

Dungannon LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 10am
Dungannon Youth Resource Centre

Attendees		Apologies
Darren Curtis (CYPSP) - Acting Chair	Donna Gibney (SHSCT)	Lorraine Griffin (COSTA)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Annette McGahan (MU PCSP)	Bernadetta Viana (STEP NI)
Sara McClure (Early Years Toybox)	Mark Doran (MUDC)	Eileen Brown (Dungannon Hygiene Bank)
Caroline Williamson (Barnardo's NI / FSH)	Jessica Wylie (EWTS)	Sinead Travers (Advocacy VSV)
Thom Denton (Cedar Foundation)	Teresa Miles (BCM)	Taiga Valdmane-Stecenko (BCM)
Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)	Sinead McParland (SHSCT)	Valerie Morrison (Apex Housing)
Tammy Rountree (Choice Housing)	Barbara Hughes (STEP NI)	Raquel Rodrigues Keenan (Volunteer Now)
Pauline O'Hagan (Clogher Valley Sure Start)	Andrea McClenaghan (SHSCT)	Jamie Greer (Volunteer Now)
Maria Killen (SHSCT, Parenting Partnership)		Saleh Rifaie (Young Social Innovators)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Mins. 07/10/25	Darren welcomed all to the meeting, as Acting Chair. Apologies noted, per above. Brief Intros. given. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
FSH Update	Caroline (Barnardo's NI / FSH): Q3 continues to be busy (30 referrals in Oct, 35 in Nov). Referrals from GPs, SENCOs & Gateway and increase in self-referrals. Referrals continue for support whilst children on waiting list for assessment. Helping families feel connected through Outreach Worker and Disability Support Worker continuing with home visits. Poverty Grant recently launched which offers some financial support. Parents Plus Programme recently concluded, next group pushed back until new year. Play Therapy an ongoing need: recently met with Roberta from Playboard NI and now planning to run a play-based programme closer to summer. Targeting increased awareness of FSH and increased presence in Dungannon Area. Happy to lend out the handheld translators to any relevant organisation needing one temporarily.	

Member Agency Updates	<p>Maria (SHSCT, Parenting Partnership): Invest In Play Parenting Programme takes place in Jan. Update on all programmes for new year was recently circulated by Martina McCooey. Contact Maria to report any gaps or ideas for local area. Visit HERE for further info. on all upcoming Evidence-Based Parenting Programmes delivered in SHSCT Area.</p> <p>Barbara (STEP NI): Advisors continue to work with ongoing referral stream. Bryson Oil Programme has been in high demand. Currently working on a cross-collaborative project, involving an East Timor Choir with event taking place in the square on 14th Dec.</p> <p>Caroline (Barnardo's NI): TiS Programme concludes in Dec. Sixth Sense nos. are growing each month with social groups available for those diagnosed or seeking diagnosis. Disability Awareness Training and work in schools continues.</p> <p>Tammy (Choice Housing): Good Relations Officer, works within 5-mile radius of local housing development to build capacity of tenants and wider community. Running a conflict management programme, which involves a monthly meeting and trip to Poland: youth/community workers in the area are invited to sign up. Tammy is also happy to accept expressions of interest for local co-design work which they could support.</p> <p>Annette (MUDC PCSP): Ongoing youth projects include internet safety workshops in schools, diversionary activities and EVAWG work, partnering with local agencies (e.g. EA Youth Service) and community groups. Click HERE to view the video recently produced by Cookstown Youth Centre, in partnership with the EA Youth Service PSNI, aimed at raising awareness around the issue of sextortion.</p> <p>Thom (Cedar Foundation): Continuing to set up / run social inclusion groups across the SHSCT Area. Still actively seeking referrals. Currently recruiting a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh cohort. Young Environmentalist Programme also starting soon.</p>	<p>JP to circulate all links after mtg. Relevant flyers in next 'FYI'</p> <p>Contact Tammy to discuss</p>
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Member Agency Updates	<p>Catherine (SHSCT): Remit isolation, loneliness, mental health & inclusion. Infant Massage Training in Ballybot House, Newry in March Verve Healthy Living Network continues to offer opportunities for health check delivered at local community events and programmes delivered to local groups/organisations. Some PHA-funded Female Warm Packs still available for local distribution.</p> <p>Sinead (SHSCT): Relatively new into post and remit is refugees, asylum seekers and inclusion across the Armagh & Dungannon Areas, working in Robbie McCague's Team.</p> <p>Sara (EY Toybox): Continue to work with Roma & Traveller families both in home and in community settings from birth to 4. New referrals welcome. Linkin with families on school applications which will require submitting in January.</p> <p>Andrea & Donna (SHSCT, Community Access Team): Continue to accept referrals from Disability Social Workers. Keen to link with existing & new LPG member organisations.</p> <p>Jessica (SHSCT, EWTS): 2 schools left to cover in Dungannon area in 2026/27. Taking all relevant information from LPG Meetings and signpost accordingly in the schools where work. Big need in Dungannon Area around self-harm.</p> <p>Mark (MUDC): Continue to work in partnership with local agencies/groups. Currently promoting The Daily Mile, with Santa Run this Friday. Various food programmes upcoming. Health Checks carried out in the community at various events. Autism Bus coming to the ABC Area in Feb and looking at the possibility of bringing to MUDC too. Health Trainers and Consumer Advice ABC will be available on the days the bus is here to offer a wraparound opportunity for parents/carers of C&YP with autism. Handful of PHA-funded Baby Warm Packs still available for local distribution.</p>	Contact Catherine to request Click HERE to find out more about The Verve Contact Mark to request
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Member Agency Updates <i>*Update received via e-mail</i>	<p>Pauline (Clogher Valley Sure Start): Relatively new to post. Current needs: support for pre-diagnosis for Autism, including challenging behaviours, speech & language, especially at a young age, newcomer families and poverty.</p> <p>Teresa (BCM): 20 currently on waiting list for Young People Floating Support Service. Presenting needs are lack of housing and temporary accommodation. Homelessness Prevention Fund provides much-needed financial support for individuals. Parent Connect Programme is ongoing. Parent support is at capacity. Recently able to fulfil a sensory equipment request via an anonymous donation. A Self-Care Candle Workshop for families recently took place. Working on Toy Appeal and food hamper distribution. Some young people have been able to attend training courses thanks to the BCM Summer Fund. Recently successfully recruited four new volunteers.</p> <p>Raquel & Jamie (Volunteer Now)*: Christmas Coffee Morning with volunteer activity taking place in Dungannon Library on Friday 12th Dec from 10am to 12pm. Links to various VN training and volunteering opportunities included in today's follow-up e-mail.</p>	
Action Planning 2025-28	<p>The Feel Good Dungannon Community Networking Event Scorecard has been prepared by CYPSP and forwarded to Sinead at SHSCT, ahead of circulation.</p> <p>LPG to discuss one key action to undertake in the new year, once Loraine has returned, based on local need and what member organisations can do in partnership.</p> <p>Darren and Jessica due to attend a RAISE event meet on 9th Nov.</p>	Presentation to be circulated by JP DC and JW to feed back
AOB	<p>Understanding Self-Harm Workshop, due to be delivered by Inspire, was postponed and has been re-scheduled for Wed 21st Jan. '26 10am-12pm in Tower Hill, Armagh.</p>	See Flyer + Register HERE
Next Meeting	<p>Dates for next year's LPG Meetings proposed (First 2026 Meeting provisionally scheduled for Tuesday 3rd February). Meetings to commence at 10am, formats TBC.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Complete 2026 Meetings Survey HERE