

Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 12th January 2023 at 10am
Boardroom at Tower Hill, Armagh

Attendees		Apologies
Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI - Chair)	Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)	Eleanor McKenna (PIPS)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Stephen Harland (Ark Housing)	Sophie Lester (ABC Council)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Edel Ferson (ABC Council)	Mia Murray (ArKe Surestart)
Adrian Hutchinson (EA Youth Service)	Joan McCool (BCM)	Matthew Matchett (Cedar Foundation)
Caroline Dawson (Youth Justice Agency)	Mark Doran (ABC Council)	John Beattie (Triangle Housing)
Caroline Williamson (Barnardo's NI)	Breigean Corr (EA Youth Service)	
Ann-Marie Baxter (Barnardo's NI / FSH)	Gwen Bartley (PCSP ABC Council)	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. 10/11/22	Michael welcomed all to the meeting. Brief intros. given, as new members present. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed - Darren reminded everyone to click on the hyperlinks included in Meeting Minutes, to be taken direct to relevant websites, online resources, etc.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
FSH Update	Ann-Marie (Barnardo's NI / FSH): FSH remains busy, referrals averaging 25 per month. Thanks to those organisations who offer their support. Please continue to share information on the FSH with families. Distributed 20 hampers at Christmas, received from the Vineyard Church. Receiving requests for support from schools. 8-14 year old age group parents struggling with school refusal and bullying. Receiving financial assistance requests, but the FSH don't have any emergency funding. Cost of living has also been linked to recent referrals which are becoming more complex. Families can self-refer and Ann-Marie can help with completing referral forms (which can be accessed HERE).	DC to contact new worker in REACT RE: attending future meetings

Discussion on Unmet & Emerging Needs	<p>Needs raised during meeting, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of living high on the agenda - issues & impact on young people. (MMcK) • Not enough social outlets specific to special needs available in local area. (CW) • Lot of young people feeling isolated due to the lack of transport to access services in their area. (CW) • Young people have been saying that that they want safe and warm spaces. (AH) • Seeing more on the physical effects of alcohol on young people. (GB) Access to drinks with higher amounts of alcohol contained is becoming easier. (CD) • There still continues to be an evident class divide, where certain families can't afford to send their children to paid-for after-school clubs, etc. (AMB) 	JP to record needs raised / DC to escalate to SOG
Action Plan 2021-24	<p>2023 Armagh Event discussed, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Events planned for Friday 9th June (For practitioners, parents & caregivers on local support services available) and Saturday 10th June (For young people, with the Epicentre as a possible venue). • Stephen reported that the Bounceback Event in Armagh went well last year and that Ark and Triangle Housing are happy to work in partnership with the LPG in the organising and part-funding of the 2023 Armagh Events. • Subgroup Meeting to take place on Tuesday 24th January, at 2pm, in Tower Hill. 	Subgroup to feedback at next LPG Meeting
Member Agency Updates	<p>Mark (ABC Council): Warm Pack funding now exhausted, but a few still available on request.) Working alongside Youth Action on delivering a local Young Men's Health Programme. Work currently being carried out to raise awareness of pulmonary heart disease within the local Traveller Community, e.g. health checks.</p> <p>Adrian (EA Youth Service): EA Youth Service focus more recently has been on deferring activities/trips to accommodate offering safe spaces and providing food & drinks to young people where possible - Provisions vary from centre to centre, but all aim to provide</p>	JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'

