

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 Clandyboye PS) Rachel McMillan Clandyboye 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; Beverely Skillen ANDBC; Mandy Morrison SEHSCT; Denise Rodgers Bangor SureStart; Pamela Williamson (Street Pastors) Maralyn Toogood (Street Pastors); Gillian McCarrol AMH; Ken Scott Bangor Foodbank; Lyndsey Freeburn (Bryson Family Support);

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

	as the Poverty Forum sub group in response to the cost of living crisis across the Borough.	
	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.	Noelle to re-send needs assessme nt with notes
	This stimulated a healthy debate on the expressed needs in the Borough,	
	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.	
	Louise from NDCN expressed concerns on the negative effect on Children and Young People of substance misuse among parents.	
2. Gillian Hamilton from D of E RAISE	Lynda introduced guest speaker Gillian Hamilton from Department of Education Raise project	Noelle to share Gillian's presentatio n
3. Ards Neuro Café	.Noelle invited the members to support the next Neuro Café; 13 th May 10-12 in Ards Arena	Noelle to share poster
4. Changing Lives Project	The meeting was informed that Colin Neighbourhood Partnership were successful in launching a major cross-border intuitive to support neurodiverse families.	Noelle to invite project manager David Simpson to a LPG.

5. Family Support

Amanda Armstrong gave a brief update on the Family Support Hub service.

SEHSCT Family Support Hub

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.

Referrals 2023/24:

- 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

Reasons for referral:

- 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
- Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties in preschool children

Referral Sources:

- 1. GP's 20%
- 2. School referrals: 14%
- 3. Self referrals: 10%
- 4. HV's, AHP's & MDT: 9%
- 5. Paediatricians & Gateway: 8%

The FSH had a high engagement rate of families allocated a service at 97%.

6. Date of next meeting

16th June Dusty Millar room 2pm

7. Purpose & Membership of Locality Planning Group

The purpose of Locality Planning Groups:

- Develop shared information, knowledge base and expertise about the local area.
- Identifying opportunities to improve outcomes for children and young people by working better together
- Build a commitment to early intervention
- Build an effective partnership.

Lynda explained that the Locality Planning group membership is open to all organisations at practitioner level, providing services to Children & Young People.

Seeking membership from EA,SERC. PSNI, Youth Justice, Libraries NI & Youth Service.

Chair:

This was discussed at the January meeting and it was agreed that members would forward any nominations to Lynda and a vote would then take place via email. It was agreed that a representative from SE Trust will be interim chair until chair appointed

The chair would be supported by SE Trust and will be expected to chair 4 meetings a year, agree agenda and minutes and facilitate any other meetings /workshops as required

It was agreed that each member organisation would present a short presentation on the work and referral pathway into their programmes/ initiatives





