

South Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 10am
Forkhill Community Centre, Forkhill

| Attendees | | Apologies |
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| Annie Clarke (SHSCT - Chair) | Robert Glusek (SureStart SA) | Maria Keenan (Clanrye Group) Eleanor McKenna (PIPS) |
| Darren Curtis (CYPSP) | Tracy Walker (Surestart SA) | |
| Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes) | Lizzy Smyth (SOPYC) | |
| Dorethy Davidson (SHSCT, MDT) | Rosie Carey (EA Youth Service) | |
| Caroline Potter (Bolster Community) | | |

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action - By Whom |
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| Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. (06/06) | Annie welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed. | JP to upload Minutes 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 | Caroline (Bolster Community / FSH): Slight drop in referral nos. over summer as normal but picking up again. Referrals for 3 families with bereaved C/YP. Referrals for school refusal & school de-registering. (Education Welfare attended FSH in Sept.) Rise in poor maternal mental health. YJA Youth Diversionary Forum now established and working well. | DC to link in with local EWO |
| Discussion on Unmet & Emerging Needs | Needs raised during meeting, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lengthy waiting lists for bereavement support for C&YP. (CP) • Service users are flagging long waiting lists for core SHSCT services. (TW) • Children struggling with low confidence and self-esteem, post-lockdown. (LS) • Notable no. of consent forms for summer programmes cited anxiety in young people: also visible in young people's behaviour when on residential during the summer. (RC) | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High anxiety affecting school attendance with some young people. (DD) | |
| 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>2 Vaping Awareness Sessions organised by CYPSP and delivered by ASCERT, via Zoom on 19th and 22nd June - View Scorecard HERE.</p> <p>Southern Trust Area School Uniform Recycling Toolkit released in May. Collating feedback from participating schools to share good practice and evaluate.</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> <p>EA Youth Service, PSNI and SHSCT Sexual Health Team have met to discuss an online campaign to raise awareness on the issue of Sextortion. Young people will be involved in content planning and duplication of other existing campaigns will be avoided.</p> | E-mail to request a copy |
| Member Agency Updates | <p>Robert/Tracy (SureStart South Armagh): Lost a lot of staff recently. New SLT has recently started. New Bulgarian families have recently arrived in Newtownhamilton. Toybox are active locally, offering good support and Maurice Rocks is helping with challenges, such as GP registration and school places. 10 Bulgarian families registered with Sure Start in the past of weeks. Robert asked about local foodbank provision: Newry Food Initiative can reach South Armagh: Contact Maurice for referral vouchers.</p> <p>Lizzy (St. Oliver Plunkett Youth Club): High demand for years P6+ to participate in programmes. Received great support from local C,V&S groups and are thankful. Recently run bushcraft programme was well-received. Workshops on social media pending. Programme commencing in partnership with PCSP and IFA just, targeting 25 local young people. Junior Club has recommenced. Youth For All Social Group now running. Beginning to settle in the youth club now after a challenging period.</p> | JP to circulate all links flagged by members after meeting + Any relevant flyers to be included in next issue of 'FYI' |

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| <p>Member Agency Updates</p> <p><i>*Update received via e-mail</i></p> | <p>Dorethy (SHSCT, MDT): 12 mums registered for New Mums programme, including multi-disciplinary inputs in Newry. MDT Social Work team in Rathfriland Health Centre want to hear from parents/carers of a child with diagnosis of ASD, ADHD or waiting on an assessment at a focus group meeting to discuss local supports needed.</p> <p>Annie (SHSCT): Community & Voluntary Sector Stakeholder Engagement Workshops being hosted by SHSCT Promoting Wellbeing Division. Open to all stakeholders across the Trust including community and voluntary sector groups, service users, carers, funders, HSC staff and SHSCT statutory partners. SHSCT Speech & Language Advice Line and Play & Say Parent Programme ongoing. Cancer Support Event in Cullyhanna last week for those affected by cancer in the South Armagh Area (This originated from a previous LPG meeting discussion). Please share the following link for the Cancer Support in South Armagh Area Survey. Autism Bus, funded by Neighbourhood Renewal, is coming to Newry & Warrenpoint next week and is already fully booked. Dementia Bus coming at end of October - Registrations via SHSCT PWB Team.</p> <p>Rosie (EA Youth Service): Busy summer with residentials and other programmes. Evening programmes running again. Killeavy Football Scheme starting next week.</p> <p>Caroline (Bolster Community): Upcoming Events: Family Day Trip & Silent Disco. Tots & Tea Groups continue to meet in Newry & Markethill weekly. Parenting Plus ADHD & Special Needs programme currently running. Starting a Parenting Plus programme in St. Paul's High School, specifically for parents of pupils. Parenting support & programmes still in very high demand and continuing to react accordingly. Hardship Fund available for N&M Area to help with heating & food: Referrals must come from services working directly with families.</p> <p>Maria (Clanrye Group)*: Employ Me programme currently running. Fast Track Customer Service Course starting in Clanrye's Quays Office, Newry, next Monday.</p> | <p>Call Bolster Office for referral link/form.</p> |
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| AOB | <p>Darren recently met with Children In Need to discuss the Big Sky Programme. Find out more HERE about BBC Children In Need Emergency Essentials Programme.</p> <p>Incredible Life Carers Information & Wellbeing Event in Seagoe Hotel, on Tue 24th Oct, 10am - 2pm. (Targeted at parents & caregivers of children with additional needs.)</p> <p>Info. on Child Bereavement Support Services recently sent to CYPSP from Find Help NI (Visit the Find Help NI website HERE).</p> <p>CYPSP Translation Hub HERE. E-mail Valerie Maxwell (valerie.maxwell@hscni.net) to submit relevant content for inclusion.</p> <p>Recordings of the recent CYPSP Translation Hub & Youth Wellness Web Online Training sessions (30 minutes in length) will be made available in due course.</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>Members encouraged to invite relevant colleagues to consider joining the South Armagh LPG - Flyer, for sharing, to follow.</p> | <p>Further details to follow.</p> <p>DC to provide updates on any groups & meetings at next LPG meeting</p> <p>JP to circulate various CYPSP links & reports to members</p> |
| Date of Next Meeting | <p>Tuesday 28th November 2023, at 10am, via Zoom.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p> | |