## Report from Locality Planning Groups to Northern Area Outcomes Group

# Month March 2023- May 2023

# Current Issues being Discussed at LPG:

Including: Gaps in services/Emerging needs

#### Larne/Carrick

- Need for Children's Counselling Services
- Long waiting list for CAMHS, ASD
- Lack of volunteers. Risk of voluntary child/young people services being unavailable
- Young people going into hospital/leaving hospital and not being able to get the
  equipment needed, this can sometimes result in longer stays in hospital. A couple of
  cases highlighted recently where the community OT said the wait would be 12
  weeks. In both cases the children could not go to school without a chair.

## Newtownabbey

- A lack of Family Support Services in the Newtownabbey area. The group feels an Early Intervention Support Service (EISS) is required in the Newtownabbey area.
- Need for Children's Counselling Services
- Long waiting list for CAMHS, ASD
- Spice vaping an issue in schools

## Antrim Ballymena

- Increase in unmet needs highlighted by FSH due of sudden loss of funding in some organisations.
- Vaping in schools

#### Mid Ulster

- Cost of Living Crisis
- A number of services that the FSH work with have closed referrals or have long waiting lists. This is likely to affect levels of unmet need in coming months
- Waiting lists for ASD referrals was highlighted by the FSH

- Children and adolescents mental health issues
- Vaping in schools

## Causeway

- Continued ASD Waiting lists
- Children's Mental Health Services
- Funding for C&V services in Causeway coming to an end
- Cost of living

# Recent Achievements by the Locality Planning Group.

How much did we do? How well did we do it? Is anyone better off? (can be included as a report card)

## Larne/Carrickfergus

 Larne Youth Fair took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Exhibitors visited both Larne Grammar and St Killian's College. Over 190 Year 10 pupils attended and 17 organisations were represented at the Youth Fair. An OBA will follow.

Poverty is also a priority for the Larne/Carrick LPG. Remainging monies were used to purchase 15 x £25 vouchers for Tesco. These cannot be used for alcohol, tobacco, lottery or fuel. The application form was sent to all members and 3 organisations received vouchers to give to their clients experiencing financial hardship. OBA to follow.

## Antrim/Ballymena

Cost of Living Events – 1<sup>st</sup> March (Ballymena showgrounds- networking event) 6<sup>th</sup> March (Dunsilly Hotel – information fair)

40 public attended cost of Living Fairs

15 information stands (OBAs completed and attached)

## Mid Ulster

 4 groups that attend locality planning group submitted an expression of interest for Choose to Love Better funding. Bespoke healthy eating courses were delivered to each group, with needs being identified at the beginning of the course. Feedback

30 adults. Report card to follow  The School uniform Recycling Toolkit was shared again with schools across Mid Ulster  Causeway  20 x counselling sessions for children in Causeway funded by CYPSP and NHSC' funds as a response to gaps highlighted by the LPG and family support hub.  Café Discussion Presentation at Causeway Coast and Glens Community Planning Event  Speakers on Solihull Online Training and Zachary Geddis Break the Silence Trust Services  CYPSP and C&YP services promoted at Sharkin-Plan it family community engagement with Children and Young People, Parents/Carers:  As part of the bespoke healthy eating programmes delivered via Choose to Live Better funding 39 children and 30 adults benefited from attendance  Larne - Over 190 Year 10 pupils from Larne Grammar and St Killian's College attended the Youth Fair organised by the Larne/Carrick LPG  Causeway  Research into Young People's Mental Health. 200+ people were surveyed main health and wellbeing needs highlighted were emotional health and wellbeing, body image and loneliness. They stated they would like their health and wellbeing needs to be met through exercise, hobbies and spending time in nature.	nd Young People, arents/Carers: cluding numbers
Meetings Held: Larne/Carrick	eetings Held:

Break down of number of meetings held: How many attended:	<ul> <li>LPG meeting - 3 March, 11 attendees, 1 new member</li> <li>LPG meeting – 10 May, 10 attendees</li> <li>Subgroup meeting – 28 February, 3 attendees</li> <li>Subgroup meeting - 14 March, 2 attendees</li> <li>Subgroup meeting – 28 March, 2 attendees</li> </ul>				
	Newtownabbey  • 14 March – 13 attendees, 1 new member  • 16 May – 13 members, 1 new member				
	Antrim Ballymena Locality Planning Group meetings:  • 21 March 2023 plus CYPSP standards meeting  • 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023  14 attended 21 March  12 attended 2 May				
	Mid Ulster 1 meeting held on 31 <sup>st</sup> March with 13 in attendance Causeway				
	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 14 in attendance 2 new members –ZGBST and Credit Union 9th May 2023 17 in attendance Action Plan Meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023				
Upcoming Events:	Mid Ulster  • Next Locality Planning meeting set for Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> March with a focus on planning/setting priorities				
	Causeway				

	'How are we doing?' CYPSP Standards Meeting Tuesday 13th June 2023					
Additional Information:						

<sup>\*\*</sup>LPG Planner can include photos from events, report cards, press releases etc. with captions on an additional page