

**CYPSP Ards North Down Locality Planning Group
Blair Maine Leisure Centre Ards
26th March 2025**

Minutes

Present: Chair Lynda Vladeanu (SEHSCT), Paula Mulhull (Ards Sure Start), Linda McCallister (AANDBC), Karen Hamilton (AANDBC), Patricia Macky (AANDBC), Helen McBrier (Neurodiversity uk), Pamela Kirkpatrick (Uhub); Cathy Polley (Ards Community Network); Louise Lyttle (NDCN); Amanda Armstrong (SEHSCT), Noelle Hollywood (SEHSCT), Nicola Dorrian (AANDBC), Shelia Bailie (PHL), Catherine Shipman (SERC), J Thomas (EA Clandyboy PS), Rachel McMillan Clandyboy PS; Amanda Armstrong SEHSCT; Gillian Hamilton D of E RAISE; Karen Collins Aware NI; Donna Mackay AANDBC; Liam Miley Belfast Central Mission; Louise Spence NDCN ;

Apologies: Kathie Corrigan (Barnardos); I Buick (SERC); Rosemary Burke (SEHSCT), Joanne Garrett (SEHSCT); Bronwyn Nesbitt (Homestart); Janet Tayler (SEHSCT); Helen Brown (Bryson Pathways); Julieann Skinner YMCA; ; ; Shauna Mullen (GPMDT), Sinead McCann (PSNI), Anne Marie Dooey (GPMDT), Danny Sinclair SEHSCT, Selwyn Johnston AMH; Nicky Flavelle Womens Aid; Mandy Morrison SEHSCT; Beverly Skillen AANDBC; Mandy Morrison SEHSCT; Denise Rodgers Bangor SureStart ; Pamela Williamson (Street Pastors), Maralyn Toogood (Street Pastors); Gillian McCarroll AMH; Ken Scott Bangor Foodbank; Lyndsey Freeburn (Bryson Family Support) ;

Agenda Item	Brief Description	Action
1. Welcome and Introductions	<p>Lynda opened the meeting and welcomed the members of Ards & North Down Locality Planning Group.</p> <p>The group last met in January 2025, following a break, as the Locality Planning Group; but instead</p>	

	<p>as the Poverty Forum sub group in response to the cost of living crisis across the Borough.</p> <p>At the January AND LPG meeting, there was a healthy debate on the way forward to agree an action plan for the area. It was agreed that data was required and that a request was made to Valerie Maxwell at CYPSP to present on local data at the next meeting. Valerie sent apologies and Lynda gave a brief summary of the needs assessment provided by the CYPSP. Thank you to Valerie for providing the data.</p> <p>This stimulated a healthy debate on the expressed needs in the Borough,</p> <p>Julie Thomas Principal from Clandyboye PS reported on the diversity and complexity of managing a Primary School through a pandemic and cost of living crisis. Julie confirmed the drop in birth rate and negative effect for funding. She also noted the number of children presenting with anxiety disorders.</p> <p>Louise from NDCN expressed concerns on the negative effect on Children and Young People of substance misuse among parents.</p>	<p>Noelle to re-send needs assessment with notes</p>
2. Gillian Hamilton from D of E RAISE	<p>Lynda introduced guest speaker Gillian Hamilton from Department of Education Raise project</p>	<p>Noelle to share Gillian's presentation</p>
3. Ards Neuro Café	<p>.Noelle invited the members to support the next Neuro Café; 13th May 10-12 in Ards Arena</p>	<p>Noelle to share poster</p>
4. Changing Lives Project	<p>The meeting was informed that Colin Neighbourhood Partnership were successful in launching a major cross-border initiative to support neurodiverse families.</p>	<p>Noelle to invite project manager David Simpson to a LPG.</p>

<p>5. Family Support Hub</p>	<p>Amanda Armstrong gave a brief update on the Family Support Hub service.</p> <p>SEHSCT Family Support Hub</p> <p>There are 29 Family Support Hubs across the Province, providing Tier 2 (Hardiker Model) Early Intervention and Early Help. The Family Support Hub sits within the Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership framework. It's function is to report on Unmet need.</p> <p>Referrals 2023/24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,012 Families Referred in the South Eastern area • Around 30% from Ards & North Down • 1,012 Families includes 555 parents, 1113 children and 784 siblings <p>Reasons for referral:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties in primary school children 2. Parenting programmes/ support 3. Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties in post primary school children 4. 1 to 1 support for adolescents 5. Child care support 6. Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties in pre-school children <p>Referral Sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GP's 20% 2. School referrals: 14% 3. Self referrals: 10% 4. HV's, AHP's & MDT: 9% 5. Paediatricians & Gateway: 8% <p>The FSH had a high engagement rate of families allocated a service at 97%.</p>	
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