

Newry & Mourne LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 10am
Newry Youth Resource Centre

Attendees		Apologies
Karen Clarke (Home-Start N&M - Chair)	Kerri Morrow (N&M Council)	Norah Hughes (Find Help NI)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Annie Clarke (SHSCT)	Maria Hamill (N&M ALC)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Seán Maguire (Newry CCG)	Brenda McLarnon (Mourne Sure Start)
Patrick Hughes (EA Youth Service)	Allison Slater (Bolster Community)	Dara O'Hagan (Clanrye Group)
Mary O'Hanlon (SHSCT, Comm. Access)	Dorethy Davidson (SHSCT, MDT)	Jacinta Linden (Bolster Community)
Aaron Spiers (PIPS Hope and Support)	Mark Fell (The Prince's Trust)	Pauline Hunter-Graham (Mae Murray)
Maureen O'Gorman (EA Youth Service)	Ryan Duffy (PSNI)	Philip Batt (PAPYRUS)
Maria Keenan (Clanrye Group)	Karen Sands (Newry Surestart)	Teresa Kearney (Magnet YAC)
Clara O'Callaghan (Volunteer Now)		

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. (14/02)	Karen C. welcomed all to the meeting. Brief Intros. given. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload to CYPSP website
Presentation on Standards Exercise	Darren delivered a presentation covering the CYPSP structure, purpose of Locality Planning, remit of LPGs, LPG membership, Outcomes Based Accountability and LPG Handbook.	Presentation & Handbook to be sent to all
FSH Update	Allison (Bolster Community / FSH): 81 referrals into the Hub since January, 36 telephone inquiries. 15% of total self-referrals, 20% from EA, one third for children waiting on/with assessment of ADHD/ASD. Ongoing issues: school refusal, hostile attitudes, risk-taking behaviour, impact of family breakdown, use of illegal substances.	KM advised of local Youth Action NI programme for the 13+ age group - CYPSP to

FSH Update	Increase in re-referrals this month. Hub is limited with services, so members requested to inform FSH of any locally available relevant programmes/ support	contact Louise Malone for info.
Action Plan 2021-24	<p>‘Take a Healthy Selfie’ Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Resource Launch on 7th February. FREE resource co-designed with young people for their peers, parents/caregivers and school staff, and aims to enhance young people’s mental health & emotional wellbeing.</p> <p>School Uniform Recycling Toolkit being compiled and will be released soon.</p> <p>Sextortion Linktree recently created to provide links to information, advice, resources & videos relating to sextortion and staying safe online.</p> <p>Update provided by DC RE: SAOG Task & Finish Groups, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing 13+ T&F Group operating in N&M Area • Recommendations from the ‘Our Journey’ T&F Co-Production Group have been taken forward and are now being looked at on an NI-wide basis • Youth Voice T&F Group continues to engage with children & young people 	<p>Click HERE to download digital versions + E-mail HERE to request hard copies</p> <p>Click HERE to access Linktree</p>
Member Agency Updates	<p>Annie (SHSCT): PWB Team going through some staff changes. National Academy for Social Prescribing Webinar upcoming on how social prescribing can help young people waiting for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS) support: register via e-mail link. Heart Health Screening Event, for 40+ age group, taking place in Newry on 18th April. Men’s Health Week taking place from 10th to 16th June with the theme being ‘Know Your Numbers’. Various resources pending.</p> <p>Mary (SHSCT, Comm. Access): Currently planning for summer schemes.</p> <p>Aaron (PIPS Hope & Support): Some training taking place this month focusing on Men / Young Men. Plans to get Youth Counselling Services up & running again.</p> <p>Karen (Newry Surestart): NI Fire & Rescue Service Cadet Scheme registrations open for those going into Year 11 in September 2024. Going forward, their services will be delivered in community settings, e.g. Newry Leisure Centre and Library: keen to link with local community groups to deliver services across Newry. Young Mums Group</p>	JP to circulate all links flagged by members after meeting + Any relevant flyers to be included in ‘FYI’

