

Carrickfergus Locality Planning Group

Action Plan 2014-2016

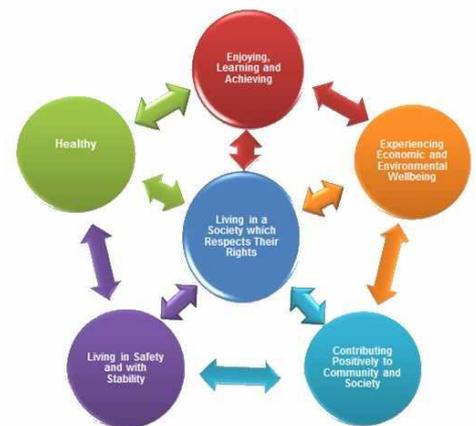


What is a locality Planning Group?

A Locality Planning Group is a partnership of front-line staff from 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 and work together for All children.

Locality Planning Groups provide the bedrock for integrated planning: their knowledge is vital for identifying local need at an early stage and is therefore essential for planning early intervention services. By working together at a local level members of Locality Planning Groups can also avoid duplication of services and effort any by improving their knowledge of each other's services they can effectively signpost referrals to the right services.

The purpose of Locality Planning Groups is to improve outcomes for the children and young people in the local area. They do this by aiming to raise and support the social, health and educational development of children and young people in the area. Core to the work of the Locality Planning Group is the 6 high-level outcomes as laid out in the OFMDFM 10 Year Strategy for Children and Young People.



Early Intervention is critical for us to achieve long term success. The CYPSP have adopted the following broad and inclusive definition of early intervention, which has been developed by the Centre for Excellence and Outcomes for Children and Young People.

Early Intervention is 'intervening early as soon as possible to tackle problems emerging for children, young people and their families or with a population at risk of developing problems. Early Intervention may occur at any point in a child's life' ('Grasping the Nettle' Report 2009).

Achievements of Carrickfergus Locality Planning Group

Achievements in 2015

February

Youth Fair - the fair offered all Year 11's in the 4 Post Primary Schools within Carrickfergus a chance to find out about local service providers and activities in the local area. The fair focused on commitment and social media.



April

Supporting Siblings – event held in Sunnylands Community Centre for young people aged 10-18 who live in a family who have a brother or sister with an Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnosis. Young people



April

Top Tips Leaflet - A Top Tips leaflet was developed to give to young people with information on ASD. These have been distributed across the Northern Trust ASD teams as a resource for young people to use.



The Carrickfergus LPG will endeavour to ensure that ALL children and young people are acknowledged as represented on the Locality Planning Group by the organisations working with them; and reach out to engage services that aren't currently represented.

