

**Banbridge LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10am**  
**Banbridge Youth Resource Centre, Banbridge**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Darren Curtis (CYPSP) - Acting Chair Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes Majd Almasalkhi (The King's Trust) Lisa Grant (NIACRO / FSH) Sarah Aiken (ABC Council) Gina Cochrane (EA Youth Service) Karen Ross (PSNI) 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)	Lucinda Love-Teggarty (Futureproof) Kevin Quigley (EA Youth Service) Dan Greenaway (Cedar Foundation) Frances Haughey (ABC Council) Eleanor Ellerslie (Cruse Bereavement) Naj Basketfield (PIPS Hope & Support) Jonathan Wilson (DfE Careers Service) Karen Conn (Barnardo's NOVA) Gwen Bartley (ABC PCSP) Alison Daly (SHSCT, CST) David Alderdice (SHSCT) Nicola McCauley (SHSCT, EWTS) Nathaniel Mack (The King's Trust)

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action - By Whom</b>
<b>Welcome, Apols., Mins. 05/02/25</b>	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
<b>Action Planning 24-27</b>	<b>Draft Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Plan 2025-2028</b> recently went out for consultation.	Draft to be sent by JP



<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	<p>Majd (<b>The King's Trust</b>): 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.</p> <p>Gina (<b>EA Youth Service</b>): 3-Year Development Plan: Regional Assessment of Need Report and Consultation available <a href="#">HERE</a>. Top 3 Areas: worries about the future; play, hobbies &amp; interests (and drop-out); health &amp; 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.</p> <p>Veronica (<b>SHSCT, MDT</b>): Autism NI Support Group running in Banbridge. From Womb To World Programme for first time Mums. Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to visit the Road Ahead NI FB page. Easter &amp; Summer Multi-Sports Camps coming up. Working in primary &amp; secondary schools on female participation in sport through ambassador framework. Physical Literacy workshops delivered to local teachers. Inclusive Sport &amp; 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 &amp; wellbeing sessions to be delivered in clubs. The Hungry Hooker will be their guest speaker at their Awards next week.</p> <p>Sarah (<b>ABC Council</b>): Revenue Grants opening on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Further details to follow. ABC Council EVAWG Conference taking place on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Register <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Karen (<b>PSNI</b>): 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 <a href="#">HERE</a> and <a href="#">HERE</a> to download the Advocacy</p>	
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<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	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.	
<b>AOB</b>	<p>Upcoming event on <b>School Avoidance: Moving On Together</b>, hosted by the Parent Participation Service, taking place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025. (Listen to the <b>Parentline NI 'Managing Anxiety Based School Avoidance' Podcast Episode</b> <a href="#">HERE</a>.)</p> <p><b>ABC Loneliness Network "Promoting Connections" Event</b> taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> April in the Jethro Centre in Lurgan.</p> <p>Two upcoming <b>Men's Health Programmes</b> running in Lurgan &amp; Craigavon during April &amp; May - See flyers in 'FYI'.</p> <p>Visit the <b>Bereaved NI Website</b> <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Visit the <b>Department for Economy Careers Service Website</b> <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>This week's '<b>FYI</b>' <b>Newsletter</b> going out on Thursday - Send flyers by 4pm today.</p>	JP to circulate all links & reports to members
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 10am, via Zoom.</b></p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Please accept Outlook Invite