

Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 11th January 2024 at 10am
Via Zoom Video Conference Call

Attendees		Apologies
Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI) - Chair	Teresa Miles (BCM)	Adrian Hutchinson (EA Youth Service)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Bernie Bell (SHSCT)	Bernadette Lally (SHSCT)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Ellie McKenna (NICMA)	Gwen Bartley (PCSP / ABC Council)
Caoimhe Kerrigan (Barnardo's NI)	Mark Doran (ABC Council)	Mia Murray (ArKe Sure Start)
Raquel Rodrigues (Volunteer Now)	Karen Ross (PSNI)	Philip Batt (PAPYRUS)
Stephen Harland (Ark Housing)	Joe Murphy (REACT)	Rhiannon Gallagher (Clanrye Group)
Stephen Fields (West Armagh Consortium)	Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)	Glenda McMullen (Armagh Food Bank)
Nichola Lockhart (Early Years Toybox)	John Beattie (Triangle Housing)	
Ann-Marie Baxter (Barnardo's NI / FSH)	Caroline Dawson (YJA)	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. 26/10	Michael welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed. Chair of ALC has been contacted by DC. McMCK has made a recommendation to have the recently produced Young Men's Animations made available in different languages. LPG Standards Exercise to be progressed at next meeting.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
FSH Update	Ann-Marie (Barnardo's NI / FSH): FSH remains busy. Small number of re-referrals, possibly due to families needing more specific support which may not be available. Some duplicate referrals and for families known to Social Services: FSH cannot accept. More complex referrals for children waiting on Autism or ADHD assessments. Referrals for families requiring mediation over private contact issues: unable to offer related support. Not an emergency service, no access to funds, BCM & STEP continue to help families.	

<p>Action Plan 2021-24</p>	<p>2024's 'Feel Good Armagh' Community Networking Event, planned for 10am-1pm on Saturday 15th June on The Mall. Youth Event planning to commence.</p> <p>Launch of 'Take a Healthy Selfie' Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Resource, on Wednesday 7th Feb, 3-3.30pm via Zoom. FREE resource.</p> <p>Sextortion Linktree created to provide links to information, advice, resources & videos relating to sextortion and online safety. Sextortion Working Group continuing to meet.</p> <p>Southern Area School Uniform Recycling Toolkit 2023 Evaluation now available.</p> <p>Next cycle of Action Planning (2024-27) to take place later this year.</p>	<p>Planning Group Meeting Invites to follow</p> <p>Reply to invite Access HERE</p> <p>Update at next LPG meeting.</p>
<p>Member Agency Updates</p>	<p>Caoimhe (Barnardo's NI): Running peer coaching project with their PosAbility group, aged 12-19. All projects oversubscribed, operating a waiting list. Hoping to recruit staff.</p> <p>Stephen (Ark Housing): Families due to move into properties in St. Malachy's Court towards the end of February. Offers went out last week to 42 families.</p> <p>Stephen (West Armagh Consortium): Secured funding for a Community Development & Support Programme, 2½ years remain. Regularly share action plans and activities with members who attend the LPG. Previously offered social prescribing but closed due to funding issues. Continue to work with SRC offering final year students the opportunity to work community hours with WAC. Menopause Café and Men's Shed also running.</p> <p>Nichola (Early Years Toybox): Outreach work with families of children 0-4 from Traveller & Roma Community. Assisting with Nursery School applications: workshop tonight with Roma & Traveller Hub in Armagh, ArKe Sure Start also involved. Many Roma families in Armagh now accessing relevant services but lower uptake by the Traveller Community.</p> <p>Ellie (NICMA): Promoting registered childminding services across the SHSCT Area, supporting registered childminders. Shortage of registered childcare providers across NI, working to promote childminding as a career option. Also liaising with parents.</p>	<p>JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'</p>

<p>Member Agency Updates</p>	<p>John (Triangle Housing): Working with groups across the local community with Good Relations funding or support, with various projects ongoing in the Armagh area.</p> <p>Michael (Youth Action NI): Youth Start project ongoing for NEET's. Level 1 Youth Work course delivered over next few weeks funded by Triangle Housing. Recruiting for Level 2 Introduction to Youth Work: contact Caelan. 'Voices For Impact' initiative recently launched in partnership with other voluntary youth organisations: aims to better understand young peoples' needs to create a digital platform. Survey to follow.</p> <p>Teresa (BCM): Housing support to 16-25 year olds. Very busy in run up to Christmas with toy & food appeals. Funding secured through Homeless Connect to help those in crisis with fuel and electricity. 16 on waiting list but still actively looking for new referrals.</p> <p>Karen (PSNI): Engaging with vulnerable people in community. Neighbourhood Teams in Armagh Area have been amalgamated into one so should have more scope to better engage. Contact Karen to discuss joint working on early intervention.</p> <p>Bernie (SHSCT): Senior Think Family Practitioner in the SHSCT, promoting family-focused practice within Adult Mental Health Services. Attending meetings to network with local relevant services for service-user signposting.</p> <p>Catherine (SHSCT): Tak£500+ participatory budgeting opportunity still open for applications, up until 18th January at midnight.</p> <p>Mark (ABC Council): Working on a Bulgarian-Roma project with SHSCT, Armagh HS and Armagh Roma Traveller Support. Will soon be working with Youth Action with a group of young men in Keady. Meeting with Neighbourhood Renewal to discuss running a schools-based project focusing on gambling. Southern Area Men's Health Group meeting tomorrow and hoping to run a young men's focused event before end of March. Cancer Focus and Chest, Heart & Stroke Health Checks currently being organised for the ABC Council Area. Small amount of money remaining this financial year.</p>	<p>Feedback to be shared at future meetings to inform Action Planning for 2027</p> <p>DC to share emerging needs in the Armagh Area, as recorded during LPG meetings this year</p> <p>Contact Mark if there are any urgent needs</p>
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Member Agency Updates	<p>Caroline (Youth Justice Agency): Early intervention in ABC Area: delivering workshops in schools on vaping, sexting, one punch and anti-social behaviour. Uptake in Armagh Area not so high, keen to link with the PSNI. Community Resolution Notices ongoing.</p> <p>Joe (REACT): Continuing to offer 1-to-1 mentoring for 10-18 year olds in the Armagh Area and referrals continuing to be received from the FSH.</p> <p>Raquel (Volunteer Now): Supporting charities with volunteer recruitment, policy development and training. Promoting mobile volunteering and working on social action projects in local schools where students identify and address local community needs. Youth Impact Awards recognise young people in volunteering and help build skills for future employment. Seeking a venue for local Volunteer Networking Event on 30th Jan.</p> <p>Ann-Marie (Barnardo's NI): Gap for Emotional and Behavioural Support for local primary school children. CAPS work with a very small age range (10-13) focusing on children at risk of offending or engaging in dangerous activities. REACT provide mentoring for children aged 10 upwards: no other therapeutic support for adolescents.</p>	<p>SF to confirm their venue's availability</p>
AOB	<p>Click HERE to download the 'Your Journey Through Disability' Guide, a resource for parents and families, Live resource, submit to cypsp@hscni.net for inclusion.</p> <p>Parent/Carer Support Group for those with a child with or waiting on an ASD/ADHD diagnosis, starting Wednesday 17th January 2024 in Rathfriland Bowling Green.</p> <p>CYPSP Southern Area LPG Meetings Year In Review 2023 document provides an overview & breakdown of attendance at last year's LPG Meetings, including Armagh.</p>	<p>JP to circulate links & reports to members</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Thursday 29th February 2024, 10am, at the Epicentre, Armagh.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	<p>Please accept Outlook Invite</p>