Report from Locality Planning Groups to Northern Area Outcomes Group

June - September Month 2021

Current Issues being Discussed at LPG: Including: Gaps in services/Emerging needs	All LPG meetings paused over summer at request of members. Meetings resumed September 2021. • Gap in activities for disability/special needs especially over summer months. • Internet safety and hidden harm element of social media on mental health. • Continued need for emotional behavioural support. • Need for more Parental/family support programmes. • FSHs report via LPGs that specific funding for counselling is expiring and will be worrying when this has expired.
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)	 On the back of Northern CYPSP LPG/ CYP and parents survey and Antrim Ballymena LP action planning sub group; CYP and Parent Active Outside Survey completed July/August. 30 CYP and 47 parents completed survey (OBA Report card completed). In August, Antrim Ballymena LPG Outdoor Play Sub group focused on 'encouraging CYP to get physically active outside photograph competition. Under 3 different age categories 96 photos entered from 33 CYP 18 girls, 15 boys All entries received a Physical activity goodie bag. Parents responded very

positively.

- Delivery of further Community Sports Network programmes over July/August partnership with LPG members. These have proved very popular and building relationships with organisations/CYP such as CRUN summer blast 18-24 yrs designed by young people. In total 405 young people participated across all LPG area. 1783 participant opportunities. CSN reps attending November LPG meetings with their evaluation of programmes.
- Antrim/Ballymena: LPG working together with MEA council to deliver physical activity sessions and connection with nature (Oct/Nov 21) as below.
 - After School Dance fit in the park session (p4-p7) x 6 weeks
 - Wheelie Active Club ((5-16 years)
 - PANS Disability Clubs 5-16 years (OBA will be completed)

Mood Matters promoted through LPGs. 13 schools received the online programme in June. 5 schools completed evaluation 1556 pupils, 190 responded- very well received.

Take 5 Arts Booklet x141 disseminated to children from 9 organisations to support mental health for key stage 2 children (Antrim/Ballymena LPG)

Regional Talk, Learn Do Training-

6 Staff from Northern LPG organisations took training

2 parent sessions took place via online zoom (6 parents completed) Minimal uptake despite financial need in families an enduring topic. Positive evaluations from parents who completed it.

Regional evaluation to be completed by Valerie Talk, Learn, Do

Engagement with Children and Young People, Parents/Carers: including numbers	Physical activity project above and photography competition. Physical activity survey			
Meetings Held: Break down of number of meetings held: How many attended:	All LPG meetings suspended July/August at request of members Meetings resumed in September Larne/Carrick - 18 attendees Newtownabbey - 18 attendees Mid-Ulster - 24 attendees Causeway- 14 attendees Antrim/Ballymena - 18 attendees Newtownabbey steering group also met x1 in September			
Upcoming Events:	 PANTS workshops NICMA NHSCT Parenting Programmes survey (closing 15 Oct 2021). Sollihull two day Foundation Training 5/11th Nov. (open to all LPG members working directly with CYP) Growing of Salad boxes (A/B LPG) MEA Council/LPG physical activity sessions Mid-Ulster November meeting specific focus on mental health 			

Additional Information:	3 new members have joined Causeway LPG 3 new members Newtownabbey LPG		
	New Chair for Newtownabbey LPG (Jude Murphy, Network Personnel) Long term member from Causeway LPG retiring and expressed delight at how the group has come together for shared purposes and networking.		
	CYPSP weekly updates and shares circulated to all members from one central source. Members state they find this very helpful as it is a two way process of sharing and learning and being kept informed.		
	Two HWB Officers/locality planners redeployed from their post for 2.5 days per week x 8 weeks to assist with Covid response.		

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