

Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 11th May 2023 at 10am
City of Armagh High School

Attendees		Apologies
Darren Curtis (CYPSP - Acting Chair)	Joan McCool (BCM)	Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Rebecca Simpson (BCM)	Eleanor McKenna (PIPS H&S)
Ann-Marie Baxter (Barnardo's NI / FSH)	Sophie Lester (ABC Council)	Bernadette Lally (SHSCT / MACE)
Bernie Diver (The Prince's Trust)	Padraig McBrien (REACT)	Edel Ferson (ABC Council)
Rhiannon Gallagher (Clanrye Group)	Karen Ross (PSNI)	Kathryn Leyburn (Don't Box Me In)
Caelan Donnelly (Youth Action NI)	Mark Doran (ABC Council)	John Beattie (Triangle Housing)
Karen Mulholland (City of Armagh H.S.)	Stephen Harland (Ark Housing)	Mia Murray (ArKe Sure Start)
Caroline Dawson (Youth Justice Agency)	Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)	Glenda McMullen (Armagh Food Bank)
Adrian Hutchinson (EA Youth Service)		

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. 09/03	Darren welcomed all to the meeting, as Acting Chair. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
FSH Update	Ann-Marie (Barnardo's NI / FSH): Still busy. Financial requests continue but no access to funds so re-direct accordingly. 32 referrals in April. Exceeded last year's total. 20% of needs previously met by Bolster & Family Group Conferencing so have to re-direct. More complex needs recently. 11-15 yrs currently largest referral ages. REACT youth mentoring operating again. Face-to-face Hub meetings lead to better quality discussions.	
Discussion on Unmet & Emerging Needs	Needs raised during meeting, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/3 pupils are newcomer (primarily Bulgarian/Roma). Cultural differences notable on appropriate behaviour/consent, parental engagement, young people looking after siblings (affecting attendance). Language also a major barrier to mainstream participation. Need to educate parents on further education options. Newcomer 	JP to record needs raised / DC to report to SOG

	<p>children going straight into work when leaving secondary school. Fear among Roma families of statutory organisations. (KM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several members raised that volunteers are very hard to recruit: see Volunteer Now info. HERE and to Community NI info. HERE on searching for volunteers. • FSH starting to see referrals linked to vaping which are referred to REACT. (AMB) • Rise in sextortion reports, despite heavy awareness raising efforts. Need for PSNI to link with other organisations to discuss alternative ways of getting key messaging across. (KR) • Families will struggle to afford summer camps this year, as quite a few are paid-for and free programmes seem to be for closed groups. (AMB) 	<p>Meeting with the SHSCT Sexual Health Team today, DC & AH in attendance.</p>
Action Plan 2021-24	<p>Feel Good Armagh Community Event: 9th June in Armagh City Hotel 10am-1pm. Contact Stephen or John ASAP to request an info. stall. Stephen confirmed 57 groups supporting all ages are registered, most services due to attend being free or low-cost.</p> <p>Feel Good Armagh Youth Event on 10th June at the Epicentre 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Subgroup have met with young people to confirm their involvement and discuss ideas. The event is to be fully accessible and the target no. of attendees is 150. Organisations are welcome to attend, but activities must be interactive. Flyer to be circulated imminently.</p> <p>55 attendees have taken part in the recent School Uniform Recycling Toolkit online briefing sessions. Contact Darren to receive a digital copy of the resource.</p> <p>Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Resource for Students, Parents/Caregivers & School Staff will launch later in year - CYPSP currently liaising with designer.</p> <p>‘Our Journey’ Family Info. Pack launch on 22nd May at Stormont. This practical resource has been prepared in co-production with parents/carers. Link to follow.</p>	<p>Members to re-share flyer</p> <p>Subgroup to feedback at post-summer LP Meeting</p>

AOB	<p>PHA Presentation: Preventing and Reducing Harm From Substance Use shared after the recent Southern Drugs and Alcohol Coordination Team (SDACT) Information Workshop, attended by Darren. Click HERE for further info. on the START 360 Targeted Life Skills Service, which delivers age-appropriate life skills and harm reduction programmes to vulnerable young people using, or at-risk of using, substances. Visit the CYPSP Translation Hub HERE. E-mail valerie.maxwell@hscni.net to further discuss general submission requirements.</p> <p>Visit the CYPSP Youth Wellness Web HERE Info. & resources are housed in age-specific sections and there are also dedicated Parent & Teacher and Training zones. Click HERE to download the CYPSP Resource Pack for Children & Young People, which includes a range of resources and activities, all free and all in the public domain.</p> <p>CYPSP have organised Vaping Awareness Online Sessions to be delivered by ASCERT, via Zoom, on the 19th and 22nd June from 2pm to 4pm. E-mail Darren if you would like to attend (Spaces limited to 2 attendees per organisation).</p> <p>SBNI Online Safety Hub launching soon - Organisations invited to submitting relevant content for inclusion.</p> <p>See today's 'FYI' Newsletter for info. on upcoming training opportunities, forthcoming events and useful links, as mentioned during today's meeting.</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>
Next Meeting	<p>Thursday 7th September 2023, at 10am, via Zoom.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	