

**Dungannon LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 10am**  
**Via Zoom Video Conference Call**

<b>Attendees</b>		<b>Apologies</b>
Darren Curtis (CYPSP) - Acting Chair	Donna Gibney (SHSCT)	Lorraine Griffin (COSTA)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Lucinda McGinnis (Start360)	Annette McGahan (MUDC PCSP)
Charlene Greensword (EA Toybox)	Barbara Hughes (STEP NI)	Maria Killen (SHSCT, Parenting Partnership)
Sara McClure (Early Years Toybox)	Mark Doran (MUDC)	Caroline Williamson (Barnardo's NI)
Sinead Travers (Advocacy VSV)	Lisa Allen (Angel Eyes NI)	Jamie Greer (Volunteer Now)
Taiga Valdmane-Stecenko (BCM)	Jessica Wylie (EWTS)	Thom Denton (Cedar Foundation)
Valerie Morrison (Apex Housing)	Máire Powell (EWS)	
Leanne Elliott (DfE, Careers Service)	Cara Ramsey (Barnardo's)	
Raquel Rodrigues Keenan (Volunteer Now)	Ellie Butler (Cruse)	

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action - By Whom</b>
<b>Welcome, Apols., Mins. 10/06/25</b>	Darren welcomed all to the meeting, as Acting Chair. Apologies noted, per above. Brief Intros. given. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
<b>FSH Update</b>	Cara ( <b>Barnardo's NI / FSH</b> ): During July to September, the hub received 77 referrals from GPs, Gateway, Health Visitors and an increasing number of self-referrals - All families were offered support or signposting, with home visits proving valuable. There's high demand for counselling and mentoring (Ages 10–17) and a significant gap in play therapy for younger children. Referrals are rising for families awaiting ASD/ADHD assessments, with waiting lists of up to two years.	
<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	Cara ( <b>Barnardo's NI</b> ): Parents Plus Early Years Programme being delivered by Barnardo's and running in Tower Hill, Armagh, on Tuesday mornings. Have recently supported 15 families with tailored interventions, including school liaison and advocacy, with positive outcomes.	JP to circulate all links after mtg. Relevant flyers in next 'FYI'

<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	<p>Lisa (<b>Angel Eyes NI</b>): Continuing to support children who are visually impaired or blind, often alongside additional needs, such as down syndrome or cerebral palsy. They've also been training staff in special schools. Current projects include music therapy, Halloween &amp; Christmas events and money management training for young people aged 8-24. Some VR Training will be taking place in February next year - More info. <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Leanne (<b>DfE, Careers Service</b>): Visit the Careers Service Website <a href="#">HERE</a>. The Careers Service is an add-on to what young people will get in post-primary school in terms of career guidance. Currently running a pilot in x9 schools to help shape what their service delivery is going to be like for next year. They offer 1-to-1 and group work within schools, depending on levels of need.</p> <p>Mark (<b>MUDC</b>): PHA-funded Babies &amp; Kids Warm Packs will soon be available for distribution in the area.</p> <p>Sara &amp; Charlene (<b>EY Toybox</b>): Continuing to work with families both in the home and in community settings. Currently open for referrals RE: Roma &amp; Traveller families.</p> <p>Sinead (<b>Advocacy VSV</b>): Continuing to accept referrals via their online form <a href="#">HERE</a>. Upcoming fundraiser, Lip Sync Battle, taking place in Newry.</p> <p>Donna (<b>SHSCT, Community Access Team</b>): Had a busy summer with various schemes running. Can only accept referrals from Disability Social Workers.</p> <p>Lucinda (<b>Start360</b>): Their Reset Programme is running this October, focusing on alcohol usage - Leaflets &amp; packs available from Lucinda, upon request.</p> <p>Máire (<b>Education Welfare Service</b>): Have recently appointed Specialist Emotional Wellbeing Education Welfare Practitioners, as part of the EWS transformation - The posts are in the early stages and will focus on targeting issues such as EBSNA.</p>	Contact Mark to check eligibility See Stakeholder Leaflet Register to attend <a href="#">HERE</a>
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<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	<p>Jessica (<b>SHSCT, EWTS</b>): Have had a positive uptake from local schools for this academic year and have only two schools left to cover in the Dungannon area in 2026/27. Schools are being inundated with correspondence.</p> <p>Raquel (<b>Volunteer Now</b>): Continuing to promote safe, accessible volunteering and supporting young people through school-based social action programmes, awareness talks and their Youth Impact Award for ages 11-25 to help youth track voluntary hours via online profiles, encouraging active citizenship from primary to college level. They continue to offer training and have recently attended several Freshers Fairs.</p> <p>Valerie (<b>Apex Housing</b>): Have been supporting a range of community initiatives, including Camp Joshua in the summer, youth volunteering, exam anxiety workshops in schools and wellbeing programmes, like Beacon which targets autistic children and focuses on empathy in the classroom. They are keen to support local clubs, afterschool groups, and seasonal family events and are happy to discuss any related opportunities with LPG members.</p> <p>Taiga (<b>BCM</b>): Service User Event taking place at the Fishing Lodge at Dungannon Park on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The organisation is in a staff transition period, so their waiting list is currently longer than usual.</p> <p>Barbara (<b>STEP NI</b>): Has been in post since August and is out meeting stakeholders and local groups.</p>	
<b>Action Planning 2025-28</b>	<p>General feedback on the <b>Feel Good Dungannon Community Event</b> was positive, particularly in how useful the event was in connecting local services. The weather, unfortunately, affected visitor footfall, but there were over 40 organisations who attended and activities included the Autism Bus and Health Checks by the Verve Network. CYPSP Scorecard will follow and an Online Services Resource is pending production.</p>	Presentation to be circulated by JP

Action Planning 2025-28	<p><b>Feel Good Armagh Community Networking Event Scorecard <a href="#">HERE</a>. Feel Good Armagh Services Resource 2025 <a href="#">HERE</a>.</b></p> <p>Download the <b>Self-Care Programme 2025 Scorecard <a href="#">HERE</a></b>.</p> <p><b>Understanding Self-Harm Workshop</b>, being delivered by Inspire, taking place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025, from 10am to 12pm, in Tower Hill.</p> <p>The <b>Mid Ulster Loneliness Network</b> focuses on youth to older people and aims to link services up to offer relevant support out in the community. Loneliness training, chatty benches &amp; kindness post boxes were discussed at the most recent meeting, per BH.</p>	Flyer to be shared
AOB	<p><b>Online Parent Group for Emotionally Based School Avoidance</b>, supported by The Parent Participation Service, open to parents and carers in the Southern Trust Area, recently took place.</p> <p><b>Cultural Competence Event</b> taking place in the Armagh City Hotel on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025, from 9.30pm to 3pm - Register via flyer.</p> <p>Visit the <b>Department of Education RAISE Programme</b> webpage <a href="#">HERE</a> to view the Strategic Area Plan for Dungannon &amp; Coalisland.</p>	JP to circulate all links & reports to members
Next Meeting	<p><b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 10am, Dungannon Youth Resource Centre.</b> (Roberta from Playboard NI will be presenting on the Our Generation Programme.)</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Please accept Outlook Invite