



INFORMATION & ACTION PLAN 2021-2024

Southern Area Locality
Planning Groups



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WHAT IS THE CYPSP?

The Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) is a multi-agency partnership that includes the leadership of key statutory agencies and community and voluntary organisations, with a responsibility for improving the lives of children and young people in Northern Ireland.

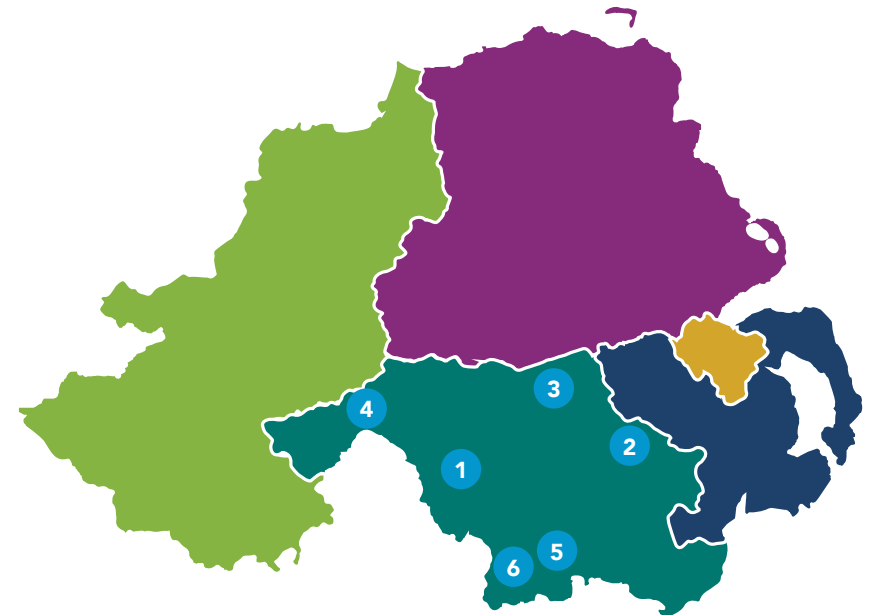
The partnership produces a Children & Young People's Plan which provides a high level commitment to improving outcomes for children and young people in Northern Ireland and to ensure each child reaches their full potential. This plan is taken forward at a local level through the process of Locality Planning.

WHAT IS LOCALITY PLANNING?

Locality Planning Groups (LPG's) are partnerships between statutory, voluntary and community organisations working with and for children young people and families at a local level. Their work focuses on early intervention to improve outcomes for children and young people.

There are 6 LPG's in the Southern Trust area. These are:

- 1 Armagh
- 2 Banbridge
- 3 Craigavon
- 4 Dungannon
- 5 Newry & Mourne
- 6 South Armagh



Each Locality Planning Group reports to the Southern Outcomes Group by sharing information, knowledge base and expertise about the local area and identifying opportunities to improve outcomes for children and young people by working better together.

Each Locality Planning group has its own page on our website <https://cypsp.hscni.net/locality-planning-groups/>

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WHAT DO LOCALITY PLANNING GROUPS DO?

Working as a multi-agency partnership, each LPG develops a Children and Young People's Locality Plan for their area. These plans identify and evidence the key issues impacting upon children and young people and provide a framework through which solutions can be implemented to address these issues.

Activities carried out by the Locality Planning Group in the Southern Area include sharing of information and resources, supporting local organisations to make links with other services, information and networking events, training, action planning and producing resources for members to help support their work with children, young people and parents/carers.

Actions are agreed by LPG members and are flexible to address any particular issue relating to children, young people or family support.



SOUTHERN AREA LOCALITY PLANNING TEAM

The team responsible for Locality Planning in the Southern Trust area are Darren Curtis (Locality Development Officer) and Joanne Patterson (Locality Programme Support Officer). Both are based at Tower Hill, Armagh.

Information Sharing:



In January 2019, Southern Area Locality Planning introduced a new innovative way of sharing information on the great work of services and organisations striving to improve outcomes for children, young people and families in the Southern Trust area.

