

**CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group
Ballymote Centre Downpatrick
24th Sept. 2024, 2pm**

Minutes

Present: Chair Lynda Vladeanu (SEHSCT), Maria Kelly (Down Sure Start), Amanda Armstrong (SEHSCT), Jennie Campbell (Ballynahinch Counselling Service), Danny Sinclair (SEHSCT) Toucher McDonald (NMADDC) Katrina Hynds (NMADDC) Wendy McKimmie (AFC) Daniella McGarry (CDRCN), Jenny Lavery (CDRCN) Andrew (Clanrye) Noelle Hollywood (SEHSCT),

Apologies: Stephen Glass (EA Area Learning Coordinator), Siobhan Stratton (Barnardos), Sgt Ryan Duffy (PSNI), Rachel Duncan (Down MDT), Shelly Keenan (SEHSCT, MDT), Andrea Keenan (Clanrye Group), Gabrielle ONeill (SEHSCT), Norman Gibson (CAP) Niamh Wallace (Sure Start), Ed Sipler (SEHSCT), Julie Casement (AFC), Priscilla McAlinden (NMADDC), Ellen Brennan (NMADDC)

Agenda Item	Brief Description	Action
1. Welcome and Introductions	Lynda opened the meeting and welcomed the members of Down Locality Planning Group.	
2. Minutes and matters arising	Actions and minutes from the last meeting were discussed and agreed.	
3. Cost of living Campaign update	Daniella McGarry reported that CDRCN had a small amount of food vouchers available up to £250 per family. Applications can be circulated around planning group. CDRCN have been delegated full dispersal funding from NM&DD council and welcome expressions of interest from CVS	

	<p>organisations in NM&DD area who are interested in developing and delivering projects and services to help Asylum seekers.</p> <p>Daniella also outlined how second hand school uniform initiatives ran by CDRCN in previous years are now being ran by schools themselves.</p> <p>St Vincent de Paul have £250 grants for home heating oil if the tank is empty. Grants are for families, older people and the working poor.</p>	
3. MDT update	<p>Anne Marie Dooey from the Down Multidisciplinary Team gave positive feedback on the Downpatrick Neuro Café hosted by Down Locality Planning Group in January, and plans to host another café in the New Year.</p>	Noelle to share details of Neuro Cafe
4. SE Outcomes Group Meeting update;	<p>Lynda Vladeanu gave an overview of regional priorities for action 2024/27, and invited all members to a planning workshop in October 2024. Themes of meeting; Early intervention, prevention, & early help</p>	Noelle to send invitation to planning meeting
5. DEA update	<p>Katrina Hynds informed the group of poor attendance at a recent vaping workshop for parents.</p>	
6. Family Support Hub update	<p>Amanda Armstrong reported that 89% of referrals engaged with the Family Support Hub. Reason for referrals were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emotional & Behavioural Support for primary school aged children 2. Parent Support 3. Emotional & Behavioural Support for post primary schools <p>Amanda also informed the group about</p>	Amanda to share details

	Odyssey Parenting Course, and Invest in Play.	
7. Jennie Campbell, Ballynahinch Counselling Service,	Jennie Campbell, Ballynahinch Counselling Service, reported an increase in waiting times due to demand. They are providing extra counsellors to keep wait times to a minimum.	
8. Winnie McKimmon Action for Children	Winnie McKimmon reported that due to staffing issues, waiting times have increased, plan to host a solihull parenting course for families on waiting list.	
9. Maria Kelly Down SureStart	Maria informed the group about up and coming events including Parenting Week, and will share newsletter with all events with the group.	
10 Andrew Clanrye Group	Andrew informed the group about the “Be your own Boss” & Driving Theory Courses for Young People	
11. Co Down Rural Community Network	Jenny updated the group with a summary of the summer schemes including reaching out to 400 families at an open day at Mountpanther. Walk for Life & Walk for Hope events for suicide awareness and prevention. And Mindfulness course.	
Date of next meeting	There will be a special planning meeting held in Ballymote on 3 rd February 2pm	Noelle to circulate notes prior to meeting.

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11. Any other business		
Date of next meeting		