

**Craigavon LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10am**  
**Via Zoom Video Conference Call**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Deborah Millar (Home Start Craigavon) - Chair Darren Curtis (CYPSP) Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes Maria Killen (SHSCT, Parenting Partnership) Adrian Hutchinson (EA Youth Service) Helen Donnelly (DfE, RAISE Programme) Shannon Donnelly (NOW Group)	Michael Hart (SHSCT) Sarah Wilson (Aspire NI) Lisa Grant (NIACRO / FSH) Andrea Keenan (Clanrye Group) Ainé Campbell (PSNI) Timothy Conn (ABC Council)
	Tim Strain (Youth Justice Agency) David Alderdice (SHSCT) Stephen Johnston (SHSCT) Anastazja Wisniewska (SSYCC) Naj Basketfield (PIPS H&S) Majd Almasalkhi (King's Trust) Alex Clifford (ABC Council) Gwen Bartley (ABC PCSP) Frances Haughey (ABC Council)

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/By Whom</b>
<b>Welcome, Apols., Mins. 11/11/25</b>	Deborah welcomed all to the meeting. Brief introductions made. Apologies noted. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Mins. to CYPSP website
<b>FSH Update</b>	Lisa ( <b>NIACRO / FSH</b> ): Referral trends continue as per previous LPG Meeting update. Linked families in with local organisations RE: toy appeals and food provision and oil top-ups in the run up to Christmas. New regional FSH model pending. Meeting with all FSH coordinators in the region next Monday to further discuss.	
<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	Michael ( <b>SHSCT</b> ): Autism Bus coming to the ABC Area in February - Further details on visit schedule and how to register to follow in pending flyer and spaces will be limited. Community outreach work ongoing via local Verve Centres. Have been linking in with local community organisations to assist with grant applications and roll-out of future programmes. Continuing to work with the Fitzone Foundation to develop various community-based programmes. Annual Good Relations and Multicultural Festival taking place in Millenium Court - Further details to follow.	JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'

<p><b>Member Agency Updates</b></p>	<p>Shannon (<b>NOW Group</b>): Their Skillset Programme focuses on getting people with neurodivergence or hidden disabilities into jobs in the future, via training &amp; confidence building. 18+ Skills Connect Level 1 Catering &amp; Hospitality Academy starting up in Armagh on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, capped at 12 participants.</p> <p>Andrea (<b>Clanrye Group</b>): 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) and travel can also be reimbursed.</p> <p>Maria (<b>SHSCT, Parenting Partnership</b>): Invest In Play Programme starting later this month. Walking On Eggshells Programme starting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, for 8 weeks online. Their Parents Plus online programme, in partnership with Bolster Community, is starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. Further info. on all upcoming Evidence-Based Parenting Programmes being delivered in the SHSCT Area, available <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Timothy (<b>ABC Council</b>): Various Community Training Courses available. Working on an Asylum and Refugee Programme, with an with an overview session being delivered by the Law Centre being given on 29<sup>th</sup> January. Internal planning for April+ has commenced. Seeing childcare presenting as a barrier to parents seeking to take part in programmes.</p> <p>Helen (<b>DfE RAISE Programme</b>): Have recently issued their draft letters of offer to successful Call 1 applicants. A total of 62 projects successful across the province. Hoping to be in a position to go out with their Call 2 projects within the next couple of weeks, with locality-specific information sessions planned to take place.</p> <p>Ainé (<b>PSNI</b>): Meeting taking place in Lurgan Station this morning RE: the issue of scramblers in and around North Lurgan. Drumgor Detached Youth looking at linking in with the Lurgan Neighbourhood Renewal Team &amp; PCSP to run a related programme.</p> <p>Sarah (<b>Aspire NI</b>): Working with children and young people from a disadvantaged background in primary and secondary school settings in Lurgan, Portadown and</p>	<p>See flyer in 'FYI'</p> <p>See flyer in 'FYI'</p> <p>See 'FYI' for flyers on all upcoming Parenting Programmes</p> <p>If any members would like to attend, contact Timothy directly</p> <p>Further info. on locality-specific updates <a href="#">HERE</a></p>
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<p><b>Member Agency Updates</b></p>	<p>Craigavon. They linked in with local churches and the Salvation Army RE: food hampers &amp; toys, in the run up to Christmas, to support some families they are working with. Ongoing Needs: Parents waiting for a child's autism diagnosis &amp; school absenteeism.</p> <p>Adrian (<b>EA Youth Service</b>): Youth provision continues across all local centres, on a 4-night / evening basis, offering a warm, safe space for C&amp;YP. They run in 3-year planning cycles and recently had a training week at which some pending strategic level changes were discussed. Going forward, they will have a stronger emphasis on their universal delivery. Collaboration work with local organisations ongoing.</p> <p>Deborah (<b>Home Start Craigavon</b>): Recruiting for volunteers. Delivering a Mellow Babies parenting programme locally. Have recently noted a lot of anxiety, a lack of coping mechanisms &amp; resilience and low confidence in mums who they have been out visiting.</p>	<p>Find out more about Aspire NI <a href="#">HERE</a></p>
<p><b>Action Planning 2025-28</b></p>	<p><b>ABC Council Area Youth Workers Conference / Networking Event (All About YOUth)</b> taking place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February in Craigavon Civic Planning Group - Planning Group met yesterday. Flyer to follow next week. Please spread the word!</p> <p><b>Understanding Self-Harm Workshop</b>, facilitated by Inspire, taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> January in Tower Hill Boardroom, Armagh - Fully booked &amp; reserve list in operation.</p>	
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p>Visit the <b>Family Support NI</b> website <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>See the <b>Southern Area LPG Meetings Year In Review 2025</b> document <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Darren will be leaving his post at CYPSP in February. Best wishes shared by the group. Darren thanked members for their ongoing commitment to the LPG and its work.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 10am, Brownlow Community Hub.</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>