

**CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group  
Ballymote Centre Downpatrick  
2pm 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Chair Lynda Vladeanu (SEHSCT), Noelle Hollywood (South Eastern HSC Trust ), Priscilla McAlinden (NMADDC) Niamh Wallace (Sure Start) Amanda Armstrong (SEHSCT) Julie Casement (AFC) Jenny Lavery (CDRCN) Stephen Glass,(EA Area Learning Coordinator) Colleen Morrison (NMAD) Rachel Duncan (Down MDT) Angela Doyle (Childrens Disability Team) Gabrielle ONeill (SEHSCT) Ed Sipler (SEHSCT) Shelly Keenan (SEHSCT MDT)

**Apologies;** Andrea Keenan (Clanrye Group) Karen Otley,(SEHSCT) Allan Reid (PHL) Siobhan Stratton (Barnardos) Marie Kelly (Down Sure Start) Ellen Brennan (NMADDC) Norman Gibson (CAP) Taucher McDonald (NMADDC) Danella McGarry(CDRCN) Sgt Ryan Duffy (PSNI) Sarah Radcliff (Helping Kids Talk) Janine Campbell (Ballynahinch Counselling)

Agenda Item	Brief Description	Action
1. <b>Welcome, Introductions</b>	Lynda opened the meeting and welcomed the members of Down Locality Planning Group.	
2. <b>Minutes and matters arising</b>	Actions and minutes from the last meeting discussed and agreed.	
3. <b>SE Outcomes Group Meeting update;</b>	Lynda presented a brief summary of the Independent Review of Childrens Social Services by Proff. Ray Jones. He consulted	

	<p>widely with Parents, Carers and Professionals and published a comprehensive report with 53 recommendations. Lynda encouraged all members to read and respond to the consultation</p> <p>New Membership of SEOG; Lynda explained that every three years there was an application process to recruit new members but new members can be accepted via a process and agreement with the Chair</p> <p>Anyone with any queries please contact Lynda Vladeanu</p>	
<b>4. Down Locality Plan update</b>	<p>Copy of the Down LPG Plan circulated with Agenda; Lynda gave a brief update of the plan and invited comments from the group.</p> <p>Ed Sipler informed the group about his online courses and webinars</p> <p>There followed a lengthy discussion on the calendar of services/courses delivered in schools. It was agreed that there are many services delivered by a wide number of organisations and that it would be difficult to keep a directory up to date.</p> <p>Schools also had a school nurse or social worker attached to their school</p>	<p>Noelle to share links with group. Ed to share posters for distribution.</p> <p>Claire Gardener CAHMS to be invited to attend next group</p> <p>Noelle to share RISENI page tiger of services. Safer Schools App. CCEA website in newsletter.</p>
<b>5. Family Support Hub Update;</b>	<p>Amanda Armstrong reported that there is two vacancies within the Family Support Team and a admin vacancy</p> <p>There has been an increase to 22 referrals to the FSH in the Down area.</p>	<p>Amanda to share details of the vacancies when they are advertised</p>

<p><b>6. Emergency response to Flooding</b></p>	<p>Coleen Morrison NMADDC gave an overview of the Councils response to the floods.</p> <p>Jenny Lavery CDRCN gave an update from the Rural Community Network's response in partnership with other services across the community.</p>	
<p><b>7. Christmas Cost of Living Campaign</b></p>	<p>Jenny CDRCN gave a comprehensive report on the services delivered to vulnerable families; Toy appeal. Food hampers, Panto tickets, winter warm packs in partnership with SVP, Foodbank, Ballynahinch Collective, Norbrook, Lottery, CAP</p> <p>Niamh Wallace Down SureStart reported on the seasonal support to their service users including; food hampers, winter warm packs.</p>	
<p><b>8. Any other business</b></p>	<p>Coleen Morrison NMADDC (Sport Development) informed the meeting about free swimming lessons for Children and Young People with neurodevelopmental issues, there was a brief discussion about a pilot Social Café for families on waiting list for neurodevelopmental services. Pilot will be launched in New Year, Down LPG members invited to give their response via survey monkey.</p>	<p>Noelle to circulate survey to Down LPG members.</p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2-4pm Ballymote Centre. Downpatrick</p> <p>.</p>	