

**Dungannon LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 10am**  
**Via Zoom Video Conference Call**

<b>Attendees</b>		<b>Apologies</b>
Lorraine Griffin (COSTA - Chair)	Ann-Marie Baxter (Barnardo's/FSH)	Lucinda McGinnis (Start360)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Philip Batt (PAPYRUS)	Sara McClure (EY Toybox)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Alison Daly (SHSCT, CST)	Donna Gibney (SHSCT, Community Access)
Mark Doran (ABC Council / MUDC)	AnnMarie O'Neill (CAUSE)	
Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)	Bernadetta Viana (STEP)	
Danielle McKenna (Clogher Valley S.S.)	Annette McGahan (MUDC / PCSP)	
Lorraine O'Neill (SHSCT, Parenting Partnership)	Teresa Miles (BCM)	

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action - By Whom</b>
<b>Welcome, Apols., Prev. Min. 26/09/23</b>	Lorraine welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
<b>LPG Standards Exercise</b>	Feedback from exercise carried out at last meeting presented by Darren. Several actions agreed to be taken forward, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standards 1 &amp; 2: Darren to recap the aims and purpose of LPG and members, along with the concept of OBA via a short presentation at start of next meeting.</li> <li>• Standard 3: Members reminded of the mechanism in place for those who work directly with children, young people and families to provide ongoing feedback on unmet or emerging needs at LPG meetings.</li> <li>• Standard 7: The Locality Planning Handbook will also be circulated to members in the new year to re-confirm member expectations &amp; responsibilities.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard 8: Members invited to think about what the LPG can offer to communities that individual services can't, in advance of next meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Update from Family Support Hub</b>	Ann-Marie ( <b>Barnardo's NI/FSH</b> ): Hub is taking more complex referrals. Duplicate referrals also being received from different agencies. 11-15 years are the largest age group seeking support during the last quarter and apart from RAECT's mentoring service, there are no other supports available. Support requested for families where a member is receiving palliative care. Some recent referrals for families without residence status in NI and facing many challenges. One of most frequent requests is for parenting support. Gratitude expressed to partner organisations, such as REACT, BCM and STEP.	
<b>Discussion on Unmet &amp; Emerging Needs</b>	<p>Needs raised during meeting, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parenting teens with the added complexity of language barriers is proving challenging for some parents where English isn't their first language. (AMB)</li> <li>Demand for warm packs, toiletries, duvets, etc. is higher this year but unfortunately there are less to go around. (MD)</li> </ul>	PB to share examples of good practice from Birmingham
<b>Action Plan 2021-24</b>	<p>No feedback available from members on current status of <b>PeacePlus</b> in the MUDC area.</p> <p><b>Take A Healthy Selfie' Mental Health &amp; Emotional Wellbeing Resource</b> has been printed: resources for students, parents/caregivers and school both in print &amp; digitally.</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.</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>DC to check in with Fergal O'Donnell</p> <p>DC to keep members updated on progress</p>
<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	Bernadetta ( <b>STEP</b> ): Ongoing challenges faced by families due to lack of public funds and an increase in deportation letters received from the Home Office. Helping with voluntary return applications. Difficult to access support for families with cancer, particularly those who are just above the income threshold for support from organisations like Macmillan. Increase in self-referrals to the service with more complex needs.	

<p><b>Member Agency Updates</b></p>	<p>Mark (<b>ABC Council / MUDC</b>): Received PHA funding to distribute warm packs locally, reduction of 23% from 2022. Meeting with Catherine tomorrow on a potential CookIt programme for young people.</p> <p>Lorraine (<b>SHSCT, Parenting Partnership</b>): Parenting programmes ongoing across the SHSCT Area - keep referrals coming in. The needs of both the parents &amp; children continually considered and the programmes continue to make a positive impact. Visit the <b>CYPSP Parent Support Page</b> <a href="#">HERE</a>, for details on all current &amp; future evidence-based parenting programmes. E-mail Lorraine for further info.</p> <p>Teresa (<b>BCM</b>): Increase in referrals during this year (139 in 2023, 87 in 2022), with 16 currently on the waiting list. Needs becoming more complex: young people with additional needs, severe anxiety and depression, difficulties with settled status, lack of income. Accessing Bryson grants to provide financial support and the local church is very supportive in providing service-users with emergency electric/heating. Damp is rising in people's homes, as they can't afford to heat their houses. Assisting young people to access employability programmes and counselling services.</p> <p>Danielle (<b>Clogher Valley Sure Start</b>): Please refer families with younger children. Running Incredible Babies &amp; Toddlers, Baby Massage and Baby Reflexology and CookIt. Had linked with Bryson to support families, who have now had to reduce their offer due to high demand. Higher demand for food this year, so have linked with Vineyard and Asda to organise hampers. Recently received 40 warm packs for distribution: demand very high this year. Recently ran a Sustainable Santa initiative which was heavily used. Linking with Early Years Toybox on the high no. of Roma families in Aughnacloy to offer support such as access to schools and health services.</p> <p>Catherine (<b>SHSCT</b>): Owing to positive feedback from the ESOL pilot which was run in St. Patrick's Dungannon, there is the potential to run another programme. Details TBC.</p> <p>Alison (<b>SHSCT</b>): Safeguarding Training ongoing. Community Health Champion Training rolling out in the new year.</p> <p>Phil (<b>PAPYRUS</b>): HOPELINE247 contact details can be found at <a href="http://www.papyrus-uk.org">www.papyrus-uk.org</a> and is operated by trained advisors, 24/7, 365. Free and confidential service. Continuing to</p>	<p>MD to confirm criteria with AMB</p> <p>JP to circulate all links flagged by members after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next issue of 'FYI'</p>
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<p><b>Member Agency Updates</b></p>	<p>raise awareness across the SHSCT Area. Service available to individuals and professionals.</p> <p>Annette (<b>MUDC / PCSP</b>): Youth Engagement Programme has resumed, targeting young people at risk of getting involved in criminality. Vaping and ASB as ongoing issues.</p> <p>AnnMarie (<b>CAUSE</b>): Support those who are supporting loved ones and friends with a serious mental health condition and currently run a support group in Dungannon once a month. In the process of organising a respite initiative next week.</p> <p>Lucinda (<b>Start360</b>): LPG members can still avail of sessions for groups and they are also heading into planning for Dry January and members or groups can avail of information packs that we will be giving out. E-mail Lucinda on both items.</p>	
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p>Darren advised that at a recent <b>Mid Ulster Community Planning</b> meeting he attended the pooling together of resources was discussed targeting funding towards supporting youth workers on resilience for young people, as well as parenting programmes and helping to improve English language schools for young people.</p> <p>Visit the <b>SBNI Online Safety Hub</b> (which is currently under development) <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Phil advised that the Niamh Louise Foundation provides local support for those struggling financially in Dungannon, Monday to Friday, 9-5 - Visit their website <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Bryson Energy</a> offer advice, home visits, benefit assessments and admin support for grants and the Fire Service can go to homes and do home checks and fit free smoke alarms and the Council's Home Safety Officer can offer carbon monoxide alarms, fire guards and blind cords.</p>	<p>DC to keep group updated</p> <p>JP to circulate various CYPSP links &amp; reports to members</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Dates for next year's Dungannon LPG Meetings proposed by CYPSP. Format of 2024 meetings discussed, with in-person meetings the preferred option. Short Survey Monkey to follow.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	