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INFORMATION & ACTION PLAN 2021-2024

Southern Area Locality Planning Groups

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WHAT IS THE CYPSP?

The Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) is a multi-agency partnership that includes the leadership of key statutory agencies and community and voluntary organisations, with a responsibility for improving the lives of children and young people in Northern Ireland.

The partnership produces a Children & Young People's Plan which provides a high level commitment to improving outcomes for children and young people in Northern Ireland and to ensure each child reaches their full potential. This plan is taken forward at a local level through the process of Locality Planning.

WHAT IS LOCALITY PLANNING?

Locality Planning Groups (LPG's) are partnerships between statutory, voluntary and community organisations working with and for children young people and families at a local level. Their work focuses on early intervention to improve outcomes for children and young people.

There are 6 LPG's in the Southern Trust area. These are:

1. Armagh
2. Banbridge
3. Craigavon
4. Dungannon
5. Newry & Mourne
6. South Armagh

Each Locality Planning Group reports to the Southern Outcomes Group by sharing information, knowledge base and expertise about the local area and identifying opportunities to improve outcomes for children and young people by working better together.

Each Locality Planning group has its own page on our website **https://cypsp.hscni.net/locality-planning-groups/**

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WHAT DO LOCALITY PLANNING GROUPS DO?

Working as a multi-agency partnership, each LPG develops a Children and Young People's Locality Plan for their area. These plans identify and evidence the key issues impacting upon children and young people and provide a framework through which solutions can be implemented to address these issues.

Activities carried out by the Locality Planning Group in the Southern Area include sharing of information and resources, supporting local organisations to make links with other services, information and networking events, training, action planning and producing resources for members to help support their work with children, young people and parents/carers.

Actions are agreed by LPG members and are flexible to address any particular issue relating to children, young people or family support.

SOUTHERN AREA LOCALITY PLANNING TEAM

The team responsible for Locality Planning in the Southern Trust area are Darren Curtis (Locality Development Officer) and Joanne Patterson (Locality Programme Support Officer). Both are based at Tower Hill, Armagh.

Information Sharing:

FYI
For Your Information

In January 2019, Southern Area Locality Planning introduced a new innovative way of sharing information on the great work of services and organisations striving to improve outcomes for children, young people and families in the Southern Trust area.

With the aim of strengthening contacts, participation, engagement and connections in the region, LPG members, as well as the wider community, are invited to submit flyers, posters & announcements promoting relevant events, opportunities, programmes and initiatives. All of this information is then collated and shared via a one-stop shop style newsletter - 'FYI' (For Your Information).

ACTION PLAN 2021-2024

Action Plans for the 6 Locality Planning Groups in the Southern Trust area fall under the following 8 factors contributing to wellbeing, as identified in the Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Strategy. Outcomes are numbered as follows in the Action Plan, which denote the areas we are addressing for each theme:

All 6 Locality Planning Groups identified the following 3 themes as their top priorities for 2021-24:

1. Emotional wellbeing and mental health of children & young people
2. Supporting parents & caregivers
3. Addressing the impact of poverty

PRIORITY: EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

	ACTION	LEAD/PARTNERS	WHEN
ALL 6 LPG 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 (LP) Team to produce fortnightly	Fortnightly editions annually
	Share information on relevant resources and opportunities: member services, Youth Wellness Web, CAWT MACE, events & opportunities, key strategies	Relevant stakeholders to submit. LP Team to distribute	Ongoing-LPG mtngs & mailings
	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	Target Easter 2022
	Collate and produce information on summer activities via 3 online events and information from relevant stakeholders	Services submit info. LP Team collate and produce. All to disseminate info.	June 2021, 2022 & 2023
	Strengthen links with Loneliness Networks in ABC, NMandD & MU Council areas	Locality Development Officer & LPG members	Starting 2021
ARMAGH	Host a Connections event for young people - young person-led to highlight local support available	LPG members - key local youth providers	Post Lockdown - 2022
	Reignite Youth Providers Forum in Armagh: interagency partnership working with young people	Youth Providers members	Commence 2022
	Produce a short video of member services to promote the work of the LPG	LPG members	Early 2022
BANBRIDGE	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	LP Team, ASCERT, relevant servce providers	2021-24
CRAIGAVON	Strengthen links & communication with relevant partnerships: Youth Providers, Drug & Alcohol Interagency	LPG members	Starting 2021
	Promote Workforce Development Training on Drugs & Alcohol at LPG level (vaping)	LP Team, ASCERT, relevant service providers	Starting 2021
	Promote benefits of physical health to emotional wellbeing & mental health by promoting local programmes	LPG Members	Starting 2021
DUNGANNON	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	Starting 2022	Starting 2021
NEWRY & MOURNE	Produce a short video of member services to promote the work of the LPG	All LPG members & other relevant stakeholders	Oct-21
	Increase service representation at LPG meetings	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2021
	Improve engagement with parents, schools and rural communities	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2021
SOUTH ARMAGH	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

