

Report from Locality Planning Groups to Southern Area Outcomes Group

Months: March-May 2021

<p>Current Issues being Discussed at LPG:</p> <p>Including: Gaps in services/Emerging needs</p>	<p>Armagh (4th March and 6th May)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anxiety among young people and mental health issues in the future. (Cedar Foundation, Barnardos, REACT) • Young people suffering from social isolation. (REACT, YJA) • Facing Zoom fatigue with young people and in general people's mental health very low. (BCM, Barnardos) • Issues of young people's mental fitness. (Youth Action) • Anti-social behaviour is an issue. (PSNI) • Received calls from Community groups about anti-social behaviour in Drumbreda. Working with PSNI and PCSP, more patrols and Community Group have set up Neighbourhood Watch. (ABC Council) • Lack of wearing masks coming through as an issue with the BAME community. (SHSCT) • Vaping of Spice and reports of walkers with no High Vis. (PCSP) <p>Banbridge LPG (24th March and 26th May)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people meeting up in parks and drinking, exposure to harm. (Futureproof) • Young people feeling isolated, lacking motivation, a lot of screen time. Frustration with education, worry about the future. Some struggling with going back to school. (EAYS) • Issue around technology, for some online does not work for them. (Cedar Foundation) <p>Craigavon LPG (16th March and 18th May)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placements for Service in the Community is all on hold. Young people are waiting and on hold. (Youth Justice Agency) • A lot of reports of anti-social behaviour in Lurgan Park, organised fights, ASB in the local community. (PSNI) <p>Dungannon LPG (13th April)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty: food poverty, fuel poverty, job losses, increased debt, Universal Credit delays, affordability of housing, accessing laptops, technology for families with more than 1 child (BCM, EA EWS, STEP, NIACRO CAPS, MUDC) • Increase in mental health issues (PSNI, EA EWS, STEP) • Behavioural issues with children and young people, isolation (EA EWS, STEP) • Domestic Violence (PSNI, Network Personnel) • Violence from child to parent (BCM) • Emerging issue around technology, for some kids online does not work for them. The one-to-one support needed cannot be offered to them through an iPad. (Cedar Foundation) • Higher number of families with children with ASD experiencing issues. (Network Personnel) • Working with parents to understand there is a requirement for children to engage with home schooling. (NIACRO CAPS) • Zoom fatigue among young people impacting education. (BCM)
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<p>Recent Achievements by the Locality Planning Group.</p>	<p><u>Portadown Gets Active:</u> Easter Programme 8-9 April 2021. 38 children, 22 families participated. 7 hours of activities, 6 workshops including sports, cooking, gardening & nature and arts & crafts. Scorecard 21.1 attached with report.</p> <p><u>Infant Mental Health Awareness Workshops:</u> 5 workshops completed. 120 attended, 85 completed evaluations. Very positive feedback – see Final Report as attachment.</p> <p><u>Adolescent Special Interest Group:</u> Online screening of Resilience documentary and presentation given on CYPSP and Locality Planning to raise awareness of CYPSP among clinical/medical staff across NI.</p> <p><u>FYI:</u> 6 editions of our fortnightly e-bulletin FYI: 264 pages and 340 pieces of information in total. Sent to 739 contacts per fortnight (excluding sharing by members).</p>

Engagement with C&YP, Parents/ Carers:	<p>PGA Easter Programme: 38 children, 22 families</p> <p><u>Total engagement with 38 children and 22 families</u></p>
Meetings Held:	<p>Meetings Held: Locality Planning Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armagh LPG – 4th March (18 attended) and 6th May 21 (16 attended) • Banbridge LPG – 24th March (10 attended) and 26th May 21 (14 attended) • Craigavon LPG – 16th March (17 attended) and 18th May 21 (18 attended) • Dungannon LPG – 13th April 21 (13 attended) • Newry & Mourne LPG – 10th March (21 attended) and 12th May 21 (18 attended) • South Armagh LPG – 20th April 21 (7 attended) <p><u>Total attendance at LPG meetings: 152</u></p> <p><u>Meetings Held: Action Plan:</u></p> <p>Locality Planning Groups Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portadown Gets Active - 2 meetings (7 attended) • Adolescents Special Interest Group (18 attended) • Armagh Youth Providers – Shaping Armagh mtg (4 attended) <p>Meetings Attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant Mental Health Workshops – 3 workshops (66 attended) • Portadown Drug & Alcohol Network (18 attended) • Mid Ulster Youth Voice (12 attended)
Upcoming Events:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing Action Planning with LPG's • 3 Summer is Coming Networking events to share details of summer activities at end of June • Linking ABC Community Planning with youth organisations to get the views of young people for Shaping Armagh <p>Thanks to Kerry O'Hagan who is leaving her post as Locality Support Officer on 22nd June 2021.</p>