

Banbridge LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 10am
Banbridge Youth Resource Centre

Attendees	Apologies
Lucinda Love-Teggarty (FutureProof - Chair) Darren Curtis (CYPSP - Acting Chair) Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes) Eimear Le Blevec (EA Youth Service) Chris Clague (New-Bridge Integrated College) Nichola Lockhart (Early Years Toybox) Lisa Grant (NIACRO / Family Support Hub)	Gwen Bartley (PCSP / ABC Council) David Alderdice (SHSCT) Karen Conn (Barnardo's Nova) Judith Younger (Action For Children) Adrian Hutchinson (EA Y.S.) Mark Coiley (Action For Children)

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Welcome, Apols., Mins. 24/05/23	Lucinda welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload to CYPSP website
LPG Standards Exercise	Members divided into small groups for the purpose of the exercise. Feedback provided on post-it notes at various stations located around the room. Follow-up discussions to take place at next LPG meeting.	Feedback to be collated by CYPSP
FSH Update	Lisa (NIACRO / FSH): Busier than usual summer. 1/3 referrals from Gateway and more self-referrals from families. Referrals recently received from Lifeline Counsellors, NSPCC Young Witness Schemes & Steps To Wellness. Linked families in need into local Summer PGA programme. Post-diagnosis ADHD support consistently raised by parents: FSH able to connect some families into relevant Parentline NI & Parenting NI workshops & parent groups over the summer. Teen referrals increasing: usual trend at back-to-school time. Lengthy waiting lists for member organisations and expected increased capacity issues in future. Difficulty to recruit volunteers. Relate NI have requested to be	

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	a FSH core member. The Hub has also been asked to be involved in a Youth Justice Agency pilot for the 10+ age group.	
Discussion on Unmet & Emerging Needs	Needs raised during meeting, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited local opportunities for primary school aged children with additional needs/disabilities. (JY) Info. was shared on known local groups for C&YP with Autism/ADHD/Additional Needs. WHSCT have set up Autism Social Cafés in the region. Autism Facebook pages can provide support for parents/carers. 	LL-T to collate info. & share
Action Plan 2021-24	<p>'Your Journey Through Disability' Guide available to download HERE - This resource is live and will be updated regularly. E-mail cypsp@hscni.net to submit relevant info.</p> <p>Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Resource for Students, Parents/Caregivers & School Staff currently at design stage and to be released within the next month, providing relevant go-to contact info. & resources.</p>	
Member Agency Updates	<p>David (SHSCT): Working closely with the Children With Disabilities Team for 12-14 yrs. Ran Summer Schemes in Portadown & Gilford aiming to increase local coverage in future. Lost capacity to accommodate siblings attending summer schemes due to lack of space and availability of staff/volunteers. Demand for provision continues to increase. More multiple family members diagnosed with additional needs. Referrals to Community Access must be open to Children With Disabilities Team.</p> <p>Judith / Mark (Action For Children): Referrals increasing dramatically due to increased awareness raising in ABC & N&M areas. Collating stats on hours of care by young carers. Increase in young carers diagnosed with additional needs. Continuing to network. Linked with Frances at ABC Council for a summer scheme for local young carers. Need to access alternative funding opportunities from Jan. Wellbeing Practitioner provides support for young carers with mental health issues, but funding temporary for this post.</p> <p>Nichola (Early Years Toybox): New to post. Offering outreach programmes for Traveller & Roma families, including home visits. Promoting Early Years play, supporting families into Sure Start and starting primary school. Organisations can directly refer.</p>	<p>JP to circulate all links after meeting + Any relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'</p> <p>Contact Nichola for further info.</p>

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<p>Member Agency Updates *Update received via e-mail</p>	<p>Karen (Barnardo's Nova): Continuing to offer therapeutic trauma support to C&YP of families affected by the NI conflict. Starting a new service linked with SHSCT to support families at pre-ADHD diagnosis stage.</p> <p>Gwen (PCSP / ABC Council): Armagh SRC Drama students involved in a play to local schools in Oct, focusing on effects of drugs & alcohol targeted at 15/16+ yrs (5 slots available). Recent car workshop & skateboarding events were positively received by young people. Request made for nominations across various categories included in the NI Road Safety Awards on 28th Oct. PSNI have produced an awareness raising video highlighting potential consequences of possessing fireworks, to be shared in due course.</p> <p>Adrian (EA Youth Service): Very busy summer, centre drop-ins operating but in different format to previous years: feedback from young people was for local centres opening in evening & twilight times. A cluster of local young people took part in inter-club activities linked to T-BUC Camp during summer and now participating in post-camp programmes/activities. Eimear involved in leading Duke of Edinburgh expeditions over summer and a Talent Show was held in the the Youth Resource Centre and was well attended. Will be involved in rolling out firework safety related messaging with the PCSP in the near future. Cash For Kids Mission Christmas initiative will run again this year, with a social action project focus and aiming to secure more items for teenagers.</p> <p>Chris (New-Bridge Integrated College): Continuing to see issues such as anxiety, school avoidance and challenging behaviours. REACH Mentoring taking place today. Exodus continuing to deliver work in the school, as well as Youth For Christ. Alternatives Restorative Justice Aspire Programme for Young Men starting soon.</p> <p>Frances (ABC Council)*: The originally postponed 'Worth The Risk' Men's Health Week Event is now scheduled to take place on Friday 17th November 2023, as detailed in the attached flyer, which Frances from ABC Council (Ccd) has asked us to share + Frances is also keen to spread the word on the Dromore Men's Health Fayre, which will take place on Tuesday 26th September 2023, per the corresponding attached flyer.</p>	

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AOB	<p>Visit the CYPSP Southern Area Locality Planning Linktree page HERE, where you can access a range of useful info., resources, scorecards, etc., including the Portadown Gets Active Summer Evaluation HERE.</p> <p>Visit the CYPSP Translation Hub HERE - See the attached document, which contains links to attend the upcoming online training on the 25th Sept (12pm to 12.30pm).</p> <p>Visit the CYPSP Youth Wellness Web HERE - See the attached document, which contains links to attend the upcoming online training on the 26th Sept (12pm to 12.30pm).</p> <p>Visit the CYPSP Parent Support Page HERE to view all upcoming Evidence-Based Parenting Programmes being delivered in the SHSCT Area.</p> <p>Investing in the Community & Voluntary Sector Stakeholder Engagement Workshops being hosted by the SHSCT Promoting Wellbeing Division across October - Workshops are open to all stakeholders across the Trust incl. community and voluntary sector groups, service users, carers, funders, HSC staff and SHSCT statutory partners. Members encouraged to invite relevant colleagues to consider joining the Banbridge LPG - Flyer, for sharing, to follow.</p>	JP to circulate various CYPSP links & reports to members
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 15th November 2023, at 10am, via Zoom.</p> <p>We will be starting to look at Action Planning for 2024-27 and scheduling 2024 meeting dates & formats at our next meeting.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	