

**Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting 10am 6th December 2018
At The Epicentre, Armagh**

Attendees		Apologies	
Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT – Chair)	Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI)	Kerry O’Hagan (CYPSP)	Mia Murray (Sure Start)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP, Minutes)	Mark Doran (ABC Closing the Gap)	Teresa Miles (BCM)	Jan Winton (Women’s Aid)
Siobhan Mackle (REACT)	Teresa Stewart (Barnardo’s 6 th Sense)	Billy Stewart (PCSP)	Diane Glasgow (Early Years)
Colette Deeney (TUSLA)	Ursula McGivern (YJA)	Madeline Mackin (Early Years)	Stephen Fields (West Armagh Consortium)
Pat McGeough (Barnardo’s YPP, FSH)	Aisling Fitzpatrick (EANI EWO)		

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Welcome, Intro’s & Apologies	Jacqueline (acting Chair in place of Teresa) welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting, including Colette Deeney from Tusla who are increasing links for the CAWT MACE programme.	
Previous Minutes – 25th October	Agreed with no amendments. Family Support Hub report card has been released – Darren to send out to members.	Darren to progress
Armagh LPG Action Plan Risk Taking Behaviours	<p>Gambling Darren reported on The Beaten Docket event on 7th November at Lough Neagh Discovery Centre. A number of agencies attended, feedback was very good. A sub group will be formed to take the work forward for a Council-wide strategy. Jacqueline reported a learning point was the different types of gambling which could become problematic. Attendees learnt that Ireland has the biggest problem in world for online gambling. Breigeen reported that there is very little work done in the SHSCT area with gambling amongst young people although Breakthru do. The link between gambling and poor mental health was raised by addiction being recognised as a mental health disorder.</p> <p>Prescription Drugs Training Darren reported 3 sessions held in Armagh and Portadown in November/December, facilitated by Ascertain. Attendance in total around 75 with very good feedback/evaluations. Jacqueline reported receiving very good information on the day with an increased knowledge of drug names and types. Darren to send info from the training to members.</p> <p>Youth Providers Programme Jacqueline and Darren gave feedback on the 8 week programme held at The Market Place Theatre, funded through Peace IV, co-ordinated by Blue Moss and facilitated by EANI. Consultation has continued working towards a youth space however numbers low, with need for wider community representation. It was noted that young people have been consulted extensively and participants are not sure what they will achieve. Uncertainty also around how further work will be funded and some attendees</p>	<p>Darren to send members presentations and report from the day</p> <p>Darren to send scorecard when completed</p>

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<p>Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing</p> <p>Supporting Families</p>	<p>have identified distractions when Roma peers have had to translate for their peers, affecting the flow of the session. Relevant members to feed back to Clare at Blue Moss and to encourage young people aged 14-18 to participate in 8 week programme starting Jan 19.</p> <p>Screen Time and Its Impact Darren reported all 6 LPG's in the SHSCT area have identified screen time as a priority due to the possible detrimental impact on families. Darren is meeting with the Chairs of all LPG's to discuss a trust-wide initiative on screen time. Members agreed this was a progressive step. Resilience DVD to be shown in Dungannon on 15th January 2019, with a further date in Newry TBC. Darren will share this date with members to distribute amongst contacts. Colette reported she has shown this documentary to groups across Cavan and Monaghan, as well as distributing the ACE's questionnaire. Colette mentioned examples of work in Wales and with the DVD being American-produced, CAWT were looking at more local initiatives to share. Colette reported that the Band 7 posts for the CAWT MACE programme will be filled by the beginning of February. Project Manager Sean is McGrory moving on so post will now be advertised. Currently raising awareness in communities.</p> <p>Bulgaria Roma Interagency Jacqueline reported the Interagency Group continues to meet. Jacqueline is working towards Thursday morning drop in's in January with Roma women, working through schools and Health Visitors to recruit. Aim is to support families and identify and address needs. Lisa from TIDES will facilitate this.</p> <p>Darren has contacted the Racial Equality Unit to hold a session in Armagh for their Roma Sub Group. Members updates on Roma work: Aisling reported City of Armagh HS currently has no secondary places for new students. Referrals are all from NINES Service (Health Visitors). EANI and City of Armagh HS have made a funding submission to The Big Lottery to set up a nurturing centre as many Roma students do not speak English and the school is not equipped to meet their needs. Darren met with the Health Visiting Team in Armagh and invited them to attend the Interagency Group.</p>	<p>Members to progress</p> <p>Darren to give feedback at next LPG meeting Darren to send flyer when confirmed</p> <p>Contact Jacqueline for further information</p> <p>Darren to progress</p>
<p>Family Support Update</p>	<p>Pat reported the Hub remains very busy: 23 referrals in the previous month. Funding promised in recognition to FSH's growing demand has not arrived yet. Pat referred to the FSH Report Card for further information.</p>	
<p>Southern Area Outcomes Group Update</p>	<p>Darren encouraged members to complete the Survey Monkey link to advertise spaces/venues in the Southern Trust area. This is an action from the Enjoy and Play Task and Finish Group. Members were encouraged to also pass it on to any relevant contacts. Link https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LGWKS5L</p>	<p>Members to progress</p>
<p>Member Agency Updates and Emerging</p>	<p>Mark (Closing the Gap): currently liaising with PHA regarding changes in plans for the coming year. Michael (Youth Action): 15 young people finish the NCS Programme this Saturday. Young male mentor scheme is ongoing</p>	

