

Newry & Mourne LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 10am
Hall For All, Newry

Attendees		Apologies
Darren Curtis (CYPSP - Acting Chair)	Mary McCrink (SHSCT, EWTS)	Jacinta Linden (Bolster Comm.)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Robyn Cordner (SHSCT, EWTS)	Philip Batt (PAPYRUS)
Maria Hamill (Newry & Mourne ALC)	Karen Clarke (Home-Start N&M)	Ryan Duffy (PSNI)
Mary O'Hanlon (SHSCT, Community Access)	Maria Keenan (Clanrye Group)	Clara O'Callaghan (Volunteer Now)
Tracy MacFarlane (SHSCT, Community Access)	Seán Maguire (Newry CCG)	Sarah Gilbert (Little Sunflower)
Natalie Trainor (Newry Centre of Mission)	Rosie Carey (EA Youth Service)	
Shannon Creaney (PCSP / NMandDD Council)	Karen Sands (Newry Surestart)	
Maureen O'Gorman (EA Youth Service)	Kirsti Lundy (Barnardo's NI)	
Kerri Morrow (NMandDD Council)		

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. (11/10)	Darren welcomed all to the meeting, as Acting Chair. Brief Intros. given, as new members present. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed. Children In Need Big Sky Programme Grants still open to members: contact Barbara at CiN to further discuss.	JP to upload 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. Short presentation by DC and follow-up discussions to take place at next LPG meeting. Click HERE to provide individual member feedback via Survey Monkey.	Feedback to be collated by CYPSP
Update from FSH (Received via e-mail)	Caroline (Bolster Community / FSH): Rise in referrals since school return. A main referral theme is adolescent communication & behaviour, for which there is a huge services gap. Rise in domestic violence related referrals and are signposting to Women's Aid and offering financial support. Karen C. advised the FSH welcomes new members	Contact Bolster to discuss

Discussion on Unmet & Emerging Needs	<p>Needs raised during meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some schools with Nurture Rooms reporting young people having anger explosions when going back into class from Nurture Room. Schools not aware of services offering regulation techniques for staff training. (MH). EA's REACH Programme (HERE) and RISE NI (HERE) were mentioned as possible services. • A major need is support for families with neurodiverse children at pre-diagnosis stage and corresponding assessment waiting lists are extremely long. (KC) • Gap in Art Therapy provided by students in Homestart. (KC) • Difficult to recruit & retain volunteers compared to previous years. (Several Members) • Hearing more about sextortion in schools, even at older primary school age, P6/7. (SC) • Issues fed back in schools recently include EWB, resilience, risk-taking behaviours, vaping & drugs and the need for lifeskills training. (MO'G) • No specific provision for mental health & wellbeing within school timetables and in some schools PE has been dropped off the timetable, as no time to deliver it! (KL) • Recent Women's Aid referrals recently identify childcare as a major issue, both cost & availability. Increased number of people who are or are at risk of homelessness. (MK) • People are currently being bounced around services for referrals. (MK) 	<p>DC to continue to escalate issues to the SOG</p> <p>MMcC to confirm available therapists</p>
Action Plan 2021-24	<p>'Take A Healthy Selfie' Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Resource has been printed. Student flyer & card and Parents, Caregiver & School Staff Booklet will be available both in print & digitally, post-launch early in 2024.</p> <p>Small inter-agency group has been set up to address the issue of Sextortion. Currently working on producing some video resources, in consultation with young people. The group includes the CYPSP, SHSCT, PSNI and EA Youth Service.</p> <p>View Scorecard on Vaping Awareness sessions delivered by ASCERT HERE</p> <p>Click HERE to view the Southern Trust Area School Uniform Recycling Toolkit 2023</p> <p>Evaluation Infographic will be made available to members within the next week.</p>	<p>E-mail to request a hard copy sample</p> <p>DC to provide update at next meeting</p>
Member Agency Updates	<p>Maria (N&M ALC): Active Learning Community meets regularly, 16 schools represented. LPG meetings as a vital source of information on resources available to local schools.</p>	

