Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 10am
Via Zoom Video Conference Call

Attendees		Apologies
Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI) - Chair	Rebecca Simpson (BCM)	Darren Curtis (CYPSP)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Mark Doran (ABC Council)	Bernadette Lally (SHSCT)
Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)	Diane Stinson (ABC Council)	Philip Batt (PAPYRUS)
Raquel Rodrigues-Keenan (Volunteer Now)	Mia Murray (ArKe Sure Start)	Ellie McKenna (NICMA)
Ann-Marie Baxter (Barnardo's NI/FSH)	Karen Ross (PSNI)	Rhiannon Gallagher (Clanrye Group)
Glenda McMullen (Armagh Food Bank)	Eleanor Ellerslie (Cruse)	Donna Gibney (SHSCT)
Adrian Hutchinson (EA Youth Service)	Stephen Harland (Ark Housing)	Nicola Mahood (ABC Council)
Ciara Courtney (The Prince's Trust)	Edel Ferson (ABC Council)	Sophie Lester (ABC Council)
Joanne Curran (Armagh Rural Transport)	Fiona Dorrian (EWTS)	
Paul Barton (SHSCT)		

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. 29/02	Michael welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed. Armagh Foodbank had trialled the Translation Device on loan from SHSCT, but there were issues with translating into Bulgarian, which has been fed back to the SHSCT.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
LPG Standards	All feedback from previous meeting has been collated by the CYPSP. Darren will be delivering a follow-up presentation at the next meeting.	
Action Planning 2024-27	Attendees moved into two breakout rooms: (i) Babies, Children & Young People and (ii) Parents/Caregivers. Discussions focused on key challenges and needs in the Armagh Locality Area, with an allocated scribe then offering related feedback in the main room – See Notes on Page 4. Joanne advised that a Survey Monkey link will also be circulated in due course, requesting individual feedback from member organisations to feed into the Action Plan.	Scribes to send discussion notes to JP

FSH Update	Ann-Marie (**Barnardo's NI/FSH**): FSH remains busy. Referrals for last year were 323, an increase of 15. Telephone enquiries increased from 59 to 116. Schools the biggest referrer to the Hub, followed by GP / Health Visiting. Autism Diagnostic Intervention Services will join the Hub starting this month. Education Welfare Service also attend bi-monthly to provide a very useful link with education. The Hub would like to thank Health Visiting and School Nursing who have stepped up and taking a number of referrals and doing further assessments: this has been particularly useful, especially for self-referrals.	
Feedback on Action Plan 2021-24	**Feel Good Armagh Community Networking Event** on Saturday 15th June 2024, 10am to 1pm on The Mall. 50 information stalls confirmed, registrations currently on pause. Flyer pending approval in advance of circulation. Members encouraged to share invitation with families & individual as this is a public event. Feel Good Armagh Youth Event Planning Meeting recently took place with plenty of inputs from young people - Venue & date TBC, but possibly at the Epicentre and end of August. **Southern Area Outcomes Group Planning Day** taking place on 25th June 2024.	Young people welcome to get involved in the next Planning Group on 30th May.
Member Agency Updates	Diane (**ABC Council**): No budget allocation as yet but work ongoing, both borough-wide and also with a more targeted approach, based on need. Working with PCSP on diversionary activities, further schools discretionary grant budget depending. Eleanor (**Cruse Bereavement Support**): Funding confirmed for a further three years. Currently working a lot in schools, but looking to widen out into community settings (youth & sports clubs). Plans to set up a Youth Advisory Group in each Trust Area - e-Zine to follow, when pulled together. Mark (**ABC Council**): Working on a cost-of-living related project funded by PHA and DfC to distribute bed linen, warm packs, slow cookers, toiletries, period products, incontinence products, washing powder and shampoos across the borough.	JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI' Contact Mark if you have any individuals / groups in need

Member Agency Updates	Glenda (**Armagh Foodbank**): A soft launch of new social supermarket is due to take place on 11th June: further info. to follow. Members working with school children who might be in need of food over the summer holidays invited to sign up to be a foodbank voucher holder.	
	Adrian (**EA Youth Service**): Meeting with the SHSCT Sexual Health Team, SBNI & CYPSP addressing the issue of sextortion: PSNI have created a Lesson Plan which the ABC Team will roll out across various social settings & age groups and will fed back to PSNI. (No new sextortion resource, as was originally planned by the sub-group, will be created, to avoid duplication.)	
	Raquel (**Volunteer Now**): Volunteer Week will run from 3rd to 9th June this year. Series of lunchtime events planned, including one at the Palace Demesne on 21st May.	
	Mia (**ArKe Sure Start**): A number of local community playgroups will not be receiving EA funding for next year and so will be closing, which will have a knock-on effect on the availability of pre-school places.	
AOB	Visit the **SBNI Online Safety Hub** HERE. An **alert to education settings on financially motivated sexual extortion** was recently circulated by SBNI.	JP to circulate all links & reports to members
	Click HERE to access information RE: the **PHA's recently launched vaping campaign**, targeted at young people, including downloadable resources - Please share widely.	
	Next edition of **'FYI' Newsletter** goes out on 9th May - Advertising deadline: 7th May.	
Next Meeting	Thursday 5th September 2024, 10am, Tower Hill Boardroom.	Please accept Outlook Invite
	Many thanks for your participation!	

Group 1 Babies, Children & Young People	Group 2 Parents & Caregivers
Catherine & Fiona (SHSHT), Adrian (EA), Karen (PSNI), Diane & Edel (ABC Council), Eleanor (Cruse), Raquel (Volunteer Now), Rebecca (BCM)	Ann Marie (Barnardo's /FSH) Glenda (Foodbank), Mark (ABC Council), Mia (ArKe Sure Start), Paul (SHSCT), Joanne C (Armagh Rural Transport)
- Language barriers for accessing services and in schools - Young people struggle to learn, behavioral issues, impact in the class and teachers - Limiting staff delivering mental health and wellbeing programmes in school due to language barriers - Barriers to volunteering, creating more opportunities to volunteer. - Disengagement of young people and hesitant to commit to volunteering - Impact of drugs and alcohol - Online blackmailing and sextortion - Looking for a safe space to go and socialize - Impact of poverty and cost of living - Young people attending youth centre in evening without a meal so programmes are around life skills and cooking **Cruse** is overwhelmed with referrals by both children and parents, as well as school requests. Still working with families bereaved with covid as it's still very raw for the families, specially covid enquiry and families looking for justice **PSNI** – sextortion as young as 12, sexting, bullying online, vaping, mental health, neurodivergent children that might not have support, domestic violence, school unattendance due to anxiety and poor mental health, lack of resilience.	- Affordable housing suitable for families - Relocation of the Food Bank proving very successful – easier access increased footfall having more 'walk- ins' meaning self-referrals. Launching the social supermarket (more info available via Glenda) - Increase in the complexities of referrals to the FSH the 'threshold' for safeguarding - No therapeutic play available and no emotional support available for primary aged children - Poverty continues to be an underlying element in the majority of family support needs From **ArKe Sure Start**: - length of waiting lists for children and families going through the assessment process and the lack of support with navigating this and subsequent diagnosis - closures of a number of community playgroups within the southern area - lack of counselling services for parents who are dealing with historic trauma which is impacting on their ability to parent their children.