

Newry & Mourne LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 10am
Via Zoom Video Conference Call

Attendees		Apologies
Karen Clarke (Home-Start N&M - Chair) Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes) Darren Curtis (CYPSP) Maria Keenan (Clanrye Group) Sarah Kane (Youth Action NI) Allison Slater (Bolster Community / FSH) Bronagh Trainor (DfE, Careers Service) Eimer Trainor (Early Years Toybox) Raquel Rodrigues Keenan (Volunteer Now) Anne-Marie Sutherland (SHSCT) Mary O'Hanlon (SHSCT) Pauline Hunter-Simpson (Mae Murray Foundation)	Annie Clarke (SHSCT, PWB) Aoife Doyle (SHSCT, EWTS) Seán Maguire (Newry CCG) Scott Byrne (The King's Trust) Maria Hamill (Newry ALC) Charlene O'Hara (DfE, RAISE) Katie Wilson (Early Years Toybox) Fiona Ferris (Newry CCG) Ellie McKenna (NICMA) Niamh Quinn (Advocacy VSV) Lisa Allen (Angel Eyes NI)	Jessica Wylie (SHSCT, EWTS) Kerrie Cartmill (Angel Eyes NI) Mark Fell (The King's Trust)

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Welcome, Apologies, Minutes 19/02/25	Karen welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions given, as new members present. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed. DC has connected with CiN about them speaking at a future meeting. Further details to follow.	JP to upload to CYPSP website
FSH Update	Allison (Bolster Community / FSH): Hub continues to be busy, slightly slower quarter which is normal. Ongoing referral trend is emotional behavioural support for primary school aged children. Recent spate of referrals for child to parent violence. Unmet need is for affordable accessible counselling for children across the area and support for	

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FSH Update	adolescents and school refusers. Bolster recently funded to supply a dedicated Family Support Worker for families with a child with a disability (including autism), meaning they can pick those referrals up directly from the Hub and put in a dedicated service.	
Member Agency Updates	<p>Charlene (Department of Education, RAISE): Newry Strategic Area Plan Workshop taking place tomorrow, 10am to 12pm, at The Imaginarium. Members invited to attend. Register HERE.</p> <p>Annie (SHSCT, PWB): Verve Healthy Living Network & 1-to-1 Health Trainer information available HERE (accepting referrals from services or self-referrals). Contact Annie if you would like any resources for Men's Health Week (2nd week in June) initiatives/outreach.</p> <p>Maria (Clanrye Group): Employ Me Programme now up & running, for anyone 16+ looking to get into work.</p> <p>Niamh (Advocacy VSV): The only charity in NI offering a professional and specialist service to victims in the safety of their own home. New office recently opened in Dungannon. Second advocate now in situ. Find out more about their service HERE.</p> <p>Pauline (Mae Murray Foundation): Inclusive Beach at Cranfield is due to re-open on 21st April for the Easter Week. Inclusive Beach launching at Tyrella in Late May.</p> <p>Allison (Bolster Community): Partnership with St. Paul's High School launch tomorrow for An Droichead, a new provision for young people aged 16+ with SEN, looking promoting them taking up apprenticeships in the future. Further info. HERE.</p> <p>Raquel (Volunteer Now): Running a local pre- Volunteers Week (1st week in June) Link, Lunch & Learn Event on Tuesday 20th May.</p> <p>Aoife (SHSCT, EWTS): Applications now open to local schools for their 2025/26 programme, with the closing deadline being 16th April. Please spread the word.</p>	<p>JP to circulate links after meeting</p> <p>Flyers included in next 'FYI' - Please share widely</p>

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Member Agency Updates	Scott (The King's Trust): Several employability programmes for 18-30 year olds coming up, based in Belfast, but can reimburse travel costs & provide lunch, e.g. Get Into Security running with Eventsec & Get Hired with The King's Trust.	
Action Planning 2024-27	SAOG Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Task & Finish Group , chaired by Jacqueline Masterson from SHSCT, currently looking at running a pilot for 13 to 16 year olds living in the N&M Area who are hard to reach/isolated and not attending school and they are linking in with Education Welfare. Draft Northern Ireland CYP Plan 2025-2028 recently went out for consultation.	Draft to be sent, via e-mail, by JP
Discussion on Loneliness	Annie confirmed that the SHSCT and NMDDC landing page on the Council website through the TILT initiative is pending and will provide information on support & advice on Loneliness and Social Isolation. Send any relevant content to Annie to upload. If you cannot find what you're looking for, there will be an onward referral form available on the site which the Council/Trust will follow up on. Visit the ABC Loneliness Network's Facebook Page HERE , as mentioned by Darren. If anyone wants to find out more about the various Chatty Benches & Kindness Boxes Initiatives running in the NMandDD Council Area, contact Annie. Clanrye Social Café still running. Find out more HERE .	Further details to follow from AC and to be included in 'FYI', when available
AOB	'School Avoidance: Moving On Together' Event , hosted by the Parent Participation Service, recently took place, where the 'School Anxiety and Distress - A Best Practice Guide for Schools' was launched by CiNI - Request HERE . (Parentline NI 'Managing Anxiety Based School Avoidance' Podcast Episode available HERE .)	
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 4th June 2025, 10am, Newry Youth Resource Centre. (Joint N&M and South Armagh LPG Meeting. Possibility of short self-care/networking activity at start.) Many thanks for your participation!	Please accept Outlook Invite