

**SOUTHERN AREA
LOCALITY PLANNING GROUPS**



ACTION PLAN 2021-2024



Southern Area Locality Planning Groups Action Plan 2021-24

The purpose of Locality Planning Groups (LPG's) is to improve outcomes for children and young people in the local area. Each LPG draws up a Locality Plan by measuring how well local children and young people are doing against the eight high level outcomes set out in the Children and Young People's Plan, then to work together to identify what needs to change for improvement in these outcomes. They do this by using local level statistics, provided across agencies and bring this together with their collective knowledge of emerging issues for children and young people in the area.

The eight high level outcomes in the Children & Young People's Plan are:



- 1 Children and young people are physically and mentally healthy
- 2 Children and young people enjoy play and leisure
- 3 Children and young people learn and achieve
- 4 Children and young people live in safety and with stability
- 5 Children and young people experience economic and environmental wellbeing
- 6 Children and young people make a positive contribution to society
- 7 Children and young people live in a society which respects their rights
- 8 Children and young people live in a society in which equality of opportunity and good relations are promoted

This Action Plan covers the period 2021-24 in the Southern Area. There are 6 Locality Planning Groups (LPG's) in the area: Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon, Dungannon, Newry & Mourne and South Armagh. Each group undertook a process of identifying key priorities and actions in the time period January-June 2021.

The top 3 priorities for each LPG fell into 3 categories:

- 1 Emotional wellbeing and mental health of children & young people
- 2 Support for parents and caregivers
- 3 Addressing the impact of poverty

Many of the actions agreed were similar and are included in the document in the sections for All Locality Planning Groups. Specific actions for individual LPG's are also included and colour coded.

The Red/Amber/Green coding at the end of each row denotes the following:

Completed
Ongoing/awaiting
Not started/on hold

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Priority	Area	Objective	Action	Lead/Partners	Time Line	RAG
Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health of Children & Young People	All Locality Planning Groups	Sharing information on existing services, programmes and activities across local areas	All members to share information at LPG meetings	All members of 6 LPG's	5 annual meetings of each LPG	
			Produce fortnightly FYI e-bulletins with information submitted by members/relevant stakeholders	LPG & relevant stakeholders to submit information for Locality Planning Team to produce fortnightly	Fortnightly editions annually	
			Share information on relevant resources and opportunities: member services, Youth Wellness Web, CAWT MACE, new information, events & opportunities, key strategies	Relevant stakeholders to submit. LP Team to distribute.	Ongoing through LPG meetings and FYI/individual mailings	
		Improve access to FYI for stakeholders, parent, children & young people	Increase number of downloads of FYI from average 150 to 300 per edition	LPG members & LP Team to share among local social media forums and service users/families	Baseline 150 downloads in Sept 21, to review Easter 2022, target by Summer 2022	
		Improve awareness of summer activities for children & young people	Collate and produce information on summer activities via 3 online events and information from relevant stakeholders	LPG members attend/submit information. LP Team collate and produce. Members & LP Team to disseminate information	Completed publication for dissemination by June 2021, 2022 & 2023	
		Tackling loneliness among children, young people & parents	Strengthen links with Loneliness Networks in ABC, NMandD and Mid Ulster Council areas	Locality Development Officer & LPG members	Starting 2021	

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Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health of Children & Young People	Armagh LPG	Improve access to services for emotional wellbeing and mental health for children and young people	Host a Connections event for children/young people - local event, young person-led to highlight local support available	Key local youth organisations: EA Youth Service, REACT, Youth Action, Start 360, Barnardos YPP, SHSCT, Locality Planning	Post lockdown - expected 2022	
			Reignite Youth Providers Forum in Armagh: interagency partnership working with young people	EA Youth Service, partnership of key local youth organisation reps	Early 2022	
			Produce a short video of member services to promote the work of the LPG	All LPG members & other relevant stakeholders	Early 2022	
	Banbridge LPG	Improve knowledge & awareness among practitioners	Host an awareness session of support available for Domestic & Sexual violence	Banbridge LPG, Advocacy VSV	2022	
			Promote Workforce development Training on Drugs & Alcohol at LPG level	Locality Planning Team, ASCERT, relevant service providers	2021-24	
	Craigavon LPG	Strengthening links and awareness among practitioners	Strengthen links & communication with relevant partnerships: Youth Providers, Drug & Alcohol Interagency	LPG members	2021 onwards	
			Promote Workforce development Training on Drugs & Alcohol at LPG level (vaping)	Locality Planning Team, ASCERT, relevant service providers	2021-24	
			Promote benefits of physical health to emotional wellbeing & mental health by promoting local programmes	LPG members	2021-24	

