

## Armagh LPG Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10am Tower Hill Boardroom, Armagh

Attendees		Apologies
Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI) - Chair	Teresa Miles (BCM)	Cara Ramsey (Barnardo's PosAbility)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Adrian Hutchinson (EA YS)	Donna Gibney & Margaret Guy (SHSCT)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Agnieszka Judkiewicz (SHSCT)	Eleanor Ellerslie (Cruse Bereavement)
Andrea McClenaghan (SHSCT)	Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)	Glenda McMullen (Armagh Foodbank)
Ann-Marie Baxter (Barnardo's NI / FSH)	Edel Ferson (ABC Council)	Karen Ross (PSNI)
Caroline Dawson (Youth Justice Agency)	Ellie McKenna (NICMA)	Michelle Moult (Clanrye Group)
Cillian O'Hagan (Start 360)	Jennifer Hamill (Now Group)	Nicola Mahood (ABC Council)
Gwen Bartley (PCSP / ABC Council)	Kim McFarland (Barnardo's NI)	Padraig McBrien (REACT)
Mia Murray (ArKe Sure Start)	Mark Doran (ABC Council)	Philip Batt (PAPYRUS)
Naj Basketfield (PIPS Hope & Support)	Sophie Lester (ABC Council)	Rhiannon Gallagher (Clanrye Group)
Raquel Rodrigues Keenan (Volunteeer Now)		Stephen Harland (Ark Housing)
Abbie Hayes & Mairead Hearty (Women's Aid Armagh Down)		John Beattie (Triangle Housing)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By
		Whom
Welcome,	Michael welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above.	JP to upload
Apols., Mins.	Previous Minutes agreed.	Minutes to
02/05/24		CYPSP website
Action	Darren introduced the Southern Area Outcomes Group Plan 2024-27, ratification	DC to forward
Planning	pending. Collaborative working as key to outcomes achieved.	draft Plan on a
2024-27	Application made to PHA CLEAR Self-Care element to LPG meetings. Decision pending.	Page via e-mail
Feedback on	Feel Good Armagh: Community Networking Event on Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 10am-1pm	DC to circulate
<b>Action Plan</b>	on The Mall. Scorecard HERE, FGA Services Resource HERE (Limited hard copies	survey link
2021-24	available by e-mailing localityplanning@ci-ni.org.uk). Planning Group met to review &	planning for
	discuss 2025. Youth Event on Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August, 3pm-6pm in the Epicentre.	2025: format,

Feedback on Action Plan 2021-24	Scorecard/Infographic to follow. MMcK & AH confirmed that feedback from young people was extremely positive. Thanks/Congratulations offered to all involved in the planning and/or delivery this year's successful FGA Events, in particular Caelan Donnelly, YANI.	•
	Download the Final Report of the Southern Area LPGs 2021-24 Action Plan HERE.	
FSH Update	Ann-Marie ( <b>Barnardo's NI/FSH</b> ): Referrals to the FSH have slowed during summer, partly due to schools closure. (Schools were the biggest referrer over the last two quarters.) ADIS (Autism Diagnosis Intervention Services) now sit on the FSH and work with families referred to the FSH waiting for assessment or already received diagnosis. Again noted receiving referrals which are above early intervention. Support provided for all referrals so far. REACT are the only service locally available for young people, providing a mentoring service (counselling provided by CAMHS.) Still a need for counselling and therapeutic play for primary school children. BCM and EISS continue to provide family support. Many thanks all services on the FSH and provide support.	
Member Agency Updates	Mark ( <b>ABC Council</b> ): PHA Warm Packs should be available for distribution through the Council from late November. Products received previously supported approx. 60 organisations and there was an extremely high demand, which they could not fully fulfil. Sophie ( <b>ABC Council</b> ): Click <u>HERE</u> for info. on ABC Council's Revenue Grants Call 3, closing Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Trying to engage more with churches assisting with FAP applications. Raising awareness of funding available to Youth, Sports & Community Groups. Financial Call 1 opening again later in the year Gwen ( <b>PCSP / ABC Council</b> ): PSNI Roadshow was in Craigavon for 17-18 year old drivers, focus on consequences behind the wheel. Available to organisations in Armagh. SRC drama students delivering a play to primary schools in Oct on social media.	JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI' SL to keep members updated Contact Gwen to further discuss

## Member Agency Updates

Mairead / Abbie (**Women's Aid Armaghdown**): Waiting lists massive at present. One Stop Shop (OSS) in Newry will open to female victims of domestic abuse on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in month, starting 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 10am-12pm. Relevant local support services in attendance: see flyer in 'FYI'. Commenced a new Community Wellbeing Programme, hoping to enhance in ABC Area through working in partnership with other local agencies.

