

**Craigavon LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10am**  
**Via Zoom Video Conference Call**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Darren Curtis (CSY PSP) - Acting Chair Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes Laura Mills (The King's Trust) Dan Greenaway (Cedar Foundation) Bethany Ebron (Oasis/CIP) Tim Strain (Youth Justice Agency) Jonathan Wilson (DfE, Careers Service) Sinead Travers (Advocacy VSV)	Ainé Campbell (PSNI) Lisa Grant (NIACRO / FSH) Helen Donnelly (DfE, RAISE) Claire Phillips (Aware NI) David Alderdice (SHSCT) Michael Hart (SHSCT) Gwen Bartley (ABC PCSP)

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action - By Whom</b>
<b>Welcome, Apols., Mins. 21/01/25</b>	Darren welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.  <b>All Self-Care Sessions (funded by the PHA through the Clear Project)</b> , 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.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website DC circulate Take 5 Booklet
<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, via e-mail, by JP
<b>FSH Update</b>	Lisa (NIACRO / FSH): No major change in referral patterns over past couple of months. Yearly targets will be met for year ending March 2025. Continue receiving referrals for emotional wellbeing & school refusal. Increase in referrals for 11+ age group, including over 16s. More recently receiving referrals for support for families post ASD/ADHD diagnosis. Continue to signpost families to available resources, websites & home-based support. Recently attended the ABC Council "Beyond Crisis" Event, which was very useful in connecting with other local support services.	DC to check if Event PowerPoint is available to share

<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	<p>David (<b>SHSCT</b>): Wellness Centre funded a 10-week programme pre-Christmas, extended in new year to offer another 6-week programme to some other young people. Continue working through consistent flow of referrals from Social Work Team. Halfway through a Young Women's programme in partnership with YMCA Portadown. Aiming to kick off summer scheme schedule soon. See <a href="#">HERE</a> details on recent ABC Council recruitment campaign for All Stars Summer Activity Scheme. The deadline has now closed but David will keep us updated should the opportunity to apply open up again.</p> <p>Michael (<b>SHSCT</b>): Verve Healthy Living Network Meeting and Health Trainer Celebration Event at Oxford Island on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Continue to support local groups with grant applications. Any local programmes running which support those with a physical or learning disability are always heavily over-subscribed. Loneliness is coming up more and more, especially with young mothers &amp; single parents.</p> <p>Laura (<b>The King's Trust</b>): Continue supporting ages 16-30 into employment, training, education or self-employment. Info. on March programmes and Development Awards in the next issue of 'FYI'. Drop-in on 25<sup>th</sup> March at Belfast Office - travel will be reimbursed.</p> <p>Sinead (<b>Advocacy VSV</b>): Newly appointed advocate. Working across all of the SHSCT Area with victims of sexual violence aged 16+. All LPG members are invited to attend the opening of their new Dungannon Office, at The Junction, on 19<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm.</p> <p>Jonathan (<b>DfE, Careers Service</b>): Team of Careers Advisors in all schools in NI and are an all-age service. Jonathan covers the Lurgan, Banbridge &amp; Craigavon areas in his role.</p> <p>Dan (<b>Cedar Foundation</b>): Continue to provide social activities and personal development projects for young people with various additional needs. Dan is moving roles soon, so a new worker is pending - Continuing to take referrals in the interim.</p>	JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'
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<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	<p>Claire (<b>AWARE NI</b>): Available funded programmes for C&amp;YP, from 1<sup>st</sup> April, include: My Mind &amp; Me (P4 / P5), Paws B (P6), .Breathe (P7 / Year 8), Mood Matters Young People (Year 10 to 14) - E-mail <a href="mailto:training@aware-ni.org">training@aware-ni.org</a> for enquiries. Mood Matters Parent &amp; Baby and Living Life To The Full programmes also available in the area.</p> <p>Bethany (<b>CIP/Oasis</b>): Based in Portadown, primarily supporting newcomer families, through advice work and youth provision. Continuing to deliver drop-in sessions during the week for various age groups. Some of their young people attended the "I Love You Mum, I Promise I Won't Die" Play, funded by ABC PCSP, in Portadown Town Hall - Feedback was extremely positive and some parents had asked if it might be shown again in the future. Some of their young people are involved in the Gets Active Youth Advisory Group, in partnership with CiNI, as well as the Child Safety Online Advisory Group, run in partnership with the NSPCC. Baseball Camp, in partnership with Healthy Kidz was held during midterm and proved very popular. Spring Gets Active Family Day taking place on 25th April 11-1pm at CIP Centre for P1-P7 children and their parents.</p> <p>Helen (<b>DfE, RAISE</b>): Continuing to engage with local stakeholder. Update &amp; Next Step Conversation taking place with community sector organisations tomorrow - See invite which will be shared post-meeting, with LPG members invited to attend. Stranmillis University have been commissioned to carry out some engagement work with children &amp; young people and Parenting Focus some parental engagement - Both are now underway. They are seeking to form reference groups within specific areas, with a regional engagement event then planned for 7<sup>th</sup> May. Action Plans are to be pulled together for all individual localities.</p> <p>Ainé (<b>PSNI</b>): Sextortion is prevalent throughout the district particularly amongst young people - Safeguarding is a key priority for the PSNI, as well as continuing to put relevant messaging out into the community, schools, etc.</p>	Visit the SBNI Online Safety Hub <a href="#">HERE</a>
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<b>Member Agency Updates</b> <i>*Update received via e-mail</i>	<p>Tim (<b>Youth Justice Agency</b>): Currently working with about 70 young people and families. Over the past year, they have changed their assessment-based model from risk assessments to a needs-based model, which explores family support, school training, employability, addictions and substance misuse, mental health and community connections. They have diverted a lot more of their resources to early stage intervention and are on a journey to become a trauma-informed organisation. Happy to report that the number of young people in their Juvenile Centre is still in single figures for all of NI.</p> <p>Gwen (<b>ABC PCSP</b>): Have been doing girls empowerment programmes in Lurgan, in partnership with the PSNI, geared around personal safety, with some fun elements included, e.g. make-up. Their “Run Safe. Run Well.” Event took place last week, with over 100 people attending. Talks &amp; workshops continuing in local schools also. Car maintenance event taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, for all ages, at Lurgan Tyre Centre.</p> <p>Frances (<b>ABC Council</b>): Upcoming Men’s Health Programmes running in Lurgan &amp; Legahory during April &amp; May - See flyers in ‘FYI’.</p>	
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>‘School Avoidance: Moving On Together’ Event</b>, hosted by the Parent Participation Service and taking place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Also, 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 - LPG members are invited to attend.</p> <p><b>‘Strong Foundations’ Southern Area Annual Men’s Health Seminar</b> taking place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at Lough Neagh Discovery Centre - Spaces are extremely limited at this stage.</p> <p><b>BSO Interpreting Service Pilot</b> Online Briefing Session pending.</p>	<p>Register via link in flyer</p> <p>Contact DC for further info.</p> <p>Registration opening soon</p>

<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 10am, Brownlow Community Hub.</b> Many thanks for your participation!	Please accept Outlook Invite
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