

**Armagh LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 10am**  
**Epicentre, Armagh**

<b>Attendees</b>		<b>Apologies</b>
Teresa Miles (BCM - Chair)	Billy Stewart (PCSP)	Colette Deeney (TUSLA)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Teresa Stewart (DCYPPP)	Madeline Mackin (Early Years)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Amy Black (DCYPPP)	Mia Murray (Arke Sure Start)
Orla Murtagh (SHSCT - Speaker)	Lynsey Hassin (Women's Aid)	
Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT)	Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI)	
Siobhan Mackle (REACT)	Shirley Wells (NIACRO)	
Pat McGeough (Barnardo's YPP, FSH)	Aisling Fitzpatrick (EANI EWO)	
Breigean Corr (Brekathru)		

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action – By Whom</b>
<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>	Teresa Miles welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Introductions made by all attendees. Darren welcomed several new faces to the meeting.	
<b>Speaker:</b> • <b>Orla Murtagh (SHSCT)</b>	Orla opened by confirming the areas of emotional wellbeing and mental health (followed closely by screen-time) as being key current focus areas in the SHSCT RE: children & young people. Orla briefed the group on the following programmes: - <b>Roots of Empathy:</b> Currently running in 26 primary schools across the Southern Trust Area. 27-Week Programme with 9 themes. 3-Day Training to take place with 1-Day Follow-Up. Next wave beginning in Sept/Oct. 2019. Instructor places fully funded by PHA and 8 places available - <b>Hopeful Minds:</b> Originally 'Schools for Hope', re-branded and taken into the Western Trust Area. Facilitator Training taking place on 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> March. All lesson plans and resources provided to facilitators after completion of training. 18 Facilitator places available, all fully funded by the Promoting Wellbeing Division. Facilitators will be expected to be involved in related programme evaluation process. Programme rolled out over 12 weeks and has been positively evaluated twice by UU.  Orla asked the group to provide her details, as KPP, for any schools or organisations wishing to implement the programme, and invited expressions of interest for training as programme instructors or facilitators.	Orla to send UU Evaluation link and link to online resources to LPG

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	<p>Orla also flagged Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing related resource link RE: posters available to purchase online.</p> <p>Teresa S. asked if any of the programmes could be applied to the Special Needs setting, with Orla confirming that they are included. Teresa suggested the option of tweaking the programme(s) accordingly, with Orla responding that Marie Dunne would be open to all relevant suggestions.</p>	
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	<p>Agreed, having made 3 requested amendments (1 RE: Youth Action and 2 RE: EANI).</p> <p>Family Support Hub card has been sent to members by Darren and is now on CYPSP website.</p> <p>PGA Scorecard is pending finalising and will be sent to members in due course, by Darren. Darren also flagged ASCERT Workplace Training Programme, as included in recent FYI newsletter.</p>	
<b>Armagh LPG Action Plan Update</b>	<p>Darren highlighted timeframe extension to 2021 (previously 2020). Related discussions as follows:</p> <p><b>Supporting Families</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bulgarian Women's Group poster circulated. Jacqueline advised the group has been slow to start and that issues have already been raised regarding signposting and language barriers. Inter-Agency Group highlighted as a useful sharepoint for registering for services. Joanne reported voluntary English Classes being delivered in Newry via Downshire Road Church. Jacqueline reported difficulties arising due to Armagh not having an organisation dedicated to integrating BME communities. Darren reported encouragement of young Roma people to the Youth Providers Programme in Armagh. Darren advised that the Racial Equality Unit had failed to hold an event in Armagh to consult with services regarding the Roma community.</li> <li>- Siobhan advised that REACT are developing a cross-community programme and requested contacts and link suggestions from the group: Aileen O'Callaghan (EANI) was identified as a possible Armagh High School link</li> <li>- 'Resilience' screening highlighted by Darren, with hard copy flyers distributed to members. Siobhan asked about other NI screenings. Darren to notify Siobhan of any further dates.</li> </ul> <p><b>Risk Taking Behaviour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gambling, Jacqueline referred to Breakthru as an illustration as to what has been positively done within schools and suggested that other agencies might replicate the same (At this point, Breigeen advised of Breakthru's risk of closure due to funding streams ending).</li> <li>- Darren advised that guidelines had been released just this morning on screen-time and reported this priority issue will be addressed as an agenda item at the next Southern Outcomes Group meeting. Jacqueline suggested that some sort of mapping for parents, in terms of guidance, would be useful</li> <li>- Billy advised that a drug disposal bin is due to be located outside the T-Met Centre in Keady and that location</li> </ul>	<p>Darren to send info on Roma Cultural Awareness Courses when available</p> <p>Darren to confirm other 'Resilience' screening dates with LPG</p> <p>Darren to oversee provision of Breakthru letter of support on behalf of LPGs</p>
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	<p>needs to always be a key consideration</p> <p><b>Mental Health &amp; Emotional Wellbeing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Darren confirmed that Joanne has made a start on the Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Directory and that member inputs will be requested at a later point in time</li> <li>- Pat updated the group on the CAWT MACE programme. Co-ordinators will be commencing post imminently. Target age groups are 0-3 and 11-13 and there is a lack of clarity on geographical area remits</li> <li>- Darren asked that, if anyone wants their service to be recognised as a 'Safe Place', to contact him</li> </ul> <p>Darren advised a directory of summer activities is on the CYPSPs agenda and that related info. will be gathered around June.</p>	<p>Darren to send presentation RE: CAWT MACE programme to LPG</p>
<b>Family Support Hub Update</b>	<p>Pat reported that the FSH continues to exceed its contractually agreed no. of referrals (26 last month, versus 15 target), reporting difficulties in managing this long-term. Some additional funding is pending and there are plans for a Southern Locality Event in the future.</p>	<p>Members to be notified date of event</p>
<b>Southern Area Outcomes Group Update</b>	<p>Darren encouraged members to complete the Survey Monkey link to advertise spaces/venues in the Southern Trust area and circulated hard copies of the same.</p> <p>Darren updated the group on the Evidence-Based Parenting Programme Calendar which Martina McCooey is currently building in advance of envisaged March launch on the CYPSP website.</p>	<p>Members to complete survey</p>
<b>Member Agency Updates and Emerging Needs in the Armagh Area</b>	<p>Michael (<b>Youth Action NI</b>): Issues raised by young people in relation to Brexit and it's impact on young people, in the context of roaming charges, ID requirements and citizenship rights.</p> <p>Jacqueline (<b>SHSCT</b>): Asked is there is a YES programme currently running in Armagh, with Billy advising that this has run in the ABC area and was opened up to children across the borough last year, as far as he was aware</p> <p>Teresa (<b>BCM</b>): Encouraged members to supply letters of support for Breakthru on their pending closure, highlighting the great work which the organisation does for young people in the area (members acknowledged the gap which will be created in terms of youth support and provision)</p>	<p>LPG Members to prepare &amp; send correspondence</p>
<b>AOB</b>	<p>Darren welcomed any submissions to and feedback on the recently launched FYI LPG Members Newsletter.</p>	<p>Members to contact Darren</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 10am, Training Room, Promoting Wellbeing Team, St. Luke's, Armagh</p> <p><i>Thank you, as always, for your time and input!</i></p>	