

Craigavon LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 10am
Brownlow Community Hub, Craigavon

Attendees	Apologies
Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craigavon - Chair) Darren Curtis (CYPSP) Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes Majd Almasalkhi (The King's Trust) Kevin Quigley (EA Youth Service) Sinead Travers (Advocacy VSV) Naj Basketfield (PIPS Hope and Support)	Frances Haughey (ABC Council) Helen Donnelly (DfE, RAISE) Lisa Grant (NIACRO / FSH) Gwen Bartley (ABC PCSP) Tim Strain (Youth Justice Agency) Adrian Hutchinson (EA YS) Dan Greenaway (Cedar Foundation) Siobhan Brennan (PIPS H&S)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Mins. 11/03/25	Deborah welcomed all to the meeting. Brief introductions given. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed. Darren provided a quick update on BSO Interpreting Service Pilot - Online Briefing Session pending. DC to request the "Beyond Crisis" Event presentation from ABC Council.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website JP to share BSO Briefing Paper
Action Planning 2024-27	Draft NI Children and Young People's Plan 2025-2028 consultation has closed. Action Planning with the 6 Southern Area LPGs will commence post-summer. Various SAOG Task & Finish Groups continue to operate. Disability Group looking at re-visiting the 'Our Journey' project. Ethnic Minority Group: translation devices have been trialled through various local services and, generally, feedback has been very positive (Naj highlighted the two-way conversation function and the fact that the device can be used in face-to-face situations, as well as over the phone.)	

FSH Update <i>Update received via e-mail</i>	Lisa (NIACRO / FSH): Hub has exceeded its yearly target. 45 referrals last month, expected influx of referrals pre-summer. Schools the biggest referrer last year, followed by self-referrals from families and Gateway. Shift in referral trends, almost 50-50 split in gender and ages 5-10 and 11-15 years. Lack of support for 14-18 years with a higher level of need since cease of YPP service, mentoring options limited in the area. 65% of last year's referrals for C/YP with a disability or awaiting assessment for ASD or ADHD. Good link made with Cruse Bereavement through LPG. Emerging need: teenagers & risk-taking (drugs), parents sometimes being reluctant to accept support. Continuation of domestic violence and impact on young people, Women's Aid waiting lists lengthy, trying to link young people in with counselling. School avoidance remains an issue. C&V organisations coordinating the hubs regionally were invited to feed back at Stormont for the Justice Bill: NIACR already provided verbal and written evidence. Still involved in referring families into PGA and inputting into the RAISE discussion / reference group.	Click HERE to access the 2023/24 SHSCT FSH Report Card
Member Agency Updates	Deborah (Home-Start Craigavon): Find out more about the Verve Network HERE. Local Verve Wild Wanderers Walk on Thursday nights 7pm - 8.30pm in Lurgan Park. Tiny Steps (0-5 months) Programme starting in October and will be recruiting shortly. David (SHSCT): Summer Schemes planning ongoing. Running a Transition programme on moving on from school across the academic year. Arts & Crafts programmes run during the year. New worker starting in B&C Area and several Community Access Support Worker jobs advertised by the SHSCT HERE. Traditionally working with 12-17 years but considering lowering the age group (TBC). Needs are more challenging: more severe autism and learning disabilities with a gap in community support provision. Continue to work closely with IncredABLE and are keen to develop new community links. Sinead (Advocacy VSV): Continuing to work across all SHSCT Area with victims of sexual violence (historical or current) aged 16+. Offer 1-to-1 support for victims which	JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'

Member Agency Updates	can be delivered in the home. No cut-off point in terms of time spent with an individual client. Self-referrals also invited. Bethany (CIP/Oasis): Spring Gets Active Family Day was on 25th April, very well attended. PGA Summer Family Day is on Friday 18th July 10am - 1pm at South Lake. Currently working with approx. 120 kids, peer mentors & team leaders. Lurgan Summer Programme to run during last week of July, primarily including the Bulgarian Community. Emerging Need: Teenage fights in Craigavon Lurgan & Portadown. Ainé (PSNI): Sextortion still reported daily across the Southern region. Young people in the Tullygally Area setting fires, attributed to a recent TikTok trend. Large groups of young people congregating at Oxford Island at weekends and water safety is a concern. The use of scramblers in certain local areas is on the rise. Majd (The King's Trust): Continuing to work with the 16-30 age group, offering employability & enterprise programmes, as well as their Development Awards, which offer some financial support to those seeking to get into employment. Anastazja (SSYCC): Summer Schemes forthcoming. Emerging Needs: Young people reporting organised fights taking place in the local area. Young people being afraid to go to school, due to bullying. Parents living rurally not being able to access services in town, due to transport issues. Young people having no real friends or a "go-to" person. Cara (Barnardo's NI): Transition work in secondary schools ongoing, focusing on resilience, confidence & social skills with the young people involved. Running focus groups with young people to confirm barriers and advocate on the young people's behalf. Offering Disability Awareness Training to groups. Cara's role is NI-wide.	DC to confirm if Parentline NI can attend Contact Majd to discuss delivery of tailored courses locally
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Member Agency Updates	Kevin (EA Youth Service): Regional Assessment of Need Report to be shared in due course. Continuing to offer provision in local centres, with a busy summer ahead. Continuing to promote positive messages to YP and link in with local support orgs. Naj (PIPS Hope and Support): ASIST Training 26th & 27th June, Lurgan Salvation Army. Julie (Links Counselling): Working with all age ranges (5+) Contract to deliver counselling in all local post-primary schools. Remote sessions for those not in school, engagement is challenging. Some primary schools self-fund 1-to-1 counselling. Work on adhoc basis in schools delivering therapeutic work. Continuing to see anxiety-based and peer-related issues and working with schools to manage & support this.	Register HERE Find out more about Links HERE
AOB	Reference Groups have been set up in all RAISE Programme target areas. Action Plans to be pulled together for all individual localities Click HERE for information on ‘School Avoidance: Moving On Together’ Event. ‘School Anxiety and Distress - A Best Practice Guide for Schools’ HERE. Parentline NI ‘Managing Anxiety Based School Avoidance’ Podcast Episode HERE. ABC Loneliness Network is now the ‘Connect Well Live Well Network, Meeting Loneliness Together’. Contact Darren to find out more. The three upcoming issues of ‘FYI’ Newsletter will include a dedicated ‘Summer Is Coming’ Section, to promote summer schemes, programmes, etc. taking place across July & August in the SHSCT Area - Further details on how to submit in Thursday’s ‘FYI’.	DC to keep members updated
Next Meeting	Tuesday 9th September 2025, 10am, via Zoom. Many thanks for your participation!	Please accept Outlook Invite