

**Banbridge LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10am**  
**Via Zoom Video Conference Call**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Lucinda Love-Teggarty (Futureproof) - Chair Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes Darren Curtis (CYPSP) Gina Cochrane (EA Youth Service) Frances Haughey (ABC Council) Andrea Keenan (Clanrye Group) Johnny Nolan (DfE, Careers Service)	Aine Campbell (PSNI) Michael Hart (SHSCT) Lisa Grant (NIACRO / FSH) Kevin Quigley (EA Y.S.) Gareth White (Youth Initiatives) Jessica Wylie (SHSCT, EWTS) Catherine Carr (EA Y.S.) Chris Clague (New-Bridge. Integrated College) David Alderdice, Stephen Johnston (SHSCT) Helen Whiteside (NOW Group) Jayne Cully (CBITUK) Karen Conn (Barnardo's NOVA) Maria Killen (SHSCT, Parenting Partnership) Sharon Donnelly (Bolster Community) Siobhan Brennan (PIPS Hope & Support) Veronica Kerr (SHSCT, MDT)

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action - By Whom</b>
<b>Welcome, Apols., Mins 26/11</b>	Lucinda welcomed all to the meeting. Brief introductions made. Previous Minutes agreed. Andrea confirmed that Clanrye Group now have a premises in Banbridge, in Rathfriland St. Kevin (EA Youth Service) has been off, but 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 due to be moved forward accordingly.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
<b>FSH Update</b>	Lisa ( <b>NIACRO / FSH</b> ): The Hub have already met their target for the year, however work continues as normal. Schools continue to be their biggest referrer. Recent referrals include: waiting lists for ASD and ADHD; anxiety and return to school post-Christmas; alcohol & drugs being consumed in school. They received requests for foodbank support & toy appeals in December, but less than usual, perhaps indicating that local organisations are linking in directly with those families in need. New regional FSH Model pending, with further information to follow when available.	
<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	Michael ( <b>SHSCT</b> ): The Autism Reality Bus is coming to the ABC Area in February - Places almost fully booked. The SHSCT are inviting relevant support organisations to attend across the four days to provide an information stand to promote their service(s).	JP to circulate documents &

**Member Agency Updates**

Lucinda (**Futureproof**): Peer-Led Group for neurodiverse 14-17 year old young people running on Tuesdays, 4pm to 5.30pm. Aiming to launch a female-only ASD Group to run on Fridays. Redosing of vapes is an issue with local young people, as well as snus becoming more used in schools, causing sickness due to the high nicotine absorption levels associated with the products.

Gareth (**Youth Initiatives**): Primarily work with the 10-18 year old age group, but are encouraging in-house volunteering with 18-20 year olds who are also linked in with their service. New youth-led Empower To Transform Programme upcoming, open to all, with Info. Night for young people aged 15+ taking place from 4pm to 6pm at The Bridge today. In schools, giving talks, too.

Ainé (**PSNI**): The PSNI are currently recruiting for Police Officer & Police Staff roles. There have been a number of hate crime incidences reported regarding the Old George Hotel in Rathfriland, with the persons responsible having been identified as pupils from a local school. One of the local schools has also reported vapes with spice & cannabis being passed around.

Andrea (**Clanrye Group**): Labour Market Partnership Return to Work Programme being delivered in the ABC Area to support woman and individuals with personal development and returning to work. Funding available to participants, to assist with childcare, including family members looking after the child(ren). Travel can also be reimbursed. Separate programme-specific (Customer Care & Assertiveness, Confidence Building & ICT) training also available locally via Clanrye Group.

Gina (**EA Youth Service**): Continuing to deliver their universal services at Banbridge Youth Resource Centre, with the priority age group being 9 to 13/14+, operating across Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, offering a safe space for young people. Continuing to address relevant local youth needs via workshops, conversations, etc. Gina is currently in Banbridge High & St. Patrick's College, carrying out early intervention work with small groups of young people that the schools are identifying as needing some additional support. Some Senior members at the centre are keen to help with the Junior Youth Club, so they are encouraging that

links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'

Job info. [HERE](#)

See flyers in 'FYI'

Centre Youth Programmes & "The Room" Flyers to be sent to CYPSP for circulating to LPG members

<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	<p>involvement. Former ENP space (now “The Room”) in Rathfriland Street has been refurbished, with young people involved in the process, and will be an open space for young people aged 14+.</p> <p>Kevin (<b>EA Youth Service</b>): Universal services continue, as normal, but currently going through a stage of transformation. Task and Finish Group established to strengthen SEND youth provision. 2026-29 planning is also taking place, with a focus also on staff &amp; volunteer development.</p> <p>Jessica (<b>SHSCT, EWTS</b>): The Banbridge Area Learning Group recently reached out to them and they are now planning on delivering TIP Level 2 Training across all the local post-primary schools.</p> <p>Johnny (<b>DfE, Careers Service</b>): Predominantly working with young people in Year 12. SRC application portal will be opening on 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 12 Noon - Please spread the word. E-mail to be circulated, post-meeting, RE: Level 6 Funded Course in Career Guidance &amp; Development.</p>	<p>Find out more <a href="#">HERE</a></p>
<b>Action Planning</b>	<p><b>ABC Council Area Youth Workers Conference / Networking Event (All About YOUth)</b> taking place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 10am to 4pm, in Craigavon Civic &amp; Conference Centre.</p> <p><b>Understanding Self-Harm Workshop</b>, facilitated by Inspire, took place last week in Tower Hill Boardroom, Armagh - Good attendance &amp; positive feedback recorded.</p>	<p>Register to attend <a href="#">HERE</a></p>
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>SHSCT ‘Stronger Together’ Event</b> taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, aimed at parents/carers of children and young people who have disabilities or additional needs, which will feature stalls and presentations to help families access relevant information, opportunities and supports - Stallholders need to register with the lead organiser. General public don’t need to register.</p> <p>See the <b>Southern Area LPG Meetings Year In Review 2025</b> document <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p><b>Darren will be leaving his post at CYPSP in February.</b> Best wishes shared by the group. Darren thanked members for their ongoing commitment to the LPG and its work.</p>	<p>See flyers in today’s follow-up e-mail</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 10am, Banbridge Youth Resource Centre.</b> (Further to Member Survey feedback, meeting formats will alternate between face-to-face and Zoom in 2026.)</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	<p>Please accept Outlook Invite</p>