

South Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 10am
Newtownhamilton Community Centre

Attendees	Apologies
Taucher McDonald (NMandDD Council - Chair)	Allison Slater (SPACE)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Joanne Murphy (EA / EWS)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Dannielle Gibson (EA / EWS)
Jenna McCool (CAPS NIACRO)	Deirdre Magill (SHSCT)
Stephanie Armstrong (Home-Start N&M)	Alannah Brennan (NMandDD Council)
Ita Gibney (Newtownhamilton Community Centre)	Madeline Mackin (Early Years - Toybox) Caelan Donnelly (Youth Action NI) Brenda Maxwell (Tusla / CAWT MACE) Claire Loughran (NMandDD Council) Rhiannon Gallagher (Clanrye Group) Kate Quinn (Lislea Community Association)
	Mark McGarrity (PSNI) Stevie Simpson (PSNI) Annie Clarke (SHSCT) Rosie Carey (EA Youth Service) Robert Glusek (Sure Start S.A.)

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Welcome, Intros. & Apologies	Taucher welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Brief introductions made by all attendees.	All members requested to sign in
Previous Minutes - Tues. 19th Nov. 2019	Previous Minutes agreed, with no amendments. Darren circulated CIPC general information and contact details. Darren to follow up with Rosie on issue of exam stress. ParentLine happy to link in with any related initiatives.	
Member Agency Updates & Emerging Needs in the South Armagh Area	<p>Deirdre (SHSCT): Annie Clarke's work throughout the area continues, picking up from where Morgan Brannigan left off. Roma inter-agency group in Newry: Feasibility of weekly drop-in sessions to be discussed at forthcoming meeting.</p> <p>Allison (SPACE): Current programmes, as follows: No Limits (Years 8, 9 & 10), Fun FRIENDS (ages 4-7), FRIENDS for Life (ages 8-11), SpaceWalk (for young boys), Parents Plus Adolescent programme (for teens). Recent confirmation of Big Lottery funding means corresponding projects can run for a further two years. SpaceWalk funding also recently secured. Practical Parents now an SHSCT contract. Financial Wellbeing workshop running in SPACE this Friday.</p> <p>Jenna (CAPS NIACRO): Recent referrals primarily linked to emotional regulation. Unmet need: online safety, affecting children as young as P6/7, and social anxiety associated with mobile phone usage. (REIM Online Safety training recommended to other members, as being very effective - Several NIACRO staff members attended the pre-Christmas session.) Organisation no longer just dealing with children at risk of offending, but now children in need within the 8-13 age bracket. Referrals currently operating on an 8-week waiting time.</p>	<p>Joanne P. to re-circulate workshop flyer to members</p> <p>Contact Alannah for</p>

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Member Agency Updates & Emerging Needs in the South Armagh Area (Continued from previous page)	<p>Alannah (NMandDD Council): Breastfeeding Welcome Here initiative ongoing, with both Newry Shopping Centre recently signing up. Linking in on RESPECT project, with Bosco Youth Club, with the aim of incorporating Take5 educational element. 4-Week programme starting in Polish Supplementary School (10am to 2pm on Saturdays), incorporating Take5, with invite for parents to stay during the sessions. Period Poverty needs assessment to be carried out regionally via steering group - Survey to follow.</p> <p>Ita (Newtownhamilton Community Centre): Halloween workshops very successful, with 36 children attending. PSNI engaging very effectively with young people in the community, with EA also involved. Unmet need: Difficulty engaging with BME community - Parents rarely attend planned workshops / programmes and attendance is very sporadic when they do (Could be linked to work shift patterns). All Sure Start programmes up and running again. NCC is seeking to run as many programmes as they can, with PM sessions being better because of staff availability. Entrance to new playpark will be the focus of potential works funding.</p> <p>Stephanie (Home-Start Newry): Actively recruiting for volunteers, to offer emotional & practical support to parents in the home. Lost funding pre-Christmas for Bessbrook Family Group, so trying to accommodate elsewhere. Baby Massage class starting this week and accepting referrals, particularly outside of core areas.</p> <p>Joanne / Dannielle (EA / EWS): Continuing to work with referrals from schools regarding poor attendance. Bulk of referrals linked to anxiety, bullying, social media and gambling (particularly male teens). Find LPG meetings very useful in connecting with local organisations who can provide relevant support through signposting. Unmet need: BME engagement difficult.</p> <p>Taucher (NMandDD Council): Shared education projects ongoing in local schools, covering topics such as health and internet safety. Youth clubs also coming together to take part in combined activities. YAFTAs coming up - Further details on nominations to follow.</p>	Breastfeeding posters Ita to contact Karen McCombe RE: programme taster sessions Stephanie to send flyer to CYPSP for circulation Dannielle to link up with Ita RE: N/Hamilton area. Deirdre to share NINES details with Joanne M. for point of entry background information source
South Armagh LPG Action Plan Update	<p>Darren highlighted that the priorities included in the Action Plan are derived from both existing research and data and from around the LPG table, per feedback from members and their organisations.</p> <p>Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Service Resource a work in progress. Darren thanked those organisations who had submitted info. and confirmed that currently 45 programmes (36 services) are included. Darren encouraged Family Support NI website updates to be made by member organisations.</p> <p>Dedicated 'Resilience' DVD Screenings still available via Darren.</p> <p>ACEs Awareness Training took place in The Jethro Centre in Lurgan (Levels 1 & 2 - 17 & 19 attendees respectively) on 21st Nov. & Tower Hill in Armagh (Level 2 - 14 attendees) on 28th Nov. - Aimed at C&V sectors, but several statutory organisations were also accommodated.</p>	Contact Darren for further information on screenings

