

Banbridge LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 10am
Banbridge Youth Resource Centre, Banbridge

Attendees	Apologies
Darren Curtis (CYPSP) - Acting Chair	Lucinda Love-Teggarty (Futureproof)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Kevin Quigley (EA Youth Service)
Majd Almasalkhi (The King's Trust)	Dan Greenaway (Cedar Foundation)
Lisa Grant (NIACRO / FSH)	Frances Haughey (ABC Council)
Sarah Aiken (ABC Council)	Eleanor Ellerslie (Cruse Bereavement)
Gina Cochrane (EA Youth Service)	Naj Basketfield (PIPS Hope & Support)
Karen Ross (PSNI)	Jonathan Wilson (DfE Careers Service)
Clare McCullough (St. Patrick's College)	
Ellie Butler (Cruse Bereavement Support)	
Leanne McGivern (Star Sure Start)	
Liz Reed (SHSCT, EWTS)	
Niamh Quinn (Advocacy VSV)	
Veronica Kerr (SHSCT, MDT)	

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Mins. 05/02/25	Darren welcomed all to the meeting. Brief introductions made, as new members present. Apologies noted, per above. Thanks expressed to the EA Youth Service for hosting. Previous Minutes agreed. Darren confirmed the Inspire Take 5 Booklet would be resent. Young Men's Programme conversation pending between Gina, Lucinda & Frances.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
Action Planning 24-27	Draft Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Plan 2025-2028 recently went out for consultation.	Draft to be sent by JP

FSH Update FSH Update	<p>Lisa (NIACRO / FSH): On course to reach/exceed yearly target. Trends continue on school anxiety & school avoidance. Increase in young people aged 16+ with ASD diagnosis looking for alternative study options to school. There is an ongoing demand for those awaiting ASD/ADHD assessment and more recently, post-diagnosis support. Recently seen an increase in parents seeking to develop their literacy skills to support children and also more inquiries for bereavement support, seeking resources and guidance.</p>	
Member Agency Updates	<p>Ellie (Cruse Bereavement Support): Work in schools. Provide online sessions ahead of potential 1-to-1 counselling. Delivering Grief Ally, Grief Ambassador and Bereavement Buddies programmes, prison work and delivery of programmes in local sports clubs.</p> <p>Niamh (Advocacy VSV): Continuing to offer support to 16+ ages across SHSCT Area. Can offer support in the home. New office opening in Dungannon today, members invited to attend. Second advocate now employed. Emerging Need: Courts don't seem to have caught up with themselves post-COVID and the more recent Defence Barristers strike has affected Crown Court matters, leading to adjournments.</p> <p>Leanne (Star Sure Start): New to post and keen to make local links to connect services with parents. Can accept referrals for families in need in the Banbridge Area. Organisation currently facing tight budget restrictions.</p> <p>Clare (St. Patrick's College): Recently attended bereavement training with Marie Curie. Four pupils in their school have lost fathers since January. Plans to set up a monthly Bereavement Group. Currently carrying out an audit on MH&EW with parents, pupils & staff.</p> <p>Liz (SHSCT, EWTS): In Year 2 of a 4-Year Pilot Scheme. Delivering MH&EW workshops in schools with young people & teachers. Engaging with parents presents a challenge.</p>	<p>JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'</p> <p>CMcC to connect with EB + DC to send PLIG details to CMcC</p> <p>GC to link some parents in with EWTS</p>

Member Agency Updates

Majd (**The King's Trust**): March Programmes running and can be delivered outside of Belfast, if there is demand. Development Awards available for 16-30 year olds. Enterprise Programme, Start A Business, running online.

Gina (**EA Youth Service**): 3-Year Development Plan: Regional Assessment of Need Report and Consultation available [HERE](#). Top 3 Areas: worries about the future; play, hobbies & interests (and drop-out); health & wellbeing and emotional needs. ABC figures similar to NI-wide trends. Current staffing gaps in centre. Emerging Needs: online safety, e.g. Snapchat, overly sexualised language at a younger age, particularly amongst the girls. Exploring young men's work to fulfil demand and have been in touch with the Men's Shed. EA Youth Centre in Dromore have a part-time team in place offering three night's provision, including a special needs group and senior youth club: good attendance.

Veronica (**SHSCT, MDT**): Autism NI Support Group running in Banbridge. From Womb To World Programme for first time Mums. Click [HERE](#) to visit the Road Ahead NI FB page. Easter & Summer Multi-Sports Camps coming up. Working in primary & secondary schools on female participation in sport through ambassador framework. Physical Literacy workshops delivered to local teachers. Inclusive Sport & Leisure Programme available across multiple centres in ABC Council Area. Teen Gym available in certain centres. ABC Sports Forum will be offering a new grant on health & wellbeing sessions to be delivered in clubs. The Hungry Hooker will be their guest speaker at their Awards next week.

Sarah (**ABC Council**): Revenue Grants opening on 24th March. Further details to follow. ABC Council EVAWG Conference taking place on Monday 31st March - Register [HERE](#).

Karen (**PSNI**): Receiving around 150 referrals per month across ABC Borough via Operation Encompass. Engagement continues with schools, EVAWG a focus at present. Recently ran a programme in New-Bridge Integrated College in partnership with WAAD. PSNI Power To Change Initiative recently launched, click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) to download the Advocacy

Member Agency Updates	Toolkit. Youth Engagement Programmes delivered via Neighbourhood Team including beauty, boxing and bicycles. Happy to replicate similar programmes in other areas. PCSP Be Safe P7 Transition Talks rolling out soon. Keen to find out more about local support services into which they can refer young males.	
AOB	<p>Upcoming event on School Avoidance: Moving On Together, hosted by the Parent Participation Service, taking place on Tuesday 25th March 2025. (Listen to the Parentline NI 'Managing Anxiety Based School Avoidance' Podcast Episode HERE.)</p> <p>ABC Loneliness Network “Promoting Connections” Event taking place on 8th April in the Jethro Centre in Lurgan.</p> <p>Two upcoming Men’s Health Programmes running in Lurgan & Craigavon during April & May - See flyers in ‘FYI’.</p> <p>Visit the Bereaved NI Website HERE.</p> <p>Visit the Department for Economy Careers Service Website HERE.</p> <p>This week’s ‘FYI’ Newsletter going out on Thursday - Send flyers by 4pm today.</p>	JP to circulate all links & reports to members
Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 14th May 2025, 10am, via Zoom.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Please accept Outlook Invite