

**Dungannon LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 10am**  
**Via Zoom Video Conference Call**

<b>Attendees</b>		<b>Apologies</b>
Lorraine Griffin (COSTA) - Chair	Donna Gibney (SHSCT)	Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Valerie Morrison (Apex Housing)	Jayne Cully (CBITUK)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Annette McGahan (MU PCSP)	Sara McClure (Early Years Toybox)
Caroline Williamson (Barnardo's NI / FSH)	Jessica Wylie (EWTS)	Maria Killen (SHSCT, Parenting Partnership)
Jamie Greer (Volunteer Now)	Mark Doran (MUDC)	
Andrea McClenaghan (SHSCT)	Teresa Miles (BCM)	
Charlene Greensword (Early Years Toybox)	Davina Mullin (BCM)	
Leanne Elliott (DfE, Careers Service)	Marina Simone (Advocacy VSV)	
Thom Denton (Cedar Foundation)	Rosie Jenkins (Apex Housing)	

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action - By Whom</b>
<b>Welcome, Apols., Mins. 02/12/25</b>	Lorraine welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Brief Intros. given. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
<b>FSH Update</b>	Caroline ( <b>Barnardo's NI / FSH</b> ): Referral nos. continue to rise: Dec. - 26 (despite an early Christmas cut-off), Jan. - 21 and Feb. - 11, to date. There has been an upward trend in referrals observed consistently over the last four quarters. Referrals continue to come through established pathways, including professionals and self-referrals. Caroline has recently met with the Nursing Team in Longstone and has also been in contact with local GPs and schools to promote Hub services. A meeting with Health Visiting Staff is planned this month to further raise awareness, with the emphasis being on promoting early intervention, rather than waiting for needs to escalate. Referrals continue to reflect consistent themes: C&YP's emotional health and wellbeing; housing crises (with BCM noted as a key support in recent cases); bereavement;	Contact Caroline if you would like her to visit your team to discuss referral pathways and available supports

<p><b>FSH Update</b></p>	<p>disability support (with related referrals directed to their dedicated Disability Support Worker); parenting support, particularly for families awaiting assessment. Their outreach service continues to play a key role in supporting families on waiting lists. Parent Plus Early Years Programme due to commence in the coming weeks, with health checks incorporated, in partnership with Mark Doran, and a Cook-It programme is also pending, to be delivered through Mark, providing additional support and engagement opportunities for families in need.</p>	<p>VM to link in with CW &amp; MD to discuss possible funding support for upcoming programmes</p>
<p><b>Member Agency Updates</b> <i>*Update received via e-mail</i></p>	<p>Caroline (<b>Barnardo's NI</b>): Access to play therapy services is an ongoing unmet need - Barnardo's will be delivering a therapy through play summer-scheme style programme consisting of a 5-week block starting in June and two additional block sessions over the summer - Referrals now being accepted. The Barnardo's Poverty Grant continues to be heavily utilised and some funding strands will be closing soon, so members are encouraged to refer families experiencing financial crisis ASAP.</p> <p>Mark (<b>MUDC</b>): The Autism Bus will visit the ABC Council area next week and has seen a very strong uptake from families. Mark is planning to expand delivery into the Mid Ulster area after April. Some funding is already secured, but he is keen to explore match funding opportunities with partner organisations, to increase reach.</p> <p>Teresa (<b>BCM</b>): Have recently supported a number of families and young people to access private rented tenancies, through their Homelessness Prevention Fund. Due to difficulties securing tenancies, some funding has been redirected toward practical household items such as white goods and flooring and they are awaiting confirmation on continued funding, which would support longer-term planning. Ongoing barriers include shortage of suitable accommodation, rising rental costs and landlord-related challenges. They are currently accepting referrals for housing support.</p>	<p>JP to circulate all links after mtg. Relevant flyers in next 'FYI'</p> <p>VM to link up with MD to further discuss</p>

<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	Catherine ( <b>SHSCT</b> )*: Verve Community Health Trainers continue to be available across the SHSCT Area, providing personalised 1-to-1 support to help motivate individuals to make sustainable lifestyle changes.	See flyer in 'FYI'
<b>Action Planning 2025-28</b>	<p><b>Feel Good Dungannon Community Information Day 2025 Scorecard</b> finalised and available to view/download <a href="#">HERE</a>.</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><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, but there is no need for parents/carers/professionals attending to pre-register.</p> <p>See the <b>Southern Area LPG Meetings Year In Review 2025</b> document <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>LPG to discuss <b>one key action</b> to undertake during the incoming year, based on local need and what member organisations can do in partnership.</p>	<p>Contact DC to discuss individual workshops</p> <p>See flyers in today's follow-up e-mail</p> <p>To progress at next meeting</p>
<b>AOB</b>	<p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to find out more about the <b>Department of Education RAISE Programme</b>.</p> <p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to find out more about the <b>Attendance Matters Strategy Public Consultation</b>.</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>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 10am, Venue TBC.</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>	Please accept Outlook Invite