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Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health of Children & Young People	Dungannon LPG	Promoting the value of programmes/ initiatives to emotional wellbeing & mental health	Liaise with and build links with Linking Generations to support intergenerational activities	LPG members, Linking Generations	Commence 2022	
			Liaise with and build links with the MU Loneliness Network to tackle loneliness among young people	LPG members on the MU Loneliness Network	Commence 2021	
	Newry & Mourne LPG	Improve access to services for emotional wellbeing and mental health for children and young people	Produce a short video of member services to promote the work of the LPG	All LPG members & other relevant stakeholders	October 2021	
			Increase service representation at LPG meetings	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2021	
			Improve engagement with parents, schools and rural communities	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2021	
	South Armagh LPG	Improve access to services for emotional wellbeing and mental health for children and young people	Produce a short video of member services to promote the work of the LPG	All LPG members & other relevant stakeholders	October 2021	
			Explore local activities to address loneliness among children & young people	LPG members	Commence 2022	

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Supporting Parents & Caregivers	All Locality Planning Groups	Promoting Southern wide family support activities	Contributing to and promoting the Newcomer Families Needs Assessment	Locality Planning Officer on Task & Finish Group	Commence 2021	
			Contributing to and promoting the Recommendations and Actions from Our Journey Through Disability	Member organisations on Working Group	Commence 2021	
	Armagh LPG	Connecting local services & provision	Produce an information leaflet containing key contact details on family support services	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2022	
			Build connections with local schools to provide relevant information	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2022	
	Banbridge LPG	Connecting local services & provision	Produce a "Services That Can Help" leaflet with relevant local contacts & parenting advice	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2022	
			Input from Social Prescribing to LPG to share local links	Locality Planning Group, Clanrye Social Prescriber	Commence 2021	
	Craigavon LPG	Connecting local services & provision	Produce a short video promoting services & programmes in the local area	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2022	
			Agree a strategy & impliment for better parental engagement and links with services in the wider community	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2022	

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Supporting Parents & Caregivers	Dungannon LPG	Connecting local services & provision	Develop closer links with schools to share relevant information with parents & caregivers	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2022	
			Identify and share parenting support courses to meet community needs	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2021	
	Newry & Mourne LPG	Connecting local services & provision	Post Covid awareness event to highlight available services to support parents & families	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2022	
			Inform on available support programmes and activities in local area, including rural areas	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2021	
	South Armagh LPG	Connecting local services & provision	Community engagement event with Ethnic Minorities involvement, to increase engagement at Christmas period	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2022	
			Celebration event for parents and caregivers to recognise how communities have supported each other	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2022	

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Addressing the Impact of Poverty	All Locality Planning Groups	Connecting local services & provision	Link with existing services & interagency groups with a remit to address poverty	Locality Planning Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2021	
			Promote free school meals, school uniform grants & relevant initiatives at LPG meetings and through FYI	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2021	
	Armagh LPG	Connecting local services & provision	Host event for providers & support services to share strengths and gaps in local area	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2022	
	Dungannon LPG	Connecting local services & provision	Invite relevant local service providers to LPG meetings to share local issues & support	Locality Planning Team & LPG members	Commence 2022	
			Produce a school uniform recycling toolkit for use in schools & community settings	Locality Planning Team, LPG members & Northern Area LPG	Commence 2022	
	Newry & Mourne LPG	Connecting local services & provision	Share local support at LPG meetings to avoid duplication	Locality Planning Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2021	
			Share information on local support & benefits through a local event	Locality Planning Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2022	
	South Armagh LPG	Connecting local services & provision	Share relevant support & information in translated languages for all communities	Locality Planning Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2022	
			Regular updates at LPG meetings from support services	Locality Planning Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2021	