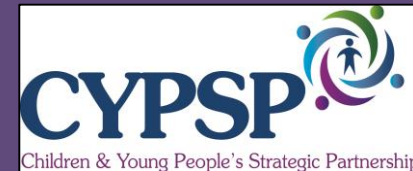


Downpatrick Neuro Cafe



Background to Down LPG Neuro Cafe

Locality Planning Groups are a Partnership of front line leaders and staff across all sectors from the local Neighbourhood/ locality. The work focuses on early intervention, building preventative places and improving outcomes for children and young people. Responding to the expressed needs of families on the waiting lists for assessment/diagnosis for ADHD/Autism, the Down LPG hosted a Neuro Café, an informal drop in event. Over 30 services from Community, Voluntary & Statutory sectors hosted stalls and workshops. Refreshments were provided thanks to Newry Mourne & Down District Council.

CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group consists of; County Down Rural Community Network, SureStart, Homestart, YMCA, Action for Children, Newry Mourne and Down District Council, Education Authority, Clanryre, PSNI, Ballynahinch Counselling, Autism NI, Youth Justice, Barnardo's, South Eastern Health & Social Services, MYMY, NOW, Patrician Youth, Family Support Hub, Common Youth, Parent Action, Early Years, Christians Against Poverty, Parenting NI, Action Mental Health, SERC, Downpatrick Autism & GP Federation Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT)

Find Out More:

For more information on the role of the CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group please visit;

www.cypsp.org/locality-planning-groups/down-locality-planning-group

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CYPSP's Strategy for NI High Level Outcome Contributions

All Children and Young People experience economic and environmental wellbeing.

All Children and Young People live in safety and stability

All Children and Young People Learn and Achieve

Contributing to the Newry Mourne and Down Community

All people in Newry Mourne and Down enjoy good health and wellbeing

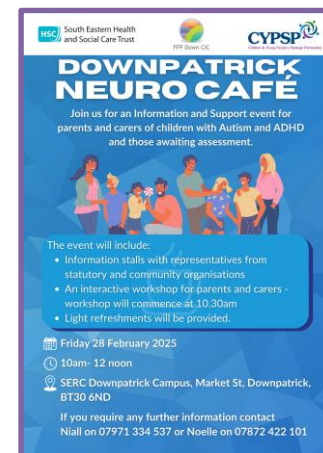
All people in Newry Mourne and Down fulfil their lifelong potential



Neuro Café; what did we do

“The Neuro Café is a partnership approach, as we have had different organisations from the community, voluntary and statutory sector coming together to show what our parents and carers can access for their children and young people.”

Niall Rotherham GP MDT



Neuro Café; how did we do it

- Hosted by the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) Down Locality Planning Group
- Co-produced with local service users
- Partnership with SERC Downpatrick campus
- Refreshments kindly provided by DEA NMADDC
- Interactive workshops facilitated by EA & local Public Health Nurses.



(l-r) Downe Hospital's Senior Social Work Practitioner, Niall Rotherham; Multi-Disciplinary Team's Social Work Manager, Rachel Duncan; Anne Tumelty, Health Visitor Downpatrick; Newry Mourne and Down District Council DEA Coordinator Katrina Hynds; South Eastern Trust's Health Development Practitioner, Noelle Hollywood; South Eastern Trust Public Health Staff Nurse, Laura Gallagher; Anne-Marie Dooey, MDT Social Work Lead North Down; Surestart Health Visitor Laura Sharvin; and Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) Locality Planning Group, Louise Dickson.

Is anyone better off?

187 participants attended the Neuro Café

The Café was designed to provide valuable information and support for parents and carers of children with Autism and ADHD as well as those awaiting assessment.

Those attending had the opportunity to engage with a range of information stalls hosted by 30 representatives from both statutory and community organisations.

The event also featured interactive workshops for parents and carers, which offered practical advice and strategies to support families navigating these challenges. There was also a quiet space where participants could enjoy refreshments.

Is anyone better off?

"Sometimes it is hard to know what services, what support is out there but with the Café we are all under one roof. There is a greater understanding around neurodivergence."

Anything where services are coming together to improve outcomes is a positive.

A great opportunity to gain information on service provision and sharing of resources

"This is a group for neurodivergent people ran by the Trust. I've met friends, I've met a lot of new people and groups such as the NOW as well as groups who offer mental health support and employment support."

It is important that we have these events and link people into vital services."

important it is to spread awareness for parents with children, adding "who are neurodivergent" for them to know and see that they are not alone.