

**Banbridge LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 10am**  
**Via Zoom Video Conference Call**

<b>Attendees</b>		<b>Apologies</b>
Lucinda Love-Teggarty (FutureProof - Chair)	Philip Batt (PAPYRUS)	Nicole Madden (Clanrye Group)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	David Alderdice (SHSCT)	Frances Haughey (ABC Council)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Karen Ross (PSNI)	Gwen Bartley (PCSP / ABC Council)
Eimear Le Blevec (EA Youth Service)	Michael Hart (SHSCT)	Adrian Hutchinson (EA Youth Service)
Lisa Grant (NIACRO / Family Support Hub)		Karen Conn (Barnardo's Nova)
Judith Younger (Action For Children)		Chris Clague (New-Bridge College)

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action - By Whom</b>
<b>Welcome, Apols., Mins. 20/09/23</b>	<p>Lucinda welcomed all to the meeting.            Apologies noted, per above.            Previous Minutes agreed. Lucinda provided an update on the three Autism / Additional Needs groups in the Banbridge Area and will send info. to CYPSP for circulating.</p>	JP to upload to CYPSP website
<b>LPG Standards Exercise</b>	<p>Darren presented feedback from exercise carried out at last meeting.            Several actions agreed to be taken forward, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standards 1 &amp; 2: Need for a recap of what the LPG is about and the concept of OBA. Brief explanation will be given at the start of their next meeting. Locality Planning Handbook will be circulated to members in the new year to confirm member expectations &amp; responsibilities.</li> <li>Standard 3: Eimear suggested BAYSN (Banbridge Area Youth Stakeholders Network) would be a useful forum to reconvene and directly feed into locality planning. Phil suggested engaging with the NI Youth Forum on representation on all LPGs. Lucinda recommended getting feedback from young people who aren't necessarily accessing mainstream provision. Darren reiterated the expectation that</li> </ul>	ELB to look into possibility of BAYSN starting up again + DC to follow up with Clodagh from NI Youth Forum

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<b>LPG Standards Exercise</b>	<p>members who work directly with children, young people and families provide ongoing feedback on unmet or emerging needs at LPG meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard 4: General consensus on the need to strengthen more formal networks with schools and other bodies.</li> <li>• Standard 5: To discuss the action planning process in more detail at next meeting.</li> <li>• Standard 8: A higher level of representation from schools at LPGs would offer further opportunities to strengthen social inclusion.</li> </ul>	
<b>FSH Update</b>	<p>Lisa (<b>NIACRO / FSH</b>): Increase in referrals for ages 10-15. Incoming referrals linked to school anxiety &amp; refusal and anti-social &amp; risk-taking behaviour. High volume of recent referrals linked to those awaiting ASD/ADHD assessment or post-diagnosis. Forthcoming post-diagnosis Parenting Plus programme in the C&amp;B area, which is much needed. For the first time in the Banbridge Area CAMHS has gone beyond their contractual agreement of 8-9 weeks, with Step 2 CAMHS currently sitting at 3-4 months. Lengthy counselling waiting lists. A huge part of the FSH recently has been in containing families awaiting assessment and providing support services where possible. Some referrals to the Early Intervention Youth Justice Pilot in the area. Continuing to direct families into PGA where relevant. Generally, the FSH is able to offer some support in most cases but may not necessarily be the most appropriate support at the time.</p>	
<b>Discussion on Unmet &amp; Emerging Needs</b>	<p>Needs raised during meeting, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting lists for assessment, diagnosis and statements on special/additional needs were discussed by the whole group. (JY commended the RISE NI Team off the back of her own recent personal experience with the service.)</li> <li>• Securing respite support for families a child with complex needs is a struggle. (DA)</li> <li>• Young people have mentioned about partaking in or knowing of others who have been putting aerosol gas into balloons &amp; inhaling it. (LL-T)</li> <li>• Young people are telling them that they are really struggling in schools. (LL-T)</li> <li>• Majority of referrals are presently for parents with mental health issues, including addiction. (JY)</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Action Plan 2021-24</b></p>	<p><b>'Take A Healthy Selfie' Mental Health &amp; Emotional Wellbeing Resource</b> in final draft stage; Student flyer &amp; wallet-sized card, as well as Parents, Caregiver &amp; School Staff Booklet will be made available both in print &amp; digitally, for circulation by LPG members.</p> <p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to view the Evaluation/Scorecard on the <b>Vaping Awareness Sessions</b> which the CYPSP had organised to be delivered by ASCERT in June. Cancer Focus NI are delivering a Vaping Information Session in Lisburn on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. - see e-mail.</p> <p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to view the <b>Southern Trust Area School Uniform Recycling Toolkit 2023</b>. Evaluation Infographic to be released shortly.</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 <b>Sextortion</b>. Young people will be involved in content planning and duplication of other existing campaigns will be avoided.</p>	
<p><b>Member Agency Updates</b></p>	<p>Karen (<b>PSNI</b>): SHSCT Forensic Learning Team are currently arranging a training package focusing on communicating/engaging with people who are neurodivergent, with plans for face-to-face delivery to all policing staff in the ABC area in Mar/Apr 2024.</p> <p>David (<b>SHSCT</b>): Very positive engagement with a couple of youth leaders since the last meeting and aiming to convene a meeting to organise places for young people in the service. Liaising with Short Breaks Team on respite support for local families. Trust is keen to build up a database of families to offer overnight support (emergency &amp; regular respite) for C&amp;YP with complex needs.</p> <p>Lucinda (<b>FutureProof</b>): Service has been adapted following feedback from young people and now offer a drop-in service straight after school with programmes in the evening.</p> <p>Judith (<b>Action For Children</b>): Trying to get into schools to raise awareness of young carers, how they might present (or not present) themselves in school and to offer strategies to staff for dealing with related issues. The importance of providing respite for young carers during school holidays, as well as ensuring that they have access to</p>	<p>JP to circulate all links after meeting + Any relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'</p> <p>Zoom Room to remain open after meeting to discuss next steps</p>

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<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	relevant support services, cannot be highlighted enough. Keen to compile a list of local services and events available during Christmas period for service users.	
<b>AOB</b>	<p>See the <b>CYPSP Support &amp; Resources Hub</b> <a href="#">HERE</a>, which provides a central source of information which can be filtered by theme to provide resources, advice, contacts, funding, and help to children, families and partner agencies which the CYPSP continue to update regularly as partners submit updates.</p> <p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to access the <b>CYPSP Guide to Resources &amp; Practical Support for Families &amp; Children Struggling with the Current Cost of Living Crisis</b>, which covers all of NI and contains a dedicated SHSCT Area section.</p> <p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to register for the <b>SPPG Live Engagement Event for the Children's EHWP Framework</b> in Dungannon on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 10am to 4pm.</p>	JP to circulate various CYPSP links & reports to members
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>Dates for next year's Banbridge LPG Meetings proposed by CYPSP. Format of 2024 meetings discussed, with a preference for alternate in-person/Zoom expressed by the majority of attendees. Banbridge Youth Resource Centre offered as a meeting venue.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	