

Craigavon LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 10am
Via Zoom Video Conference Call

Attendees	Apologies
Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craigavon - Chair) Darren Curtis (CYPSP) Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes) Stephen Maginn (Relate NI - Speaker) Paula Mathers (Brain Injury Matters - Speaker) Gwen Bartley (ABC Council/PCSP) Aaron Spiers (PIPS Hope & Support) Leah McAleavey (Barnardo's PosAbility)	Ainé Campbell (PSNI) Frances Haughey (ABC Council) David Alderdice (SHSCT) Lisa Grant (NIACRO/FSH) Alex Clifford (ABC Council) Shubhika Pirodia (Relate NI) Kathy Ferris (Craigavon Traveller Support Committee)

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Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. 17/01	Deborah welcomed all to the meeting. Brief intros. given, as new members present. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP
Speaker: Stephen Maginn from Relate NI	Stephen presented on the free Relationships & Sexuality Education for 15-16 Yrs, delivered by Relate NI across the SHSCT Area: Info. HERE . Relate NI's Golden Threads programme also offers free relationships & mental wellbeing workshops and is available in the ABC Council Area only - Info. HERE . E-mail Stephen to further discuss.	JP to share programme flyers & presentation
Speaker: Paula Mathers from Brain Injury Matters	Paula presented on the Children and Youth service, designed to empower families to support C&YP who have sustained an acquired brain injury. Watch Peer Mentoring 'My invisible Brain Injury' Video (Facebook HERE / YouTube HERE) Visit website HERE Anyone can make a referral to Peer Mentoring Programme and 1-to-1 Family-Based Support Service HERE . Also offer an Advocacy Service which provides more practical support for children & young people 0-18 years - Contact Paula for further info.	JP to share various links

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FSH Update	Lisa (NIACRO/FSH): Surpassed yearly targets and have seen an increase in inquiries, both from families and professionals. New trend: Increase in referrals of families open to Family Intervention Team, some of which were self-referrals. ASD/Autism related referrals continue. Number of requests in past month from young families seeking practical support linked to stroke, cancer diagnosis and/or palliative care and referring on to relevant services. Continuing to recruit families for Portadown Gets Active Easter.	
Discussion on Unmet & Emerging Needs	<p>Needs raised during meeting, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSH is hearing about difficulties in recruiting social workers into universities and the workplace. (LG) • Recent meeting in Craigavon Civic Centre hosted by North Lurgan Community Restorative Justice on issue of drugs & organised crime in the Lurgan area. Lot of agencies represented including some LPG members. Feedback provided on discussion: early intervention, reporting incidences to PSNI, involving/engaging young people in discussions where relevant. (DC). AC urged community groups, schools and social services to collectively address the issue through a multi-agency approach. GB remarked on the need for related messages being delivered within school settings to be consistently reinforced. • Trend of older children (some of whom are young parents) still living at home with their parents. Also facing the challenge of getting parents out of their homes to attend face-to-face parenting programmes and groups. (DM) • Children & young people have become increasingly dependent on their parents, potentially linked to helicopter parenting (DM, echoed by LMCA) • Lack of basic everyday life skills and low resilience levels among young people: problem-solving capabilities appear to be at a low post-COVID. (FH) • Presentation Primary School called to highlight concern around children not attending appointments to speech & language and OT, mainly due to 	JP to record needs raised / DC to escalate to SOG

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Discussion on Unmet & Emerging Needs	<p>language/translation issues. School has also flagged difficulties in accessing ESOL programmes. Tetum presents a particular language barrier. School has high percentage of BAME pupils. (LG). Darren advised of the SHSCT pilot programme due to take place in City of Armagh H.S. and JP advised of the Translation Hub for access to material translated into Tetum and other languages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent trend of parents choosing to home-school, which presents a red flag in some cases, particularly as this is not policed. (LG) Home-schooling has been an option chosen by Traveller families for quite some time and it can have an impact on young people on low literacy levels and lack of qualifications. (KF) 	LG to seek approval for school contact details to be shared with Robbie McCague
Action Plan 2021-24	<p>It was agreed that the proposed Lifeskills Programme be put on hold until post-summer, to allow further exploration of programme options available when 2023-24 funding streams have been confirmed and to avoid cross-over. Members to discuss key priorities within their own organisations, and a list of proposed activities & programmes to be drawn up, for discussion & agreement on next steps at the May LPG meeting. It was agreed that support for parents should also be factored into corresponding actions.</p> <p>Work on SHSCT-wide School Uniform Recycling Toolkit and Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Resource for Students, Parents/Caregivers & School Staff is ongoing. Toolkit to be launched imminently. Schools Resource to launch later in the year.</p> <p>The ‘Our Journey’ Co-Production Group are putting finishing touches to a Parent/Caregiver Handbook offering practical support. Launch date TBC.</p>	
Member Agency Updates	<p>Alex (ABC Council): ABC Council Sports Development Update to be circulates in meeting follow-up e-mail. Their diversionary activities are ongoing and proving successful. Awaiting confirmation of funding for future MUGA programmes.</p> <p>Ainé (PSNI): PSNI info. leaflet on Sextortion was included in last week’s ‘FYI’: Click HERE to visit the PSNI’s dedicated webpage.</p>	JP to circulate all links flagged by members after meeting + Any

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Member Agency Updates	<p>Deborah (Home-Start Craigavon): Volunteer Befriender opportunities (for families with children 0-5 years) continue to be available. Mellow Parenting programme upcoming.</p> <p>Kathy (Craigavon Traveller Community Support): Starting a Road Safety programme for young Traveller boys with the PCSP within the next couple of weeks. Gwen added that this also offers an opportunity for the PSNI to engage with this particular group.</p> <p>Frances (ABC Council): Last week’s Men’s Health ‘Worth The Risk’ event was cancelled due to adverse weather but will be being re-scheduled for June. Further info to follow.</p> <p>Maurice (The Prince’s Trust): Get Into Hastings Flyer shared with CYPSP for forward circulation to members: flyer also included in last week’s ‘FYI’.</p>	relevant flyers to be included in next issue of ‘FYI’
AOB	<p>Click HERE to access the Safer Internet Day Interactive Resource, recently produced by CYPSP, providing useful links for parents/carers and those working with C&YP.</p> <p>100th issue of ‘FYI’ Newsletter going out next Thursday: members invited to share any good news stories or positive feedback relating to either having advertised or read ‘FYI’ over the past couple of years. E-mail localityplanning@ci-ni.org.uk</p> <p>The Money Guiders NI Network are keen to hear about practitioner experience around financial education for the 12-17 year old age group: Talk, Learn, Do Survey to be shared by the CYPSP post-meeting.</p>	JP to circulate various CYPSP links & reports
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Tuesday 16th May 2023, at 10am, in Brownlow Community Hub.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	