

Banbridge LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 10am
Via Zoom Video Conference Call

Attendees		Apologies
Darren Curtis - Acting Chair	Ainé Campbell (PSNI)	Lucinda Love-Teggarty (Futureproof)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Lisa Grant (NIACRO / FSH)	Karen Conn (Barnardo's NOVA)
Gina Cochrane (EA Youth Service)	Gwen Bartley (ABC PCSP)	Michael Hart (SHSCT)
Frances Haughey (ABC Council)	David Alderdice (SHSCT)	Kevin Quigley (EA Youth Service)
Thom Denton (Cedar Foundation)	Jessica Wylie (SHSCT, EWTS)	Veronica Kerr (SHSCT, MDT)
Maria Killen (SHSCT, Parenting Partnership)	Laura O'Hagan (ABC Council)	Naj Basketfield, Lisa Daly & Siobhan Brennan (PIPS Hope & Support)
MarySue O'Hare (SHSCT, MDT)		

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Mins 24/09	Darren welcomed all to the meeting. Brief introductions made. Previous Minutes agreed. Darren confirmed Clanrye Group do not have a premises in Banbridge. Kevin (EA Youth Service) has been off so the conversation offering support to a group of 18-24 year olds with ASD, mental/emotional trauma & self-harm needs based in the Rathfriland Area is to be picked up imminently.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
FSH Update	Lisa (NIACRO / FSH): Increase in referrals to FSH which is to be expected with return to school. Continue to receive complex cases including need for bereavement support and those waiting for ASD/ADHD Assessments. Increase in young people aged 14+ unable to avail of NIACRO CAPS and at a higher level of need, however not high enough for Gateway thresholds: some not engaging with services and others with statutory involvement and not showing progress. Update on plans following Review for Family Support (Work Stream 9), with the Southern Trust Hubs viewed as a successful model of partnership between statutory, voluntary and community services. Envisaged that FSH's will be an integral part in this change to be supported by transformation funding.	

Member Agency Updates	<p>Maria (SHSCT, Parenting Partnership): Invest In Play & Parents Plus Special Needs Parenting Programmes in Jan 2026. Autism Awareness Training for practitioners on 27th Jan. Further info. HERE on upcoming Evidence-Based Parenting Programmes delivered in the SHSCT Area. Martina McCooey will send an update on all programmes for the new year in the next few days – contact Maria to report any gaps or ideas for their area.</p> <p>Laura (ABC Council, Sports Development): ABC Sports Forum Sports Development Plan contains details of all recent & upcoming programmes/initiatives across the ABC Council Area. ABC Council is inviting local businesses to become a GetMoving ABC Workplace. LEAP Employability Programme will run again in new year in Neighbourhood Renewal Areas: open to ages 16-30 to gain sports-related qualifications and employability skills.</p> <p>Frances (ABC Council): 10-Week Men's Health & Lifestyle Programme commencing on Wed 7th Jan at 6pm in Gilford Community Centre: includes weekly health information awareness talks and workshops and weekly physical activity sessions and dedicated coach.</p> <p>Lisa (NIACRO): Portadown Wellness Centre have 500 sessions of professional counselling that they can offer FREE if a client is of low income and in danger of losing their home. Funding provided by NIHE Homelessness Prevention Fund and currently no waiting lists.</p> <p>Gwen (ABC PCSP): A play written by SRC Performing Arts students, focusing on hate crime was recently delivered to P7 pupils in locals schools and was very well received. Annual Be Safe events take place in New Year and currently delivering workshops on road safety, targeting both children & young people and older people, given pedestrian deaths this year.</p> <p>Jessica (SHSCT, EWTS): High uptake in mental health & emotional wellbeing supports in schools this year. Collecting all relevant information from LPG Meetings and signpost accordingly in the schools where they are working.</p>	JP to circulate documents & links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'	
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Member Agency Updates	<p>MarySue (SHSCT MDT): Taking the lead with Banbridge GPs. Delivering Anxiety Yoga in locals schools. Physiotherapists and the Primary Mental Health will be in situ in the MDTs in the Craigavon & Portadown Areas, before Social Workers.</p> <p>Gina (EA Youth Service): Record Junior attendance recorded at Youth Centre, which is positive but capacity pressures. Recent events included Girls Night In, upcoming Christmas activities scheduled. Ongoing challenges include behavioural issues, damage, and managing boundaries with high-needs young people.</p> <p>David (SHSCT): Running a 6-week Men's Project with Lawrencetown Community Association and Boys & Girls Club, focus on health & wellbeing. Collaborating with Gold Line Youth Centre who have offered places on weekly Young Women's Project, running to Christmas. 6-week Pottery Project launched with a local artist at Portadown Wellness Centre and have annual Snow Tubing and Santa Day with ABC Council in December. Very busy period, high demand for places. Challenges to find organisations to support young people with complex needs including providing personal care, but continue working to meet those needs. Team has recently grown and hope to fill another Support Worker post soon.</p> <p>Ainé (PSNI): Recently hosted a 2-day work experience event for schools across ABC Council Area: 50 students attending, 30 of whom from Banbridge & Dromore Area. The event provided insight into careers in policing, and feedback from participants was very positive.</p>	
Action Planning	Members requested to save the date of Thur 26 th February for the ABC Council Area Youth Workers Conference / Networking Event , planned to take place in Craigavon Civic Centre.	
AOB	Understanding Self-Harm Workshop , due to be delivered by Inspire, was postponed and has been re-scheduled for Wed 21 st Jan. 10am-12pm in Tower Hill Boardroom, Armagh.	See flyer & Register HERE
Next Meeting	Dates for next year's LPG Meetings proposed (First 2026 Meeting provisionally scheduled for Wed. 28th Jan.). Meetings to commence at 10am, formats TBC. Many thanks for your participation!	Complete 2026 Meetings Survey HERE