With the aim of strengthening contacts, participation, engagement and connections in the region, LPG members, as well as the wider community, are invited to submit flyers, posters & announcements promoting relevant events, opportunities, programmes and initiatives. All of this information is then collated and shared via a one-stop shop style newsletter - 'FYI' (For Your Information).



ACTION PLAN 2021-2024

Action Plans for the 6 Locality Planning Groups in the Southern Trust area fall under the following 8 factors contributing to wellbeing, as identified in the Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Strategy. Outcomes are numbered as follows in the Action Plan, which denote the areas we are addressing for each theme:



All 6 Locality Planning Groups identified the following 3 themes as their top priorities for 2021-24:

1. Emotional wellbeing and mental health of children & young people
2. Supporting parents & caregivers
3. Addressing the impact of poverty



PRIORITY: EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



	 ACTION	 LEAD/PARTNERS	 WHEN
<p> ALL 6 LPG AREAS</p>	<p>All members to share information at LPG meetings</p> <p>Produce fortnightly FYI e-bulletins with information submitted by members/ relevant stakeholders</p> <p>Share information on relevant resources and opportunities: member services, Youth Wellness Web, CAWT MACE, events & opportunities, key strategies</p> <p>Increase number of downloads of FYI from average 150 to 300 per edition</p> <p>Collate and produce information on summer activities via 3 online events and information from relevant stakeholders</p> <p>Strengthen links with Loneliness Networks in ABC, NManD & MU Council areas</p>	<p>All members of 6 LPG's</p> <p>LPG & relevant stakeholders to submit information for Locality Planning (LP) Team to produce fortnightly</p> <p>Relevant stakeholders to submit. LP Team to distribute</p> <p>LPG members & LP Team to share among local social media forums and service users/families</p> <p>Services submit info. LP Team collate and produce. All to disseminate info.</p> <p>Locality Development Officer & LPG members</p>	<p>5 annual meetings of each LPG</p> <p>Fortnightly editions annually</p> <p>Ongoing-LPG mtngs & mailings</p> <p>Target Easter 2022</p> <p>June 2021, 2022 & 2023</p> <p>Starting 2021</p>
<p> ARMAGH</p>	<p>Host a Connections event for young people - young person-led to highlight local support available</p> <p>Reignite Youth Providers Forum in Armagh: interagency partnership working with young people</p> <p>Produce a short video of member services to promote the work of the LPG</p>	<p>LPG members - key local youth providers</p> <p>Youth Providers members</p> <p>LPG members</p>	<p>Post Lockdown - 2022</p> <p>Commence 2022</p> <p>Early 2022</p>
<p> BANBRIDGE</p>	<p>Host an awareness session of support available for Domestic & Sexual violence</p> <p>Promote Workforce Development Training on Drugs & Alcohol at LPG level</p>	<p>Banbridge LPG, Advocacy VSV</p> <p>LP Team, ASCERT, relevant service providers</p>	<p>2022</p> <p>2021-24</p>
<p> CRAIGAVON</p>	<p>Strengthen links & communication with relevant partnerships: Youth Providers, Drug & Alcohol Interagency</p> <p>Promote Workforce Development Training on Drugs & Alcohol at LPG level (vaping)</p> <p>Promote benefits of physical health to emotional wellbeing & mental health by promoting local programmes</p>	<p>LPG members</p> <p>LP Team, ASCERT, relevant service providers</p> <p>LPG Members</p>	<p>Starting 2021</p> <p>Starting 2021</p> <p>Starting 2021</p>
<p> DUNGANNON</p>	<p>Build links with Linking Generations to support intergenerational activities</p> <p>Liaise with and build links with the MU Loneliness Network to tackle loneliness among young people</p>	<p>LPG members, Linking Generations</p> <p>Starting 2022</p>	<p>Commence 2022</p> <p>Starting 2021</p>
<p> NEWRY & MOURNE</p>	<p>Produce a short video of member services to promote the work of the LPG</p> <p>Increase service representation at LPG meetings</p> <p>Improve engagement with parents, schools and rural communities</p>	<p>All LPG members & other relevant stakeholders</p> <p>LP Team & LPG members</p> <p>LP Team & LPG members</p>	<p>Oct-21</p> <p>Commence 2021</p> <p>Commence 2021</p>
<p> SOUTH ARMAGH</p>	<p>Produce a short video of member services to promote the work of the LPG</p> <p>Explore local activities to address loneliness among children & young people</p>	<p>All LPG members & other relevant stakeholders</p> <p>LPG members</p>	<p>October 2021</p> <p>Commence 2022</p>



