

## Report from Locality Planning Groups to Belfast Area Outcomes Group

Months March – June 2020

<p><b>Current Issues being Discussed at LPG:</b> Including: Gaps in services/Emerging needs</p>	<p>COVID 19 Related Concerns/Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Childcare</li> <li>2) Education</li> </ol> <p>The above two were the emerging concerns that have developed through Covid 19 in all localities, together with the ever present poverty concern.</p> <p>Other issues that are very much to the fore in all localities included stress/anxieties of children and families spending so much time together, transitions for children with ASD returning to school, some groups have reported an increase in CP issues, some localities have reported a rise in homelessness for 17 – 24 yr. olds, lack of respite care for children with ASD</p>
<p><b>Recent Achievements by the Locality Planning Group.</b> How much did we do? How well did we do it? Is anyone better off? (can be included as a report card)</p>	

<p><b>Engagement with Children and Young People, Parents/Carers:</b> including numbers</p>	<p>Members from each locality informed the meetings of how their organisations were coping and how they were operating through the Pandemic – most stated that they were delivering services via telephone ie counselling/mentoring FSH were working in partnership with Support Hubs that had been funded by DFC in delivering anti – poverty initiatives such as food parcels etc</p>
<p><b>Meetings Held:</b> Break down of number of meetings held: How many attended:</p>	<p><b>VIRTUAL MEETINGS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) South and East LPGs met as one group on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 20; 18 attendees</li> <li>2) North and West LPGs met as one group on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 20; 14 attendees</li> <li>3) North LPG met on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 20; 13 attendees</li> </ol>
<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p>	<p>Education and Childcare sub–groups to be formed</p>
<p><b>Additional Information:</b></p>	<p>All meetings were facilitated via the Teams App and were very well attended. The meetings were amalgamated as it was more practical to do so – same issues across each locality.</p> <p>Organisations, communities and individuals have emerged to deliver services and supports well above their remits and there has been a great sense of partnership, especially when working through the poverty agenda.</p>

***\*\*LPG Planner can include photos from events, report cards, press releases etc. with captions on an additional page/s\*\****

