

Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 29th February 2024 at 10am
Epicentre, Armagh

Attendees	Apologies
Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI) - Chair Darren Curtis (CYPSP) Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes Adam Murphy (Youth Action NI) Stephen Harland (Ark Housing) Nichola Lockhart (Early Years Toybox) Ann-Marie Baxter (Barnardo's NI/FSH) Glenda McMullen (Armagh Food Bank) Adrian Hutchinson (EA Youth Service) Laura Mills (The Prince's Trust) Matthew Matchett (Cedar Foundation)	Aaron Spiers (PIPS H&S) Siobhan Brennan (PIPS H&S) Ellie McKenna (NICMA) Mark Doran (ABC Council) Diane Stinson (ABC Council) John Beattie (Triangle Housing) Roisin O'Hagan (ABC Council) Mia Murray (ArKe Sure Start) Donna Gibney (SHSCT) Rebecca Simpson (BCM)
	Caroline Dawson (Youth Justice Agency) Catherine McCormack (SHSCT) Gwen Bartley (ABC PCSP) Karen Ross (PSNI) Philip Batt (PAPYRUS) Rhiannon Gallagher (Clanrye Group)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. 11/01	Michael 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. Exercise viewed as being a good networking opportunity and great to have different interpretations of Locality Planning shared. It was agreed that C&YP and parents (as opposed to attending LPGs themselves) should be represented / advocated for by those members organisations working directly with them.	Feedback to be collated by CYPSP

FSH Update	<p>Ann-Marie (Barnardo's NI/FSH): FSH consistently busy. Increased telephone enquiries. Small no. of re-referrals received, possibly due to families needing more specific support which may not be available. Still receiving referrals for families open to Social Services, which FSH cannot accept: attendees asked to encourage referrers to inform families about this. Encouraged by referrals from Social Services when they are stepping down. Referrals for children waiting on assessment for Autism and ADHD continue: FSH encourages families to avail of available support from ADIS or via services available in community e.g. Youth Wellness Web, Solihull Approach and Autism NI. Increase in past 2 months in need for teenage and adolescent support. REACT, who provide mentoring only, work with children aged 10+ but unable to provide therapeutic or counselling support for adolescents. Continues to be no therapeutic support for adolescents, apart from CAMHS. CAPS BCM & REACT can only be accessed through FSH.</p>	<p>FSH Referral Form HERE Watch promo video HERE E-mail Ann-Marie with any Armagh/ Dungannon related FSH queries</p>
Action Plan 2021-24	<p>'Take a Healthy Selfie' Resource Launch on 7th February. FREE resource co-designed with young people for their peers, parents/caregivers and school staff. Aims to enhance young people's mental health & emotional wellbeing.</p> <p>Feel Good Armagh Community Networking Event on Saturday 15th June 2024, 10am to 1pm, on The Mall. E-mail Stephen from Ark Housing to register an information stand.</p> <p>Sextortion Linktree created to provide links to information, advice, resources & videos relating to sextortion and staying safe online. Visit the SBNI Online Safety Hub HERE.</p>	<p>Click HERE to download digital versions + E-mail HERE to request hard copies</p> <p>Click HERE to access Linktree</p>
Member Agency Updates	<p>Ann-Marie (Barnardo's NI/FSH): "In Our Place" website offers courses dedicated to improving emotional health and wellbeing in parents, children, teenagers, adults and grandparents. Visit the website HERE.</p> <p>Mark (ABC Council): 2nd Participatory Budget Event on Saturday 2nd March including, with community voting. All welcome. Community Health Checks ongoing, focus on areas of deprivation and migrant families. DfC & PHA have provided additional funding to</p>	<p>JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'</p>

