

South Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 10am
Via Zoom Video Conference Call

Attendees		Apologies
Annie Clarke (SHSCT - Chair)	Lizzy Smyth (St. Oliver Plunkett YC)	Eleanor McKenna (PIPS)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Robert Glusek (SureStart SA)	Rosie Carey (EA Youth Service)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Allison Slater (Bolster / FSH)	Ciara Courtney (The Prince's Trust)
Cara McVeigh (Relate NI - Speaker)	Kirsty Wilson (Bolster / FSH)	Stephanie Armstrong (Home-Start N&M)
Shannon Creaney (NMDDC / PCSP)	Tracy Walker (SureStart SA)	
Rhiannon Gallagher (Clanrye Group)	Fidelma Ruddy (SHSCT / MDT)	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. (22/11/22)	Annie welcomed all to the meeting, as newly appointed Chair. 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. Darren advised that no recent PLIG meetings have taken place, so no related updates.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
Speaker: Cara McVeigh from Relate NI	Cara 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 from Relate NI HERE to further discuss. Lizzy advised that the programme had previously been delivered in the Magnet YAC and highly recommended the same.	JP to share programme flyers & slides
FSH Update	Allison (Bolster Community/FSH): Nos. still high, 42 referrals last month, generally averaging 35-40 referrals monthly. Issues remain the same: support for children and parents pre & post autism diagnosis, challenging behaviour, high levels of anxiety, school refusal. Three referrals received last month for children who had lost a parent (which is unusual referral pattern). Currently struggling around the table for capacity of some FSH partners, e.g. PIPS & Early Years unable to take referrals for quite a while and Family Group Conferencing has been stepped down. Clanrye Group & Sure Start are able to fill	

	some gaps. A real gap in the area is 1-to-1 mentoring support for children and young people. A 1/3 of their referrals usually tend to come from the South Armagh Area. The FSH has been feeding into the Independent Review of Children's Social Care Services.	
Discussion on Unmet & Emerging Needs	Needs raised during meeting, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pending influx of newcomer families into the South Armagh area will present issues on GP registrations, directing families to relevant supports and accommodating increased nos. into SureStart programmes. (RG) 	
Action Plan 2021-24	Discussed potential to link with schools with an emotional wellbeing/mental health message. Timing, format of outreach and translation matters raised. Anyone interested in meeting to look at options for actions, please contact Darren. Darren advised of the YGAM Gaming & Gambling Awareness Training Zoom Session taking place tomorrow (8 th February) - Click HERE to register. Several Southern LPG members attended last week's face-to-face session, which was very worthwhile.	
Member Agency Updates	Rhiannon (Clanrye Group): ESF project finishes on 31 st March, applied for alternative funding aiming to offer continuity/extension on related programmes - Update to be provided. ESF programmes still providing support but cannot take any new referrals. Community Development related social supports continuing as normal. Social Supermarket starting up soon for low income households - Further details in flyer. Robert (SureStart South Armagh): Play & Brunch programme recently finished and very successful in supporting Bulgarian families in N/Hamilton in particular. Forkhill programme starting soon. Some food parcels available from Bessbrook Community Centre and can bring items to families from time to time. A new foodbank has opened in Newry. (Joanne confirmed that an updated flyer and new referral form are currently being drawn up - E-mail newryfoodinitiative@gmail.com with any queries or visit Facebook HERE for further info.) A range of programmes ongoing, including Henry.	JP to circulate all links flagged by members after meeting + Any relevant flyers to be included in next issue of 'FYI'

Member Agency Updates	<p>Shannon (NMandDD Council / PCSP): Internet Safety Evening (open to All) taking place tonight in Mountnorris Primary School. Community Health & Wellbeing Event taking place on 9th March in Newry Leisure Centre. If anyone is aware of any schools who might need 'No Parking' signs for outside their gates, contact Shannon. The PCSP Small Grants Programme will be opening soon - Shannon will circulate info. when available.</p> <p>Lizzy (St. Oliver Plunkett Youth Club): Recently moved job roles from Magnet YAC to Senior Youth Worker in Charge at SOPYC. If anyone is aware of any programmes for 9-18 year olds currently available in the South Armagh area, please let Lizzy know.</p> <p>Allison (Bolster Community): Over 20 programmes currently running, including Resilience and Parents Groups. Running first Parents Plus ADHD Programme, with 14 parents registered, and will run again. Parents Plus Adolescents Programme full. 2 Girls Group open to anyone within N&M Locality. Social Kitchen operating 3 days per week - Mon. & Wed. for adults only, Thursday for parents & children - See flyer. Poverty Fund grants (up to £500) currently available for anyone referred through trusted partners. Afterschool clubs currently full with waiting lists.</p> <p>Annie (SHSCT): Gave update on the Emotional Health & Wellbeing Communications Network: further details to be shared on a potential pilot in Newry to address school refusal. Autism Bus returning in February but fully booked: relevant local services invited to attend the sessions showcasing support. Send flyers to Annie for inclusion in the corresponding info. pack. Men's Mental Health Week forthcoming and various related resources available in due course. New Speech & Language Advice Line and Play & Say Parent Programme have recently launched - See flyers to access related information.</p> <p>Fidelma (SHSCT, MDT): Previously based in Banbridge but recently moved to Health Centre in N/Hamilton. Referrals accepted from individuals registered with the GP practice, social workers, GPs, Admin staff. Community Development is also a key part of role so scope to look beyond the local surgery to support people.</p>	
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<p>AOB</p>	<p>Meeting on 22nd February in Newry Gateway, to look at the ‘Our Journey’ Support Resource. Parents involved in the process and will be sharing their inputs. Launch date TBC and resource will be available online.</p> <p>Click HERE to access the Safer Internet Day (taking place today, 7th February) Interactive Resource, produced by Joanne & Darren, to provide useful links for parents/carers and those working with children & young people</p> <p>Visit the CYPSP Youth Wellness Web HERE - Info. is housed in age-specific sections and there are also dedicated Parent & Teacher and Training zones</p> <p>The CYPSP continues to update the Cost of Living Guide to Locality Planning Based Resources and Practical Support for Families and Children - Download HERE</p> <p>LPG Members Survey 2022 results (Regional & Southern Trust focused) have been made available in infographic form</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>Download the CYPSP Annual Report 2022 HERE</p>	<p>JP to circulate various CYPSP links & reports to members</p> <p>DC to provide updates on any groups & meetings at next LPG meeting</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>See last Thursday’s ‘FYI’ Newsletter HERE, focusing on Children’s Mental Health Week (taking place this week) - Thanks to those who submitted relevant information & please share widely!</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 10am (Venue TBC).</p> <p>If anyone is in a position to host the next meeting, please contact Darren or Joanne. Otherwise, Newtownhamilton Community Centre to be contacted RE: availability.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	