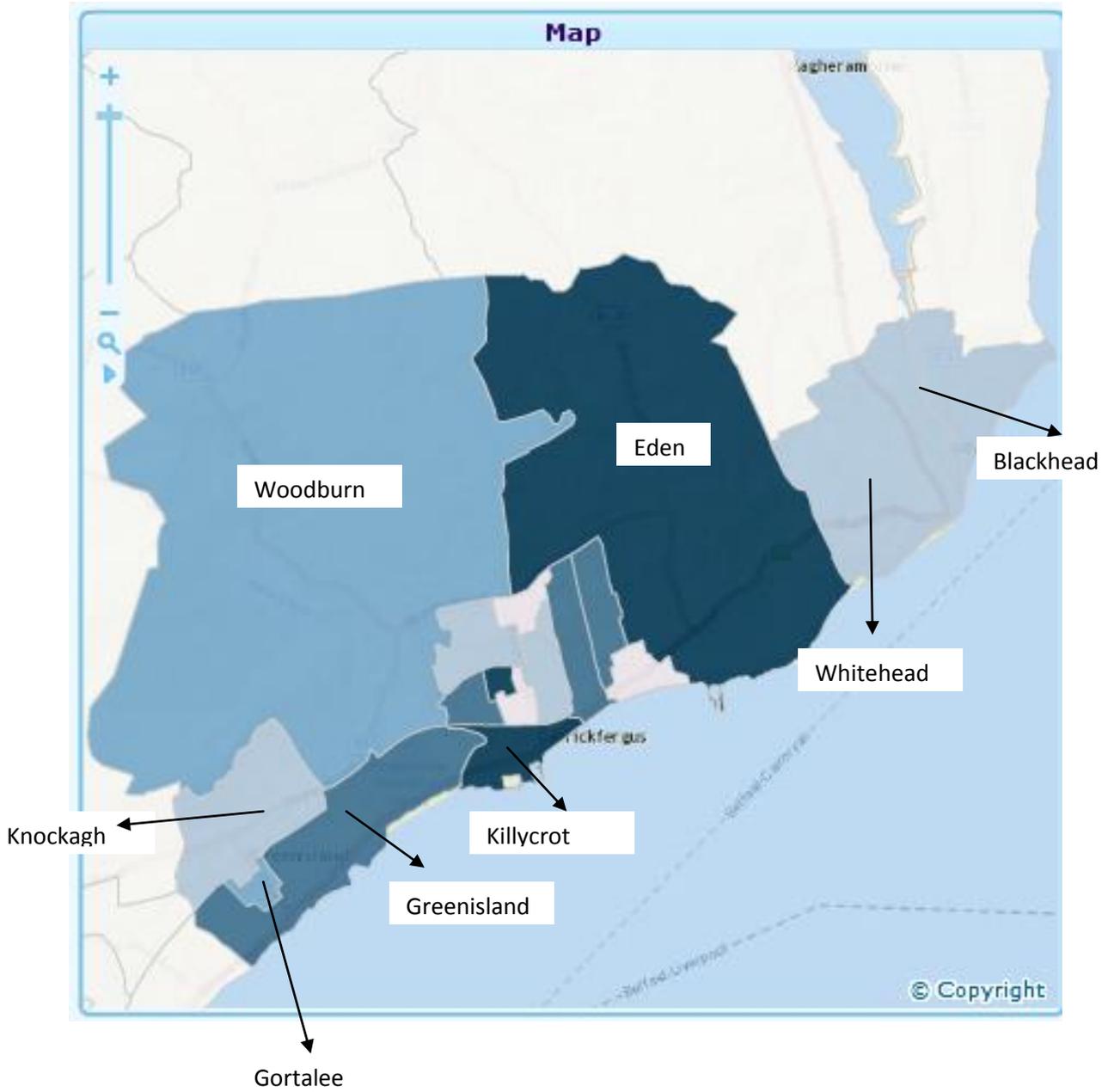
Demographic of Carrickfergus LPG Area

The Carrickfergus Locality Planning covers the following ward areas: Blackhead, Bluefield, Boneybefore, Burleigh Hill, Clipperstown, Eden, Gortalee, Greenisland, Killycrot, Knockagh, Love Lane, Milebush, Northland, Sunnylands, Victoria, Whitehead, Woodburn

Age Band	0-4	5to9	10to14	15-17	Total 0-17	Total Population	Number of families with children aged 0-18 (Census 2011)
Population in Carrickfergus LPG area (MYE2014)	2,188	2,382	2,277	1,542	8,389	39,114	9,030
Population of Northern Outcomes Group Area (MYE2014)	30,367	30,880	28,857	18,626	108,730	469,051	60,442
Children in Carrickfergus as percentage of children in Northern OG area	7.2	7.7	7.9	8.3	7.7	8.3	14.9



Map of Wards in Carrickfergus LPG as of 2015



If there were 100 children living in Carrickfergus...

(There are 8,389 children and young people living in Carrickfergus)

26 will be aged
0-4 years

18 would
be 15-17

27 will be 10-
14 years old

46 will be
breastfed

11 will have less than
85% attendance in
post primary school

1 will have a
statement of special
education needs

4 will have
disabilities

2 will be
suspended
from school

28 will be
entitled to free
school meals

5 will be a victim
of Domestic
Violence

16 mothers will have
smoked during
pregnancy

81 will
achieve 5+
GCSES

1 will
achieve no
GCSES

56 have
engaged in
youth activities

2 will speak
English as a
second language

3 will have less than
85% attendance in
primary school

28 would be
aged 5-9

Background Reading

The work of the Carrickfergus LPG action plan is set in context of the CYPSP Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14 and 2015-18 and takes cognisance of other relevant strategies such as the following:

OFMDFM Our Children and Young People – Our Pledge 10 Year Strategy for Children and Young People in Northern Ireland 2006-2016

UNESCO Children and Youth Programme. Maternal Mental Health and Poverty. The impact on Children's Education (2013)

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)

OFMDFM Lifetime Opportunities Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion Strategy for Northern Ireland (2006)

OFMDFM Improving Children's Life Chances the Child Poverty Strategy (2011)

DHSSPS Families Matters: Supporting Families in Northern Ireland. Regional Family and Parenting Strategy (2009)

Delivering Social Change

Early Intervention and Transformation Programme

Bright Start

Early Years Action Plan

Bamford Action Plan

Priorities for Youth

PHA Making Life Better

Outcome One

Young People age 16 plus have opportunities for employment and have received the support they need to tackle low self-esteem, low aspirations, depression, substance misuse and relationship issues.

What needs to be done?	Who are the Partners?	How will we achieve this?
Family Counselling and Support Services	All Locality Group Members Mental Health Service Providers Local Schools	Joined up working to build sustainable work to inform the future community planning agenda.
Parental Buy In	Local Parents Young People Community Representatives	Develop a parents group to link with the locality planning group.
Community Buy In- To challenge		Involve the Community Groups in the planning process. Invite to become members and welcome to sub groups.
Tackling Mental Health amongst young people. Self-Harm/ Low Confidence/ Suicide/ Low Aspirations/ Building Resilience		Education sub group to continue to meet and develop actions. Annual Youth Fair targeting area of need
Early Intervention with regards to offending		Promote available Mental Health Services, identify gaps in provision and identify programmes to meet needs-link with partner agencies to ensure all are aware of these programmes.
Interagency work to tackle physical and mental health		Link with work ongoing in other LPGs to tackle obesity.

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How will we measure success?

Parents Group developed.

Closer links with Community Groups

Links with community planning established.

Education Sub Group- continue to meet with Specific Actions

Annual Youth Fair

Mental Health- Services mapped and any gaps targeted

Links established and obesity agenda set

Indicators: How could we recognise these conditions in measureable terms?

Educational Outcomes- school attendance/ attainment

Referrals to other agencies/ family support hub

Number of children and young people who are overweight/ obese

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Further information on locality planning groups and how you can be involved can be found at www.cypsp.org