<p>Member Agency Updates</p>	<p>running fortnightly and proving popular. Dads Group planned for the future. Daisy Mail Newsletter includes details on all programmes, activities and workshops.</p> <p>Clara (Volunteer Now): Volunteers Week 1st to 7th June. iwill Ambassador opportunity open for 10-25 years: applications close on 14th April. Difficult to get adult volunteers signed up post-COVID, continuing to engage with youth to promote opportunities in schools & community settings. Recruiting for their Youth Team. Applications open for various Event Ambassador roles HERE.</p> <p>Seán (Newry CCG): Barcroft Community Association Parent & Toddler Group continues to operate. Youth provision also offered in Carnagat, Drumalane and Barcroft. Access to funding is more challenging with organisations such as Children In Need and Big Lottery tightening up. Continuing to share ‘FYI’ with community organisations across Newry.</p> <p>Dorethy (SHSCT, MDT): MDT working across whole lifespan, able to support those on waiting lists through partner organisations. MDT at Rathfriland Health Centre hosting a free Sensory Play Event on 25th April for children with diagnosis of Autism/ADHD or awaiting assessment.</p> <p>Allison (Bolster Community): Peer support programme planned in partnership with local MDTs for young men aged 13-15. Secured funding to extend Autism Connect for 18+ across the SHSCT in partnership with SHSCT & MDT: launching in June, recruitment process involved. Secured 3-year’s funding for Social Kitchen initiative which any NIHE Tenants can access.</p> <p>Kerri (NMandDD Council): Working on Street Dreams re-imaging project across Newry with young people. Kerri is happy to assist with sourcing low/no-cost venues in the Newry Area for member organisation programmes and workshops.</p> <p>Patrick (EA Youth Service): Hoping to develop an OK Café through FLARE, running on Friday nights, offering peer support. Vacancy for FLARE Worker in N&M. Have been able to prioritise funding for local groups like Respect. Work ongoing through their South Armagh Team, with 90 young men recently engaged in a programme</p>	<p>Contact KM if any groups are interested in getting involved</p>
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Member Agency Updates	<p>delivered in partnership with the PSNI. The Wellness Centre based in Banbridge Youth Resource Centre is due to reopen and will be accessible to the Newry Area.</p> <p>Ryan (PSNI): Local Neighbourhood Teams continuing to engage with schools. Engagement Vehicle now has VR equipment and is available for relevant community events through the PCSP. Neighbourhood Team recently held a work experience event in South Armagh, over 20 young people participated. Operation Encompass now running across NI: over 165 referrals made to schools across the local district last month, 1,100 referrals made in the district across this school year. Neighbourhood Teams preparing for a rise in ASB which increases around this time of the year. Emerging Risks: Vaping (including spice & THC which are becoming increasingly accessible online) and sextortion.</p> <p>Maria (Clanrye Group): Disability & Family Foundations gone due to funding, but still trying to run disability activities due to high demand. Currently 720 enrolled on EmployMe programme and 300 people have entered work as a result. Mental Health remains an issue amongst the 16+ age group, with cost of living causing a lot of anxiety. Social Prescriber meets 1-to-1 to link in with service-users and signpost to local services. Their Carers First workshops are ongoing.</p> <p>Karen (Home-Start N&M): All services running at capacity. Recently piloted an ante-natal service, which proved popular. New staff in place in Kilkeel.</p>	
AOB	<p>The PHA have recently launched a vaping campaign, targeted at young people, including downloadable resources, HERE - Please share the message widely.</p> <p>Visit the NI Chest Heart & Stroke Website HERE for further info. on vaping, including a recording of their Oct. Online Vaping Session.</p> <p>Click HERE to visit the recently launched SBNI Online Safety Hub.</p> <p>Looking ahead to Action Planning 2024-27, members are requested to send any consultation responses or evidence gathering data to Darren at CYPSP, for inclusion.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 5th June 2024, 10am, via Zoom.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	<p>Please accept Outlook Invite</p>