Where are they located?

There are currently 25 Locality Planning Groups with others in development. The details of their work can be found at www.cypsp.org. The NI Children and Young People's Plan sets out what will happen in areas not currently covered by a CYPSP Locality Planning Group, to ensure that all children, young people, families, local communities and front line staff have an opportunity to influence service planning and delivery. The current locality groups can be seen on the map below:



Further information about each Locality Planning Group including action plans membership, minutes, reports, activities and service development can be found at www.cypsp.org and click on Locality Planning Groups.

If you require this document in an alternative print please contact the CYPSP on (028) 90 55 3972.

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What is Locality Planning for children and young people?

Locality Planning is a very important part of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) planning process. It aims to improve the outcomes in the diagram below for children and young people in a local area, by involving the people in that area.



Locality Planning Groups have been developed over the past twelve years. They are partnerships between statutory, voluntary and community organisations working with and for children, young people and families at a local area that makes sense to communities.

They are sub groups of their Outcomes Groups contributing to the Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Plan.

Who is involved in the Locality Planning Process?

Locality Planning Groups involve front line staff from all organisations across the statutory, voluntary and community sectors in the local area, together with children, young people and families. They are open to all organisations in the area.

The organisations bring their knowledge of their services, especially early intervention supports and services. It is particularly important that children, young people and their parents are involved as they bring their knowledge of what is needed.

Links are also made to all other existing social partnerships.

The area covered by each Locality Planning Group is decided by local discussions and with support from the Outcomes Groups.

Where CYPSP Locality Planning Groups do not exist, links are being made to other existing locality planning processes that were set up separately.

The Chairs of all the Locality Planning groups meet regularly to share of good practice and provide support for each group.

What does each Locality Planning Group do?

Each Locality Planning Group draws up a Locality Plan by measuring how well local children and young people are doing against the six high level outcomes set out in the Children and Young People's Plan, and working out what needs to change to improve outcomes for children.

Locality Groups do this by using local level statistics provided across agencies together with their collective knowledge of emerging issues for children and young people in each local area.

By working together they can work out what needs to change as they aim to provide an outcomes focused range of leisure, social, health, educational and housing services in locally agreed and accessible locations. They make sure these are provided to families as early as possible.

The Locality Group can achieve some of this itself by mobilising local resources from the statutory, voluntary and community sectors. Otherwise, the knowledge that the Locality Planning Groups gather is fed into the local Outcomes Group, which helps to make sure that the planning carried out by Outcomes Groups matches the views of local staff, children and young people and families.