

Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 6th March 2025 at 10am
Via Zoom Video Conference Call

Attendees		Apologies
Darren Curtis (CYPSP) - Acting Chair	Adrian Hutchinson (EA YS)	Alison Daly (SHSCT)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Donna Gibney (SHSCT)	Ann-Marie Baxter (Barnardo's NI / FSH)
Dan Greenaway (Cedar Foundation)	Ainé Campbell (PSNI)	Cara Ramsey (Barnardo's NI)
Andrea McClenaghan (SHSCT)	Padraig McBrien (REACT)	Edel Ferson (ABC Council)
Stephen Harland (Ark Housing)	Cillian O'Hagan (Start360)	Glenda McMullen (Armagh Foodbank)
Abbie Hayes (Women's Aid Armaghdown)	Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)	Karen Ross (PSNI)
Caroline Dawson (Youth Justice Agency)	Niamh Quinn (Advocacy VSV)	Mark Doran (ABC Council)
Claire Fitzpatrick (Youth Justice Agency)	Jamie Greer (Volunteer Now)	Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI)
Bronagh Trainor (DfE, Careers Service)	Ellie McKenna (NICMA)	Naj Basketfield (PIPS Hope & Support)
		Sophie Lester (ABC Council)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Mins. 09/01/25	<p>Darren welcomed all to the meeting. Brief introductions made. Apologies noted.</p> <p>BSO Interpreting Service Pilot Online Briefing Session pending.</p> <p>Darren has raised the issue of the gap in therapeutic play with the SAOG, per Ann-Marie's feedback from the FSH.</p> <p>Darren is due to meet The Hygiene Bank this week.</p> <p>All Self-Care Sessions (funded by the PHA through the Clear Project), have now taken place, with positive feedback received from participants - Return data to be sent to funder imminently and Scorecard will follow in due course.</p>	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
Action Planning 2024-27	<p>Click HERE to download the Feel Good Armagh Community Networking Event 2024 Scorecard + Click HERE to download the Feel Good Armagh 2024 Services Resource - Save The Date to follow for FGA Community Event on 7/6 along with stand holders EOI.</p>	Inspire Take 5 Booklet to be circulated by DC

Action Planning 2024-27	Draft Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Plan 2025-2028 recently went out for consultation.	Draft to be sent, via e-mail, by JP
FSH Update <i>Update provided via e-mail</i>	Ann-Marie (Barnardo's NI / FSH): FSH currently undergoing some changes: Pat McGeough has retired. Gillian McKeown from Barnardo's is the new Hub Co-ordinator. Ann-Marie now based in Grange Building, Tower Hill (E-mail remains same, new telephone no. to follow.) Hub now has an agreement in place with Bolster who work with families open to Children with Disability Social Workers: can take 5 referrals a month from Jan to end of March, hoped that PACT will then continue to take referrals after that. Emerging trend: Repeat referrals from different agencies, therefore it is important for referral agencies to ask families if they have been directed to the FSH previously.	
Member Agency Updates	Caroline (Youth Justice Agency): Busy with early intervention work and delivery of workshops in local schools. Recently linked with SRC to deliver workshops and happy to connect LPG members with SRC. Have some funding to work with young people at risk of offending behaviours; Contact Caroline to further discuss. Ainé (PSNI): Sextortion a daily issue throughout the district, more prevalent amongst young people. Safeguarding a key priority for the PSNI, as well as getting relevant messaging into the community. Neighbourhood Team working with Women's Aid on domestic violence and healthy relationships: have been in Armagh High School and due to go into St. Catherine's. Jamie (Volunteer Now): Live Volunteer Now Training Schedule HERE and info on Volunteer Now Impact Awards HERE Annual event on 25 th March. Currently looking at employing someone full-time for Armagh & Dungannon Areas.	JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI' Visit the SBNI Online Safety Hub HERE

Member Agency Updates	<p>Catherine (SHSCT): Recently had the Autism Bus from England funded through Neighbourhood Renewal, feedback very positive. New network of local Verve Health Trainers who can be booked for health events or programmes and 1-to-1 support.</p> <p>Dan (Cedar Foundation): Continuing to link with local organisations such as Start360 on programmes. Referral processing & activities continue. Dan is moving roles.</p> <p>Padraig (REACT): Huge demand continues for mentor programme with referrals ongoing from FSH. Full schedule of programmes in the centre. PCSP supporting a young girls group focusing on EVAWG. Dungeons & Dragons group is proving popular. Joint creative writing project has started with a group in Monaghan.</p> <p>Niamh (Advocacy VSV): Only charity in NI to offer a professional service to victims of sexual violence in the safety of their own home. Service is for 16+ yrs. New worker (Sinead Travers) now in place and LPG members are invited to attend the opening of their new Dungannon Office, in The Junction, on 19th March at 1pm.</p> <p>Ellie (NICMA): Running Child Minding Academies in 10 council areas in NI but ABC Area not one of them. NICMA Childcare Survey HERE on Understanding Childcare Needs of Families with Children with Disabilities/Additional Needs: deadline tomorrow.</p> <p>Cillian (Start360): Increase in demand for vaping sessions, particularly from schools. Use of snuff and illicit substances in vapes seems to be on the rise.</p> <p>Adrian (EA Youth Service): Epicentre currently running range of programmes & drop-ins for varying age groups and different times. Go Lead youth project coming to an end. An IWD Event has been organised by some young people in the centre. Horizons programme (focused on leadership development) recruitment will be starting imminently. Click HERE to find out more about the EA SEN Exceptional Teaching Service.</p>	
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Member Agency Updates <i>*Update provided via e-mail</i>	<p>Bronagh (DfE, Careers Service): Provide free impartial careers, information, advice and guidance and are an all-age service. Based in job centres across NI, as well as post primary schools.</p> <p>Abbie (WAAD): Currently operating a waiting list. Two EVAWG Events took place across the weekend in Newry & Craigavon in conjunction with Volunteer Now and NMandDD & ABC Council. Both very well supported. Some artwork produced by their women is being displayed in Millenium Court as part of an IWD Exhibition.</p> <p>Michael (Youth Action NI): Planning on running their Journaling Workshop on the morning of Thursday 20th March in Armagh - Could also run for Armagh LPG only.</p>	Find out more HERE
AOB	<p>'School Avoidance: Moving On Together' Event, hosted by the Parent Participation Service and taking place on Tuesday 25th March 2025. Also, listen to the Parentline NI 'Managing Anxiety Based School Avoidance' Podcast Episode HERE.</p> <p>'Strong Foundations' Southern Area Annual Men's Health Seminar taking place on Thursday 13th March 2025, at Lough Neagh Discovery Centre - Spaces are extremely limited at this stage.</p>	Register via link in flyer Contact DC for further info.
Next Meeting	<p>Thursday 8th May 2025, 10am, Epicentre. Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Please accept Outlook Invite