<p>Member Agency Updates</p>	<p>provide practical resources to help those struggling with the cost of living: items to be distributed via local organisations (SVP, BCM, churches).SHSCT & Ark Housing are engaging young people in the City of Armagh High School on improving mental health. Intergenerational Event at Cathedral Road on 7th March with local primary schools involved. Drug & Alcohol Awareness Event on 12th March at Marketplace Theatre: 13-15 years old pupils from 6 local Schools. Southern Area Men’s Health Group Event on 21st March at Lough Neagh Discovery Centre: Year 10 young men participating.</p> <p>Roisin (ABC Council): Autism In Sport Programme currently available. Sensory Walk on The Mall on 13th April: further details to follow. All-Stars Summer Scheme due to take place in Gilford & Armagh. Contacts ABC Council for their Micro Grants.</p> <p>Diane (ABC Council): Connect With Essential Services: a range of Community Networking Drop-In Sessions will take place over the coming weeks. Community Development funding has been greatly reduced. Currently in April+ planning stage.</p> <p>Michael (Youth Action NI): Youth Start Employment Programme running for ages 16-24. Supporting young people in SPRING, in partnership with REACT & Vibe. Unmet Need: Continuing to receive requests for additional support for young men but limited in what can be offered on a 1-to-1 mentoring basis. Currently recruiting for local job role.</p> <p>Donna (SHSCT, Community Access): Working with CWD Team who continue to refer young people into the service. Transition Programme in the Epicentre. Partnership with Council continues. Summer Schemes planning currently taking place.</p> <p>Mia (ArKe Sure Start): Current priority is sending information for September 2024 2-Year Programme intake: 36 places available and have sent out 172 forms.</p>	
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<p>Member Agency Updates</p>	<p>Ellie (NICMA): Currently a massive childcare crisis due to affordability and availability. NICMA are focusing on promoting registered childminding across NI and can also mentor newly registered childcare providers. Available to give advice to parents & caregivers.</p> <p>Siobhan (PIPS Hope & Support): C&YP People’s Services have not been running due to lack of resources: aiming to get restarted during 2024. Office based in Lurgan which covers the ABC Council Area for Training & Community Development.</p> <p>Stephen (Ark Housing): Ogle Street families due to move in next week and hoping to hold a small-scale event with info. stands as part of the session. Further details to follow.</p> <p>Rebecca (BCM): Currently operating a waiting list, but still taking referrals for any local housing needs.</p> <p>Glenda (Armagh Foodbank): New premises in Barrack Street, renamed as Stepping Stones Pantry. Plan to open a social supermarket offering 6-8 week membership with money/debt management course included. As a referral service they rely on local agencies to refer, then provide a foodbank voucher. Main outcome aim is that service users will ultimately become self-sufficient (hence the new name!).</p> <p>Laura (The Prince’s Trust): Range of employability & training programmes for ages 16-30 e.g. Foundations, Explore and Get Into...Offer self-employment grants & loans as well as Development Awards to return to education & training. Can cover travel & lunch costs. Keen to deliver programmes more locally and happy to discuss tailoring programmes to individual groups in the Armagh Area.</p> <p>Adam (Barnardo’s NI): New Transition & Inclusion Support Worker. Carrying out peer coaching & schools work. Sixth Sense programme delivered locally. 4-year TIS funding plan is awaiting feedback.</p>	<p>GMcM to trial new Translation Device on loan to DC from SHSCT</p>
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<p>Member Agency Updates</p>	<p>Adrian (EA Youth Service): Epicentre operates most evenings. Positive links continue with C of A HS. New financial year approaching, looking at priority areas & emerging needs. International Women’s Day Events planned. Level 1 Area Worker Job Post live.</p> <p>Matthew (Cedar Foundation): Outgoing Youth Officer for the SHSCT Area. (Members wished Matthew all the best in his new job role.) Personal Development Programmes currently running in Dobbin Street on Tuesdays. Programmes delivered in the Armagh, Craigavon & Newry Areas.</p> <p>Nichola (Early Years Toybox): Armagh is a low update area for ethnic minority & Traveller families, with engagement proving difficult despite dedicated efforts. Currently have capacity to work with more families with children 0-4, so please refer any children into their service where relevant. Continue to attend ARTS meetings, as well as visiting families in the home. Hoping to carry out some further partnership working with ArKe Sure Start with the aim of increasing engagement.</p> <p>Ongoing need raised (Youth Action NI, Cedar Foundation & EA Youth Service): Difficulty in recruiting youth workers continues, likely due to salary, hours, travel requirements, expectations placed on post holders & short-term nature of posts.</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>CAWT Survey RE: the proposed Cross-Border ‘Early Intervention Support Youth Hubs (EASY)’ Project recently released.</p> <p>Looking ahead to Action Planning 2024-27, members are requested to send any consultation responses or evidence gathering data to Darren at CYPSP, for inclusion.</p> <p>CYPSP Southern Area LPG Meetings Year In Review 2023 document provides an overview & breakdown of attendance at last year’s LPG Meetings, incl. Armagh.</p>	<p>Complete Survey HERE</p> <p>JP to circulate all links & reports to members</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd May 2024, 10am, via Zoom.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	<p>Please accept Outlook Invite</p>