<p>Member Agency Updates</p>	<p>evening provision of some sort. Epicentre's Weekly Timetable being updated and will be circulated in due course. Currently in 3-Year Strategy planning mode and drilling down into where specific programmes are really needed, based on Regional Assessment of Needs. Where there is no youth service provision within Armagh rural areas, Breigeen is now available as Area Youth Worker.</p> <p>Caroline (Barnardo's NI): Recently offered financial support through a hardship fund - 250 litres of oil delivered over the Christmas period and food vouchers to some families. Partnered with The Vibe to deliver food hampers. Following consultation with young people have decided on a name change to PosAbility, with focus on the positive aspects of a person's ability rather than disability. Re-brand of all leaflets to follow. Children's Service Manager, Eugene Mone, has recently moved post - please refer to Gillian McKeown at present. New Project Worker role recently filled (Leah McAleavey), who will be overseeing schools programme. Peer Coaching project fully subscribed at present. Healthy waiting list for their Transition and Inclusion Service, new referrals are welcome.</p> <p>Catherine (SHSCT): Discussing the development of local Chatty Cafés / Warm Spaces. The Vibe recently offering to host a Chatty Café in their premises. Suggestions recommended linking in with The Craic'd Pot, local Chamber of Commerce and Town Centre Manager.) Intergenerational work, in the form of Kindness Postboxes, ongoing & proving very worthwhile.</p> <p>Edel (ABC Council): Armagh Couch To 5K upcoming (See flyer in last 'FYI'). Post-Easter daytime programme planned - further details to follow.</p> <p>Caroline (Youth Justice Agency): Continuing early intervention work in schools & youth settings, recently delivered programmes in the Epicentre. The Vineyard offers a Youth Connect Café on Wednesdays, from 3pm to 4.30pm, during term-time.</p>	<p>DC to contact West Armagh Consortium & The Village, to invite to attend next Armagh LPG Meeting</p>
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<p>Member Agency Updates</p> <p><i>*Update received via e-mail</i></p>	<p>Stephen (Ark Housing): Finds the LPG Meetings extremely useful to learn of local supports, especially for signposting families moving into Ogle Street.</p> <p>Joan (BCM): Currently open for referrals - Click HERE to access Referral Form. Support offered is holistic and not just housing support. BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme taking applications - Click HERE for further info. Thanks expressed to Mark for provision of oil stamps & Warm Packs for local families. Pre-Christmas Homelessness Week Event very successful.</p> <p>Ann-Marie (Barnardo's NI): School uniforms & coats available to collect from the Vineyard Church, for those who may need them.</p> <p>Gwen (PCSP / ABC Council): Upcoming Road Safe NI quizzes with P7 age group. Local BeSafe Event moving to June - better timing. Theresa Burke Drugs & Alcohol Talks continuing in local schools. Road Safety Play currently being produced by the SRC Drama Department for 17-18 year olds, to visit local schools when ready. 10-Week Driving Theory Pilot being delivered in Craigavon Area to young Traveller males with PSNI & Traveller Support Group involved. Local school currently tackling the issue of speeding in 60mph area - further feedback to follow.</p> <p>Michael (Youth Action NI): PALS and Lifemaps training still available, with a delivery deadline of End April 2023. Men's Conference due to take place on Monday 10th April, with the theme being Risk-Taking (focusing on the positives) - further details TBC.</p> <p>Eleanor (PIPS Hope & Support)*: ASIST Training taking place on 26th & 27th January - See flyer in today's 'FYI'.</p>	
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AOB	<p>CYPSP Guide to Locality Planning Based Resources and Practical Support for Families and Children continually being updated - If your organisation carries out any relevant service or work, please complete the corresponding template and return to Una Casey, via e-mail, HERE - Download the live document HERE.</p> <p>YGAM Gaming & Gambling Awareness Training Sessions (1 Face-To-Face in Armagh and 1 via Zoom) taking place on 2nd & 8th February - register via links in flyer which will be circulated after today's meeting.</p> <p>Download the CYPSP Annual Report 2022 HERE.</p> <p>Read the CYPSP's Northern Ireland Outcome Monitoring Report 2021/22, full of multi-agency population and available census data HERE - A great resource for assessing need, integrated planning and evidence for anyone applying for funding.</p> <p>The School Uniform Recycling Toolkit, piloted in Mid Ulster last year is due to be rolled out trust-wide in 2023, with online briefings to be offered. A Year 8 Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Resource for Students & Parents/Caregivers was also pulled together in consultation with the Banbridge LPG last year, with SHSCT-wide roll-out planned for this year - School engagement is key to the success of both resources!</p> <p>The 'Our Journey' Co-Production Group are in the process of putting the finishing touches to a Parent/Caregiver Handbook, offering practical support.</p> <p>The CYPSP Ethnic Minority Working Group haven't met recently - Updates to follow.</p> <p>Next issue of 'FYI' going out next Thursday - Deadline: Tues. If you would like to receive any flyers as individual attachments, after receiving the newsletter, e-mail Joanne.</p>	<p>JP to circulate various CYPSP links & reports to members</p> <p>DC to provide updates RE: any groups & meetings at next LPG meeting</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Thursday 9th March 2023, at 10am, via Zoom.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	