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South Armagh LPG Action Plan Update (Continued from previous page)	<p>Community Resiliency Training delivered, via Maggie Clarke from Barnardo's, in Banbridge Enterprise Centre on 2nd Dec. (14 attendees, with extensive waiting list) - Further details on similar training opportunities to be sent as/when available.</p> <p>SBNI Trauma-Informed Leadership Programme upcoming in Feb., targeted at C&V Chief Executives, Directors & Assistant Directors - For further details, contact Lia.Mckenzie@hscni.net.</p> <p>Infant Mental Health Strategy launch took place on 29th Nov. (View corresponding 'Good Beginnings' report HERE). Action Plan to follow, via Martina McCooey.</p> <p>Supporting Families Work on Needs Assessment for Newcomer Families, focusing on services' capacity and ability to meet related needs, has started. Corresponding Task & Finish Group met in Nov. and meeting again this afternoon to look at how best services can engage with newcomer families.</p> <p>Roma inter-agency groups continuing to meet in Newry & Armagh.</p> <p>ABC Council are releasing a New Resident's Welcome Pack, with a corresponding launch event taking place in Craigavon Civic Centre on Friday 13th March 2020, from 2pm to 4pm.</p> <p>Previous feedback from Home-Start indicated that Universal Credit, budgeting & internet safety are major issues for families. Darren subsequently met with Debbie at Newry Home-Start to discuss next steps - Discussion with Credit Union and Community Advice on prospective initiative to follow. Taucher will also be involved. Darren has been liaising with Alison in Community Sector Training for relevant training opportunities for the Community and Voluntary Sectors. Further details to follow.</p>	<p>Darren to send Sharon Kerr's contact details to Joanne M.</p> <p>Make The Call info. to be included in next 'FYI'</p>
Family Support Hub Update	<p>Per most recent report, 37% of referrals to the Family Support Hub are from the South Armagh area. Referral trends: Behavioural support; anxiety in children; and disability. Have seen a 28% increase on previous year in referrals for 11-15 year olds; an age bracket which the hub struggles to find support for, owing to a gap in services. Have also seen an increase in self-referrals of 20%. New info. leaflet for families recently released, with hard copies circulated to group. Review RE: FSH Standards took place pre-Christmas - No issues to report.</p>	
Review of LPG Membership	<p>LPG membership working principles & member responsibilities document circulated to the group in hard copy. Role of LPG Chair document also shared with Taucher.</p>	<p>Joanne P. to e-mail copy to members</p>
SAOG Update	<p>Issues relating to screen-time, as fed back from LPG members, has been escalated to the SAOG - Relevant updates on all Action Plan items, including Young People's Voice Task & Finish Group, to follow after first SAOG meeting of the year on the 5th February.</p>	<p>Joanne P. to resend Screen Time Resource</p>
AOB	<p>N/A</p>	
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 10am, Newtownhamilton Community Centre. <i>Thank you, as always, for your time and input!</i></p>	