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Needs	<p>with 5 participants through ABC and NM and D Councils. Get Set for Work ongoing in the Keady area – it's open to anyone who is unemployed, & not in training with OCN Level 1 completed in the new year.</p> <p>Siobhan (REACT): most programmes ending at Christmas including PCSP Safety Programme and Girls Relationship Programme with Women's Aid. Hoping to extend the Boy's Programme past the new year. Numbers have dropped slightly, possibly due to the weather but overall are good. Participants are mostly from Armagh but some from Aughnacloy and Dungannon: no statistics on geographic breakdown from Armagh.</p> <p>Colette (TUSLA): – interesting to hear about different programmes. TUSLA work to 5 National Outcomes in the South of Ireland including addressing mental health issues. Role is to set up sub groups and bring information back to Committee. Cavan & Monaghan has separated into 2 areas, covering both – hopefully will get another colleague. Lot of support and funding for early intervention – first 5 across govt approach to support children in first 5 years. Will be great to have cross-border elemtn and link with programmes.</p> <p>Pat (YPP): service operates in Armagh and Newry, working with 13-18 years. Referrals mainly through SHSCT for young people identified at risk. Individual needs-led programmes drawn up in consultation with young people. Young people present with many complex difficulties. Team includes Social Workers, CAMHS but no teacher since 2017. It is an outreach service working with around 20 young people at any one time, and will take referrals from FSH.</p> <p>Ursula (YJA): –service addresses offending behaviours. Lot of work in partnership with YPP, voluntary to the young person. Youth Engagement Programme operates in Craigavon.</p> <p>Teresa (Barnardos 6th Sense): all programmes ongoing. Significant rise in referrals over the last few months, waiting to be processed. Covered 4 schools since September, another 3 before end of March. 6th Sense ongoing monthly, next group January, Boy's Club after school Tuesdays for boys with varying degrees of ability and support needs. Regional video conferencing work continuing. Everything ongoing, busier than ever. Lot of referrals through Community Access Teams. Huge issue in access to transport in rural areas. Issues are brought back to 6th Sense and sent to partner organisations if applicable to work in partnership. Emerging need: Impact of no government. Where do young peoples' issues go to?</p> <p>Aisling (EANI): Bulgarian Roma students: working with CAMHS, refer to REACT. Lot of work with social services. Service has no control over schools' decisions or placements. Can share information about Jacqueline's programme with Mums. Cannot approach children who do not attend school: the only way is from Health Visiting Team, NINES and self-referral.</p> <p>Darren shared information from Diane Glasgow (Early Years): the Family Health Initiative P4-P7 programme has been delivered in the St Francis of Assissi PS in Keady. Contact Diane for further info – diane@early-years.org</p>	<p>To be fed back to SAOG and CYPSP</p>
AOB/Date of Next Meeting	<p>LPG Dates 2019: Thur 7 Feb venue TBC Thur 11 April, St Luke's Armagh Thur 6 June, St Luke's Thur 5th Sept, St Luke's Thur 7th Nov, TBC. All meetings start at 10.00am.</p> <p><i>Thank you for your time and input!</i></p>	<p>Darren to send out dates and venues</p>