

Report from Locality Planning Groups to Southern Area Outcomes Group

Months: February – June 2023

<p>Current Issues being Discussed at LPG: Including: Gaps in services/Emerging needs</p>	<p>Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health of Children & Young People:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent government announcement on Free School Meals, counselling services cut in schools, having a detrimental impact on C&YP. Physical Activity Programmes have also been cut. (Mid-Ulster District Council, Dungannon) Exam stress raised with youth workers: EA doing what they can to help young people, signposting to the Youth Wellness Web and looking at revision strategies. Young people this year seem even more stressed than normal. (EA Youth Service, Newry & Mourne) 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. Meeting with the SHSCT and EA Youth Service. (PSNI, Armagh) <p>Supporting Parents & Caregivers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in families with reduced school hours. (FSH, Banbridge) Envisaging an influx of Surestart out-of-area families as the cost of living worsens. (Star Surestart, Banbridge) Notable issue of digital exclusion and those seeking to access health-related information and otherwise. Language is another barrier to accessing services. (SHSCT, MDT, South Armagh) Transport is a barrier to individuals accessing individual/group support for cancer - Is there an option to have a Cancer Support Group in the South Armagh Area? (Women's Aid Armagh Down, South Armagh) PIPS Hope & Support are aware of some individuals (e.g. within the farming community) in need who still do not access groups which they are connected into locally. (PIPS Hope & Support, South Armagh) More complex needs in recent referrals. 11-15 yrs are the biggest age group of need at present. (FSH, South Armagh) <p>Addressing the Impact of Poverty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. (FSH, Armagh) <p>Other Emerging /Unmet Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FSH are starting to see referrals come in linked to vaping, which they are referring on to REACT. (FSH, Armagh)
<p>Recent Achievements by the Locality Planning Groups</p>	<p>School Uniform Recycling Toolkit: Updated to cover all of Southern Trust area. 6 online briefings with 55 schools/groups and collecting data to assess the extent of use. See attached infographics from 2 initiatives.</p> <p>Feel Good Armagh: 2 events on 9th & 10th June: Family information day on 9th and Young Peoples event on 10th. Score card to follow</p> <p>2 x Vaping Awareness Sessions: in partnership with ASCERT – 28 attendees. Scorecard to follow</p>

	<p>FYI: 10 editions of our fortnightly e-bulletin circulated: 552 pages and 787 pieces of information shared in total - Sent to 8,535 contacts in total and downloaded 1,448 times by contacts through the CYPSP website - Average download rate across the year, to date = 20% FYI is also sent as attachment as requested by recipients so reaches a much higher number.</p>
<p>Engagement with C&YP, Parents/ Carers:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 x Feel Good Armagh Planning Meetings with Young People for Youth Event – 102 young people in total • Crossmaglen GAA Community Health Event – 24 parents/carers in total • Feel Good Armagh Youth Event – 130 young people, 20 parents/carers in total • Portadown Library Community Health Day – 15 parents/carers in total
<p>Meetings Held:</p>	<p>Meetings Held: Locality Planning Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armagh LPG – 9th March (Zoom) 14 attended (4 stat, 10 com/vol) and 11th May (in person) 17 attended (7 stat, 10 com/vol) • Banbridge LPG – 22nd March (in person) 10 attended (2 stat, 8 com/vol) & 24th May (Zoom) 12 attended (5 stat, 7 com/vol) • Craigavon LPG – 14th March (Zoom) 15 attended (5 stat, 10 com/vol) & 16th May (in person) 11 attended (3 stat, 8 com/vol) • Dungannon LPG – 31st Jan (Zoom) 9 attended (3 stat, 6 com/vol) 4th April (in person) 8 attended (3 stat, 5 com/vol) & 13th June (Zoom) 7 attended (1 stat, 6 com/vol) • Newry & Mourne LPG – 15th Feb (in person) 17 attended, 8 stat, 9 com/vol, 19th April (Zoom) 12 attended, 3 stat, 9 com/vol and 21st June (in person) 16 attended, 4 stat, 12 com/vol • South Armagh LPG – 7th Feb (Zoom) 12 attended (3 stat, 9 com/vol), 28th March (in person) 10 attended (3 stat, 7 com/vol) and 6th June (Zoom) 14 attended (5 stat, 9 com/vol). <p><u>Total attendance at LPG meetings: 184 members: 59 from statutory and 125 voluntary/community sectors.</u></p> <p>Meetings Held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 x Feel Good Armagh Planning Group Meetings (mix of Zoom and face-face) – 55 attendees • Feel Good Armagh Youth Workers Meeting – 6 attendees • 5 x Feel Good Armagh Young People's Planning Group Meeting – 98 attended (78 young people, 20 youth workers) • 2 x Gaming & Gambling Awareness Session held in partnership with GamCare – 24 participants • 6 x School Uniform Recycling Toolkit Online Briefings with school staff – 55 attendees • 4 x Interagency Sextortion Meetings – 17 attendees <p>Meetings Attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x Emotional Wellbeing Network Meetings – 24 attendees • 2 x Our Journey Through Disability Planning Group Meetings – 32 attendees (20 parents) • Locality Planning Co-ordinators Meeting – 14 attendees • PGA Easter Planning Group Meeting – 5 attendees • Ethnic Minority & Migrant Workers Interagency Group Meeting – 12 attendees • North Lurgan Community Safety Partnership Interagency Meeting – 24 attendees

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health Day at Portadown Library – engaged with 32 (15 parents/carers) • Barnardo's PosAbility Group – Feel Good Armagh Planning Group – 11 attendees (8 young people) • 2 x Locality Planning Co-ordinators Meeting – 22 attendees • SDACT Drug & Alcohol Services Information Online Briefing – 32 attendees • CAWT MACE End of Programme Celebration – 120 attendees • Loneliness Network Planning Group – 6 attendees • Loneliness Network Online Event – 15 attendees • 4 x Mid Ulster Community Planning Resource Pooling Initiative Meetings – 16 attendees • ABC Council Youth Hardship Fund Meeting – 7 attendees • ABC Council Asylum Seekers Interagency Meeting – 3 attendees • Southern PLIG (Protect Life Implementation Group) Meeting – 22 attendees • Cancer Focus UK Vaping Training Session – 24 attendees
Upcoming Events:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional Wellbeing resource for students, parents/carers and school staff – to be signed off and printed • Sextortion Interagency initiative – working with young people on short videos for social media.