

Dungannon LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 10am
Via Zoom Video Conference Call

Attendees		Apologies
Lorraine Griffin (COSTA - Chair) Darren Curtis (CYPSP) Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes) Kellie O'Dowd (Relate NI - Speaker) Mark Doran (ABC Council / MUDC)	Ann-Marie Baxter (Barnardo's NI) Emma McGeehan (MUDC) Bernadetta Viana (STEP) Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)	Tara Gilkinson (Speedwell Trust)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apologies, Previous Minutes (06/12/22)	LG welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed. DC reminded everyone to follow the hyperlinks included in Meeting Minutes, to be taken direct to relevant websites and online resources. Survey Monkey was submitted as agreed on PEACEPLUS Consultation. CMcC & DC to speak with John Donnelly at EA on issue with Pre-ESOL children & young people raised at previous meeting.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website Feedback TBC
Speaker: Kellie O'Dowd, Relate NI	Kellie presented to the group on the free Relationships & Sexuality Education for 15-16 Year Olds being delivered by Relate NI across the SHSCT Area - Info. HERE . E-mail Kellie HERE to further discuss.	JP to share programme flyers & presentation
Update from Family Support Hub	Ann-Marie (Barnardo's NI / FSH): FSH remains busy. Recently received re-referrals of a family already engaging with local service with more complex needs and more (specific) support from service(s). School refusal continues as a major issue, with 11-15 years needing most emotional & behavioural support. Frequent requests received for parenting programmes. Increase in substance abuse among teenagers. Financial assistance	

Update from Family Support Hub	requests but FSH does not have any emergency funding, so continuing to work with BCM and STEP to offer financial support where possible. Cost of living linked to recent referrals. Provided 20 hampers to local families at Christmas thanks to Vineyard Church. Please continue to share info. on FSH with families and make referrals. Families can self-refer and Ann-Marie can help with completing referral forms (which can be accessed HERE).	
Discussion on Unmet & Emerging Needs	Needs raised during meeting, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing an ongoing issue for families supported by STEP. Shortage of social housing and high rental costs in private rented accommodation are preventing families from accessing safe and suitable living conditions. (BV) • Long waiting times for ASD assessments and increased referrals for families seeking support with managing children’s challenging behaviours. (BV) • Industrial action by Education Welfare Officers means FSH not receiving corresponding updates or support, which is a huge gap, particularly given rising levels of school refusals. (AMB) • A lot of pre-schools and playschools contacting MUDC seeking funding to cover core costs (staffing/buildings/energy) - possibly linked to EA budget cuts. (EMcG) 	
Action Plan 2021-24	Darren provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 pre-Easter: meeting with local participating schools, to include their inputs, to take place prior to this. • ‘Can We Talk’ Planning Group due to meet to discuss follow-up to last October’s event, to offer continuity and build upon the event’s success and partnership working. • YGAM Gaming & Gambling Awareness Training Sessions (x1 Face-To-Face in Armagh and x1 via Zoom) taking place on 2nd & 8th February - Click on the links to register for Face-To-Face or Online session. 	Any members interested in being involved in either group, contact DC Registration links to be sent by JP
Member Agency Updates	Bernadetta (STEP): Support available from Save The Children to assist families in the Southern Area: accepting referrals from families struggling with rising costs of goods/essentials, can receive maximum £340 vouchers. Santa Claus Alert and Cash for Kids Toy appeal meant families received food/heating/electricity vouchers, food parcels and toys over the Christmas period. Recently completed a successful 14-week IY Pre-	JP to circulate all links flagged by members after meeting + Relevant flyers

<p>Member Agency Updates</p> <p><i>*Received via e-mail</i></p>	<p>School Basic Parenting Programme – another aimed for March. Peer Coaching to Incredible Years Parent Group Leaders now available within SHSCT - Contact your local CDIC or STEP for further info. Delivering weekly Baby Massage sessions to parents with babies 0-1yrs - Contact Virginija to register. Traveller Women’s Group Coffee Mornings every Tuesday from 10.30am to 12.30am at The Junction. STEP’s Sustaining Tenancies Project offers support to families and individuals relevant support - Eligibility criteria: Housing Executive tenants within Mid Ulster Area. Winter Warm Packs (PHA funded) distributed to provide immediate, short-term support to help those most at risk during cold weather. Number of job vacancies are currently available - See flyer in tomorrow’s ‘FYI’.</p> <p>Catherine (SHSCT): Continuing to develop links in Dungannon Area - Meetings planned with EA Youth Service staff and shared housing organisations (Apex, Radius, Choice).</p> <p>Lorraine (COSTA): In process of planning workshops & training for forthcoming months. Held a successful GDPR training session last Friday and planning to re-run the workshop: further details to follow. DAERA undergoing some re-structuring with possible implications for funding rural development & local community groups. Dungannon Jobs Fair on Friday 3rd February, from 11am to 3pm, at Hill of The O’Neill & Ranfurly Arts & Visitor Centre.</p> <p>Mark (ABC Council / MUDC): Contact Mark if anyone is aware of Cook it! Facilitators available to deliver programmes within the Dungannon Locality. 3 programmes starting post-April: Clougher Valley Sure Start working with young families, focusing on food education & cooking, new holistic programme with DRYC and Young Women’s Group within EA Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal Area. Between ABC and MU Councils they received 25% increase in warm packs for the year, but demand has increased dramatically (which Mark has reported back to the PHA).</p> <p>Emma (MUDC): New online Grants Programme for 2023-2024 now open for applications. Still working with local foodbank network who saw a huge increase in footfall over Christmas period. Through Save The Children, a batch of toys were received and distributed via local community foodbanks and agencies working with families in need.</p> <p>Tara (Speedwell Trust)*: Several FOC events for families living in Mid Ulster with young people aged 4-12years old upcoming - See flyers in tomorrow’s ‘FYI’.</p>	<p>to be included in next issue of ‘FYI’</p> <p>Click HERE for further info</p>
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<p>AOB</p>	<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>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 - This is a great resource for assessing need, integrated planning and evidence for anyone applying for new funding opportunities - Please share widely!</p> <p>LPG Members Survey 2022 results (Regional & Southern Trust focused) have been made available in infographic form</p> <p>The CYPSP Migrant Minority Ethnic Families Access to Services Assessment is now available to view & download HERE</p> <p>The upcoming issue of ‘FYI’ Newsletter will be circulated tomorrow - Children’s Mental Health Week will take place from 6th-12th Feb, with this year’s theme being “Let’s Connect”, so members are invited to promote related info. - Submissions deadline: today at 11am</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>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 2pm (Venue TBC).</p> <p>If anyone is in a position to host the next meeting, please contact Darren or Joanne.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	