PRIORITY: SUPPORTING PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

	ACTION	LEAD/PARTNERS	WHEN
ALL 6 LPG AREAS	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	Produce an information leaflet with key contact details on family support services	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
	Build connections with local schools to provide relevant information	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
BANBRIDGE	Produce a "Services That Can Help" leaflet with relevant local contacts & parenting advice	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
	Input from Social Prescribing to LPG to share local links	LPG, Social Prescribing	Commence 2021
CRAIGAVON	Produce a short video promoting services & programmes in the local area	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
	Agree a strategy & impliment for better parental engagement and links with services in the wider community	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
DUNGANNON	Develop closer links with schools to share relevant information with parents & caregivers	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
	Identify and share parenting support courses to meet community needs	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2021
NEWRY & MOURNE	Post Covid awareness event to highlight available services to support parents & families	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
	Inform on available support programmes and activities in local area, including rural areas	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2021
SOUTH ARMAGH	Community engagement event with Ethnic Minorities involvement, to increase engagement at Christmas period	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
	Celebration event for parents and caregivers to recognise how communities have supported each other	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022

PRIORITY: ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF POVERTY

ABC Council (Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council)
CAWT MACE (Co-operation and Working Together Multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences)
CiNI (Children in Northern Ireland)
FYI (For Your Information)
LPG (Locality Planning Group)
LP Team (Locality Planning Team)
NMandD Council (Newry, Mourne & Down District Council)
MU Council (Mid Ulster District Council)

	ACTION	LEAD/PARTNERS	WHEN
ALL 6 LPG AREAS	Link with existing services & interagency groups with a remit to address poverty	LP Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2021
	Promote free school meals, school uniform grants & relevant initiatives at LPG meetings and through FYI	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2021
ARMAGH	Host event for providers & support services sharing strengths & gaps in local area	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
BANBRIDGE	Supporting Portadown Gets Active: interagency initiative for children in the Banbridge area tackling Holiday Hunger and providing practical family support	LPG Members, CiNI, Oasis Youth	Ongoing since 2017
CRAIGAVON	Supporting Portadown Gets Active: interagency initiative for children in the Craigavon area tackling Holiday Hunger and providing practical family support	LPG Members, CiNI, Oasis Youth	Ongoing since 2017
DUNGANNON	Invite relevant local service providers to LPG meetings to share issues & support	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
	Produce a school uniform recycling toolkit for use in schools & community settings	LP Team, LPG members and Mid Ulster LPG	Commence 2021
NEWRY & MOURNE	Share local support at LPG meetings to avoid duplication	LP Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2022
	Share information on local support & benefits through a local event	LP Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2022
SOUTH ARMAGH	Share relevant support & information in translated languages for all communities	LP Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2022
	Regular updates at LPG meetings from support services	LP Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2021

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

You can become involved with Locality Planning through a number of ways:

Attend an LPG Group Meeting:
Meetings take place every 2 months and anyone can attend if they represent a service, organisation or group which aims to improve outcomes for children and/or young people. It is not compulsory to attend any meetings, but feedback from members tells us they value their networking aspect, as well as hearing feedback from the Action Plan and Family Support Hubs, with wider discussions on emerging needs in the local area. Meetings have a formal agenda, but informal opportunities.

Register for FYI:
Add your name to our extensive database to receive a free fortnightly e-bulletin with activities, programmes, events and opportunities for children and young people in the Southern Trust Area. You can also advertise your own service for free and this reaches over 800 contacts in the Southern Trust area.

Register on our Training Database:
By adding your contact e-mail, you will receive notification of relevant local training taking place in the area, which will help to improve outcomes for children and young people and your own knowledge & skills sets.

Register for Thematic Resources:
We currently have a database for sharing information and resources, as follows:

- Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Resource
- Trauma, ACEs & Resilience Resource Compilation
- Screen Time Resource Compilation
- Our Journey Through Disability Report
- Summer Activities Directory

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To find out more and to register with us, please contact **localityplanning@ci-ni.org.uk**

WHAT PEOPLE HAVE SAID

We are able to identify growing needs more effectively through meeting and discussing emerging issues.

Prior to these groups there may have been an us and them approach, rivalry over funding, etc. that has dissipated and we work together for the good of the community.

The LPG has definitely increased co-operation and collaboration. This is an ongoing thing and can always be improved upon. These meetings are helping with this.

The LPG has enabled new relationships between statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations working in the area and has also strengthened existing relationships which promotes information sharing and ultimately real collaborative working.

It is an invaluable source which galvanizes local community's opinions on how best to address gaps in Children and Young Peoples services.

We are able to discuss programmes and activity on a regular basis, avoiding duplication as a result.

I have found it very easy to network and make links through the Locality Groups.

I am able to highlight things from 'FYI' in team meetings. It is brilliant to showcase the fantastic work in the locality and to ensure that we all support each other by attending events. Geography doesn't seem to matter when you have all the information to hand!

If you would like to join your local Locality Planning Group or if you would like more information please contact the Locality Development Officer for the Southern Area:

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