

Craigavon LPG

Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 10am at Brownlow Community Hub

Attendees	Apologies
Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craigavon) - Chair Darren Curtis (CYPSP) Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes Lisa Grant (NIACRO/Family Support Hub) Aileen O'Callaghan (EA Youth Service) Kim Shaw (Barnardo's NI, PosAbility) Emma McDonald (Drumnamoe Nursery School)	Frances Haughey (ABC Council) Emma Casey (ABC Council) Philip Batt (PAPYRUS) Aine Campbell (PSNI) Valerie Newell (CAUSE) Tim Strain (Youth Justice Agency) Claire Phillips (AWARE)
	David Alderdice (SHSCT) Niamh Quinn (Advocacy VSV)

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Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. 12/09	Deborah welcomed all to the meeting. Brief intros. given. Apologies noted. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP
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	Lisa (NIACRO / FSH): Increase in referrals for ages 10-15 for general anxiety, school refusal and at risk of offending. Long waiting lists for services, particularly for parents awaiting assessment for children for ASD/ADHD/. Multiple family members being diagnosed with additional needs. CAMHS Step 2 now operating at double waiting times: Hub could provide some support but not always the most appropriate. Families seeking counselling through Links, Relate NI, Cruse, Parentline NI and Parenting NI. Currently acting as a containment service. 5 referrals through the Youth Justice Early Intervention Pilot. Directing relevant families to PGA for holiday provision. EWO's attended recently.	

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Discussion on Unmet & Emerging Needs	<p>Needs raised during meeting, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loneliness is a major issue for new mums. (DM) • In-patient environments are not suitable for those with sensory needs. (VN) • Domestic violence is being highlighted as an issue recently. (AC) • Funding has been cut substantially, impacting on travel to programmes, etc. (KS) 	JP to record needs raised / DC to share with SOG
Action Plan 2021-24	<p>‘Take A Healthy Selfie’ Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Resource in final draft stage: resources for students, parents/caregivers and school staff will be available both in print & digitally. Members asked to share with schools they have links with. EMcD recommended schools attending LPG meetings will send link to Darren of ALC Chair.</p> <p>Click HERE for Scorecard of the Vaping Awareness Sessions delivered by ASCERT in June. Cancer Focus NI delivering a Vaping Information Session in Lisburn on 21/11</p> <p>Click HERE to view the Southern Trust Area School Uniform Recycling Toolkit 2023 Evaluation Infographic will follow within the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>EA Youth Service, PSNI and SHSCT Sexual Health Team are discussing 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>	EMcD to send e-mail to relevant ALC contact
Member Agency Updates	<p>Deborah (Home-Start Craigavon): Asked by SHSCT to deliver a 19-week pilot programme for 12 women with 0-4 month-old children outside of the Sure Start Area. Partnered with Chrysalis Women’s Centre. (Had to close referrals almost immediately due to initial uptake.) Recruiting befrienders for 2-hours per week volunteer posts.</p> <p>Valerie (CAUSE): Group of peer-led advocates offering a wraparound support & advocacy service for family members, partners or friends caring for someone with a serious mental illness. Valerie is one of two advocates in the SHSCT Area. Can also give talks on the service: contact Valerie for more info. and see flyer in ‘FYI’.</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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Member Agency Updates	<p>Aileen (EA Youth Service): Operating Mon-Sat, mostly in evenings. Focusing on MH&EW: seeing increased anxiety amongst young people. Also offering a safe space / drop-in options & food provision. Numbers coming into the centre increasing week-on-week. Interclub activities taking place. Members of the youth centre have access to the FLARE programme and the EA’s REACH service is also available within schools.</p> <p>Ainé (PSNI): Recently received calls from local schools on vaping: unwell pupils with need for hospitalisation. Continuing to deliver related talks in school settings. This is one of the busiest districts in the NI for Operation Encompass, now operating for 1 year.</p> <p>Frances (ABC Council): Previously postponed Men’s Health Event now on 17th November, fully booked. Recognising the partnerships opportunities through LPG’s.</p> <p>Lisa (NIACRO): Attended a recent event where White Ribbon NI presented. The organisation seeks to end violence against women and girls - Find out more HERE.</p> <p>Phil (PAPYRUS): Relatively new service in NI, seeing an increase in calls to their Hopeline. Service available to anyone up to age 35 including concerned others and professionals. Helpline is 24-7, 365, text webchat and e-mails available. Offering signposting, referrals, training to staff & volunteers and talks within schools & community groups. Work with individuals to open a safety plan and working to breakdown stigma linked to suicide. Seeking to make in-roads into youth engagement.</p> <p>Emma (ABC Council): Keen to target & engage parents. Good Relations Plan works across all demographics. Forthcoming capacity building programmes for community groups. Aiming to roll out a basketball programme on Saturday nights.</p> <p>Emma (Drumnamoe Nursery School): Dealing with a lot of special needs and shortfalls of funding. Re-engaging with parents, post-lockdown, is a challenge.</p>	

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Member Agency Updates	<p>Claire (AWARE): Community & schools activity is all funded. Delivering Mood Matters for 14+ age group in schools, can be delivered in youth settings. More mid-older teens calling to link into programmes. Can also deliver within the workplace to staff.</p> <p>Tim (Youth Justice Agency): More resources into early intervention with a 10% decrease in charge to court incidences. Bale fostering address pilot running in Loughbrickland in partnership with SHSCT. 48-bed unit currently has a 9-10 population. 20th Anniversary Event planned for Stormont. Pilot with CAMHS being rolled out, offering immediate access to Tier 2 CAMHS for screening to all coming into the service. On the journey to become a trauma-informed organisation.</p> <p>Kim (Barnardo’s NI, PosAbility): TiS Service offers support to ages 16-21 with disabilities: up to 12 1-to-1 sessions on capacity building. Working with Now Group on progressing with employability and work. Running group sessions in Armagh. Liaising with schools aiming to signpost to programmes: parents still don’t know what is available.</p>	E-mail training@aware-ni.org to discuss
AOB	<p>CYPSP Youth Wellness Web HERE with Bereavement sub-section.</p> <p>Please complete the Consultation on Recommendations of Independent Review of Children's Social Care Services in Northern Ireland HERE.</p> <p>Click HERE to access the links to 3 Boys & Young Men’s Animations, created to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation (CSE) as experienced by boys and young men.</p> <p>Dept of Ed recently issued the Emotional Health and Wellbeing in Education Flyer, along with THIS LINK, as a reminder of the supports that are currently available to them.</p>	<p>JP to circulate various CYPSP links & reports</p> <p>Please share widely</p>
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Dates for next year’s LPG Meetings proposed by CYPSP. Format of 2024 meetings discussed, preference for alternate in-person/Zoom expressed by majority of attendees.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	