<p>Member Agency Updates</p>	<p>Robyn & Mary (SHSCT, EWT): Emotional Wellbeing Team: 3-year initiative addressing mental health issues among students and to support teaching staff to address early mental health issues. Working in 10 schools across SHSCT Area including St. Joseph's, Our Lady's, Sacred Heart & Kilkeel HS. Extends to 17 in Year 2, 19 in Year 3. Selection based on student need and individual circumstances. Aim to make links between schools and SHSCT along with signposting to relevant community organisations. Potential for future training and resources for school staff, along with training school ambassadors as key to continuity of support offered. Expression of Interest for Year 2 will go out around February.</p> <p>Karen (N&M Home-Start): Waiting lists for all programmes. Funding has also been scaled back this year, meaning they are not in a position to offer as much to families.</p> <p>Shannon (PCSP / NMandDD Council): Delivered school workshops during Road Safety Week in November. Your Choice workshop (for those starting driving) very well received. Teresa Burke delivered drug & alcohol awareness workshops to post-primary schools.</p> <p>Kerri (NMandDD Council): Continues to join the dots between services across the area. Assisting in shared education programmes across local schools in partnership with EA.</p> <p>Rosie (EA Youth Service): 3 workers in S Down Area carrying out Learning Together Programmes in post-primary schools. Working with Kilkeel HS and St. Mark's. Two Horizons Groups focusing on leadership development in Newry & Newcastle, and young people completing OCNs. Programme starting in New Year in Burren on safe driving, recruiting via EA website. 24 young people recruited for Newry Youth Council</p> <p>Maureen (EA Youth Service): Newry City has 3 full-time workers, currently staffing challenges due to illness. LTPs in St. Joseph's and Newry HS working with 35-40 pupils in Years 11 & 12: have a longstanding relationship with both schools. Young Women's (with Women's TEC, in partnership with Bolster Community) & Young Men's (focusing on outdoor activities) programmes being delivered in neighbourhood renewal areas in Newry.</p> <p>Mary & Tracy (SHSCT, Community Access): Working in partnership with EA in reviewing services for children with a disability. Aim to produce a timetable of Monday to Friday activities which could be shared with local families. Nurturing programme starting in the new year and also engaged with the EA in planning for summer schemes for 2024.</p>	<p>JP to circulate all links flagged by members after meeting + Any relevant flyers to be included in 'FYI'</p>
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Member Agency Updates	<p>Karen (Newry Surestart): Focus supporting Under 5s & families. Mapping programmes and services. Reaching out to community groups for information on available support. All About Us group on Fridays to support parents with children at pre-diagnosis stage, offering signposting service. Run a Roma group: transport and translation can be an issue. Some Roma have a lot of complex needs. Linking with NMandDD Council on period poverty packs, as well as Caring Coins & Norbrook with food poverty initiatives they are running.</p> <p>Seán (Newry CCG): Continue to support community associations to access funding and support. Supporting families to access funding for fuel and electricity, but avoiding replication with other local services. DfC funding allocated to the working poor, who are in real need this Christmas.</p> <p>Kirsti (Barnardo's NI): Working with 12-25 year olds on schools programmes. Working with St. Paul's Nurture Group, focusing on resilience, rights and transition/pathways. Transition & Inclusion Service (TIS) helps signpost young people and their families to other agencies: anyone can refer into the service, if the young person is aged 18-21.</p> <p>Maria (Clanrye Group): Funding cuts have impacted their service and local families. Main programmes are employability focused. Mental health & cost of living are major issues for participants. Linking with Bryson Scheme but opening times restricting the success of submissions for financial support. Scheme is now closed due to over-applications. Social Supermarket is operational and is inundated.</p>	Find out more about what Women's TEC do HERE .
AOB	<p>Bereaved NI Website HERE. Bereavement Sections on Youth Wellness Web HERE. HERE to access links to 3 Boys & Young Men's Animations from Youth Action NI - created to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation (CSE) of boys and young men</p> <p>Electronic voting to take place to elect a Vice-Chair for the Newry & Mourne LPG.</p>	DC to co-ordinate
Next Meeting	<p>Dates for next year's N&M LPG Meetings proposed. Format of 2024 meetings briefly discussed.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	JP send Survey Monkey