> Commenced work on Needs Assessment for Newcomer Families in the SHSCT area. In partnership with Southern Outcomes Group and SHSCT Promoting Wellbeing Team. 1st meeting held on 22 Nov.</p> <p><u>Resource for Emotional & Mental Health & Wellbeing</u> Work commenced on gathering information on all services for children & young people regarding emotional and mental health and wellbeing. Work continuing</p> <p><u>Portadown Gets Active Halloween Programme & Celebration Event</u> Continuation of PGA including parents session. PGA Halloween on 31 Oct & 1 Nov, Celebration Event 10 Dec</p>

	<p><u>Presentation to Newry & Mourne Education Welfare Officers Team:</u> Presentation about Locality Planning & CYPSP to team of 16 EWO's and Manager Links made for representation onto Locality Planning Groups</p> <p><u>Our Journey Through Disability</u> As a result of the event recommendations, the Children & Young People's Strategy Team have amended the CYP Strategy to include the following statement in yellow:</p> <p>“5.10 It is also important that the Strategy and any action taken to improve the well-being of children and young people take account of their stage of development and age, recognising that the needs of young children are very different from teenagers, and vice versa. It is important to recognise that actions and services should take into account children and young people's varying levels of development, abilities and need rather than simply their chronological age. An important aspect of this principle is the need for children's and adult services to work together to ensure flexibility in respect of young people transitioning into adult life or adult services, so that this is managed effectively with a focus on supporting the young person.”</p> <p><u>FYI:</u> 8 x editions of information bulletin (10 Oct, 24 Oct, 7 Nov, 21 Nov, 5 Dec, 19 Dec, 9 Jan, 23 Jan). Average 26 pages per edition, 243 pieces of information in total. Distributed to 686 contacts and all C2K addresses.</p>
<p>Engagement with Children and Young People, Parents/Carers: including numbers</p>	<p>Armagh Youth Space Initiative: Engagement with 16 young people to review the Cheeky Blinders event and plan for future Epicentre opening on 2 x Saturday afternoons: 70 young people attended in total</p> <p>SPACE Joining the Dots: Engagement with 14 parents at information stall to promote family support</p> <p>Granemore GAA Health Information Day: Engagement with 20 parents, 12 children, at information stall to promote family support and health</p> <p>PGA Halloween Programme: Engagement with 17 parents, 80 children and 30 young people</p> <p>PGA Celebration Event: Engagement with 60 parents, 90 children and 30 young people</p> <p>Total engagement with 182 children, 146 young people and 111 parents</p>
<p>Meetings Held: Break down of number of meetings held: How many attended:</p>	<p>Armagh LPG – 7 Nov (18 attended) and 9 Jan (20 attended) Banbridge LPG – 1 Oct (9 attended) and 26 Nov (11 attended) Craigavon LPG – 8 Oct (15 attended) and 3 Dec (15 attended) Dungannon LPG – 14 Nov (14 attended) and 16 Jan (13 attended) Newry LPG – 20 Nov (21 attended) South Armagh LPG – 19 Nov (11 attended) and 14 Jan (11 attended)</p> <p>Total 158 attended LPG meetings</p>

<p>Upcoming Events:</p>	<p>Trust-wide resource of emotional & mental health & wellbeing services available for children and young people</p> <p>Ongoing meetings of Task & Finish Group to produce Needs Assessment for Newcomer Families</p> <p>Further Saturday opening of EpiCentre in Armagh to provide youth provision for young people in Armagh on Saturday afternoons. Young people planning a Bingo Loco event to attract more young people to the drop in and enhance their skills in event management</p> <p>Task & Finish Group for Youth Voice to scope existing representative bodies to link with planning for 2021-24</p>
<p>Additional Information:</p>	

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