

Banbridge LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 10am
Banbridge Youth Resource Centre

Attendees		Apologies
Lucinda Love-Teggarty (Futureproof) - Chair	Michael Hart (SHSCT)	Gwen Bartley (ABC PCSP)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP) Chair	Lisa Grant (NIACRO / FSH)	Karen Conn (Barnardo's NOVA)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Ainé Campbell (PSNI)	Glen Dickson (ABC Council)
Majd Almasalkhi (The King's Trust)	Gina Cochrane (EA Youth Service)	David Alderdice (SHSCT)
Chandara Jordan-Kerr (IncredAble)	Lisa Daly (PIPS Hope & Support)	Leanne McGivern (Star Sure Start)
Deirdre Gallagher (EA Youth Service)	Kevin Quigley (EA Youth Service)	Clare McCullough (St. Patrick's Coll.)
Chris Clague (New-Bridge Int. College)	Frances Haughey (ABC Council)	Jessica Wylie (SHSCT, EWTS)
Naj Basketfield (PIPS Hope & Support)	Veronica Kerr (SHSCT, MDT)	Karen Ross (PSNI)
Johnny Nolan (DfE Careers Service)	Rebecca Fox (IncredAble)	Maria Killen (SHSCT)
Sharon Donnelly (Bolster Community)		Nicola Mahood (ABC Council)
		Roberta Johnson (Playboard NI)
		Tracy McCartney (Bolster Comm.)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Mins 14/05	Lucinda welcomed all to the meeting. Brief introductions made, as new members present. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
FSH Update	Lisa (NIACRO / FSH): Busy summer. Referrals from GPs, Health Visitors, CAMHS, Gateway and self-referrals. Requests included challenging behaviour at home, return to school (including anxiety, transitions & Autism/ADHD/ASD assessment pathways), long waiting lists for ADHD/ASD assessments. Increase in ages 16-18 not consenting to receive support despite parents' wishes. Programmes available for employability but difficult to get young people out the connecting. FSH would be keen to know about local mentoring options.	

Member Agency Updates	<p>Naj / Lisa (PIPS Hope and Support): Thanks to all who supported recent Baton Of Hope Event. Increase in people reaching out as a result, particularly in Lurgan. Congratulations offered to PIPS by the LPG. Postvention service for children continues. 18-20 year olds engaging more with service and sharing 'FYI' with all counsellors for signposting. Thrive Project is in Portadown, Craigavon & Lurgan and happy to work in partnership to deliver.</p> <p>Majd (The King's Trust): Wide range of programmes running for ages 16-30 across NI and can deliver bespoke programmes in given areas if there is a corresponding need identified (Max. 16, Min. 6 participants). Offer both employability and wellbeing programmes.</p> <p>Johnny (DfE, Careers Service): Working with local schools to identify priority pupils in Yr 12 to offer face-to-face/1-1 sessions focusing on career support. Delivering wider group work and career talks in post-primary schools.</p> <p>Deirdre (EA Youth Service): REACH Programme available to all local primary & post-primary schools. REACH Champion Programme in schools. Work on whole school basis or with smaller groups. Teacher Awareness Workshops available with booklet to support and Parent Workshops can be delivered with accompanying toolkit. Worked with a group of Y9&10 Boys in New-Bridge and Chris would highly recommend the programme.</p> <p>Veronica (SHSCT, MDT): Connected Parents Autism / ADHD Support Group meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday monthly in Rathfriland Community Centre, 9.30am-11.30am.</p> <p>Chandara / Rebecca (IncredAble): Heroes Plus Project is delivered in Banbridge Area, supporting young people with a learning disability and/or additional needs. Respite Service & Residential opportunities also offered.</p> <p>Kevin (EA Youth Service): Keen to offer support to a group of 18-24 year olds with urgent needs (ASD, mental/emotional trauma & self-harm) based in the Rathfriland Area - Request put out to members to join sub-group to link the young adults into relevant services.</p>	<p>JP to circulate links after meeting + Relevant flyers in next 'FYI'</p> <p>See Calendar in 'FYI'</p> <p>Visit website HERE</p> <p>Visit webpage HERE</p> <p>See referral e-mail in flyer</p> <p>E-mail KQ or DC to confirm</p>
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Member Agency Updates	<p>Sharon (Bolster Community): Layered Lives Programme being delivered in the ABC Council Area for neurodiverse women aged 16-30.</p> <p>Lucinda (FutureProof): Several neurodiverse groups available: female-only, Eclipse mixed and peer-led. Recently received a few enquiries for free Maths & English Tuition.</p>	
Action Planning 2025-28	<p>Darren presented the Southern Area LPG Action Plan 2025-28 to the group. CYPSP NI Children and Young People's Plan 2025-2028 HERE.</p> <p>Download the Self-Care Programme 2025 Scorecard HERE.</p> <p>Youth Workers Conference / Event (Feb 2026) in early planning stages. Kevin mentioned the ABC Youth Voice Group have their Half-Term Leadership Week w/c 9th Feb., so a possible link-in.</p> <p>Understanding Self-Harm Workshop, being delivered by Inspire, taking place on Wednesday 5th November 2025, from 10am to 12pm, in Tower Hill.</p>	Presentation to be circulated by JP
AOB	<p>Online Parent Group for Emotionally Based School Avoidance, supported by Parent Participation Service on 30/9 7-8pm. Open to parents and carers in the Southern Trust Area.</p> <p>Cultural Competence Event in Armagh City Hotel 23/10 9.3am-3pm. Register via flyer link.</p> <p>Visit the Bereaved NI Website HERE, for information & support if you are helping children, young people and/or families who are bereaved. Also, see the Seasons Of Life Presentation which will be circulated by CYPSP post-meeting.</p> <p>Kevin advised EA Youth Service recruiting for Area Youth Worker 2 in Banbridge.</p> <p>Deirdre recommended CAFRE & SkillUp programmes for employability opportunities.</p> <p>Johnny mentioned that Clanrye Group have opened an office in Banbridge.</p>	<p>JP to circulate all links & reports to members</p> <p>DC to contact Dara O'Hagan</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 26th November 2025, 10am, via Zoom.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Please accept Outlook Invite