Mia (**ArKe Sure Start**): Local playgroup's funding ended, having a knock-on effect on availability of a venue for programme delivery. Lot of recent staff changes. Entering into another 3-year planning cycle, aiming to work collaboratively with other local services. Fun Day on Saturday at Dobbin St. Com Centre, another in Derrynoose in October.

Teresa (**BCM**): Steady stream of referrals, short waiting list currently operating. Now providing housing clinics in the Jobs Centre in Magherafelt. Recently played a part in a NISCC podcast campaign. Service User group had a beach trip yesterday, aiming to get user feedback whilst away. Some risks highlighted in the Armagh Area so linking in with the PSNI. Very mindful of staff safety also and have introduced co-working in some areas. Submitted an SHSCT Family Support Tender, decision pending.

Raquel (**Volunteer Now**): Matthew Williams, Youth Volunteer Officer, available to discuss recruiting & managing young volunteers. Offer 1-to-1 clinics with organisations and one-off mobile volunteering opportunities, e.g. with Oxfam. Upcoming online session on Recruiting, Retaining & Rewarding Volunteers on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept – Further info. <u>HERE</u>. Link, Lunch & Learn VOLT Session in Armagh on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept - Register HERE.

Cillian (**Start 360**): Targeted Life Skills Service available to schools, community groups & youth clubs in the SHSCT Area. Connections Team also operating in SHSCT Area.

Caroline (Youth Justice Agency): Hold a multi-disciplinary meeting every 4-6 weeks and can accept referrals. Now sitting on Craigavon FSH. Nearly 50% of their young

Contact Cillian to discuss range of workshops

Member Agency Updates	people are neurodiverse. Social Services understaffing sees pressure on other services and have been dealing with Tier 3 level scenarios. Funding of up to £5,000 available to community groups working with young people at risk of offending	Contact Caroline for further details.
	Jennifer ( <b>Now Group</b> ): Work with young people 16+. Self-referrals welcome, as well as from a parent, social worker or other service. An initial suitability meeting usually takes place with the young person who has been referred.	
	Michael ( <b>Youth Action NI</b> ): Youth Start Employment Programmes running for 16-24 year olds. Essential Maths & English programmes running. Our Generation, a PeacePlus mental wellbeing programme, starts in October. Issue of cybersecurity jobs needing filled across Ireland and Youth Action NI have linked in with REIM Training on a PeacePlus bid, with IT training inputs being incorporated into a proposed employability programme.	Contact Debbie in Armagh for Youth Start
	Adrian ( <b>EA Youth Service</b> ): Epicentre continuing to run usual programmes across the academic year. An Area Worker for Armagh & Cusher is now in place, Victoria. Alcohol still an issue and affecting decision making amongst young people. Vape testing has been made available in the North Lurgan area, owing to rise in THC/spice use.	
AOB	The most recent edition of 'FYI' Newsletter circulated this morning - Click HERE to download. Download the 'FYI' Newsletter Feedback Survey 2024 Scorecard HERE.	links & reports to
	Darren will follow up on interest for a small group discussion on challenges facing statutory, voluntary and community organisations on staff recruitment / retention / wellbeing, funding challenges, etc.	members Confirm attendance
	Click <u>HERE</u> to <b>confirm your membership of the Armagh Locality Planning Group</b> . Thanks to those who completed the hard copy opt-in form at the end of today's meeting.	via Doodle link
Next Meeting	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024, 10am, via Zoom.  Many thanks for your participation!	Please accept Outlook Invite