PRIORITY: SUPPORTING PARENTS & CAREGIVERS



	ACTION	LEAD/PARTNERS	WHEN
<p>ALL 6 LPG AREAS</p>	<p>Contributing to and promoting the Newcomer Families Needs Assessment</p> <p>Contributing to and promoting the Recommendations and Actions from Our Journey Through Disability</p>	<p>Locality Planning Officer on Task & Finish Group</p> <p>Member organisations on Working Group</p>	<p>Commence 2021</p> <p>Commence 2021</p>
<p>ARMAGH</p>	<p>Produce an information leaflet with key contact details on family support services</p> <p>Build connections with local schools to provide relevant information</p>	<p>LP Team & LPG members</p> <p>LP Team & LPG members</p>	<p>Commence 2022</p> <p>Commence 2022</p>
<p>BANBRIDGE</p>	<p>Produce a “Services That Can Help” leaflet with relevant local contacts & parenting advice</p> <p>Input from Social Prescribing to LPG to share local links</p>	<p>LP Team & LPG members</p> <p>LPG, Social Prescribing</p>	<p>Commence 2022</p> <p>Commence 2021</p>
<p>CRAIGAVON</p>	<p>Produce a short video promoting services & programmes in the local area</p> <p>Agree a strategy & implement for better parental engagement and links with services in the wider community</p>	<p>LP Team & LPG members</p> <p>LP Team & LPG members</p>	<p>Commence 2022</p> <p>Commence 2022</p>
<p>DUNGANNON</p>	<p>Develop closer links with schools to share relevant information with parents & caregivers</p> <p>Identify and share parenting support courses to meet community needs</p>	<p>LP Team & LPG members</p> <p>LP Team & LPG members</p>	<p>Commence 2022</p> <p>Commence 2021</p>
<p>NEWRY & MOURNE</p>	<p>Post Covid awareness event to highlight available services to support parents & families</p> <p>Inform on available support programmes and activities in local area, including rural areas</p>	<p>LP Team & LPG members</p> <p>LP Team & LPG members</p>	<p>Commence 2022</p> <p>Commence 2021</p>
<p>SOUTH ARMAGH</p>	<p>Community engagement event with Ethnic Minorities involvement, to increase engagement at Christmas period</p> <p>Celebration event for parents and caregivers to recognise how communities have supported each other</p>	<p>LP Team & LPG members</p> <p>LP Team & LPG members</p>	<p>Commence 2022</p> <p>Commence 2022</p>



PRIORITY:
**ADDRESSING THE
IMPACT OF POVERTY**

ABC Council (Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council)
CAWT MACE (Co-operation and Working Together Multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences)
CiNI (Children in Northern Ireland)
FYI (For Your Information)
LPG (Locality Planning Group)
LP Team (Locality Planning Team)
NMandD Council (Newry, Mourne & Down District Council)
MU Council (Mid Ulster District Council)

	ACTION	LEAD/PARTNERS	WHEN
ALL 6 LPG AREAS	Link with existing services & interagency groups with a remit to address poverty	LP Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2021
	Promote free school meals, school uniform grants & relevant initiatives at LPG meetings and through FYI	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2021
ARMAGH	Host event for providers & support services sharing strengths & gaps in local area	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
BANBRIDGE	Supporting Portadown Gets Active: interagency initiative for children in the Banbridge area tackling Holiday Hunger and providing practical family support	LPG Members, CiNI, Oasis Youth	Ongoing since 2017
CRAIGAVON	Supporting Portadown Gets Active: interagency initiative for children in the Craigavon area tackling Holiday Hunger and providing practical family support	LPG Members, CiNI, Oasis Youth	Ongoing since 2017
DUNGANNON	Invite relevant local service providers to LPG meetings to share issues & support	LP Team & LPG members	Commence 2022
	Produce a school uniform recycling toolkit for use in schools & community settings	LP Team, LPG members and Mid Ulster LPG	Commence 2021
NEWRY & MOURNE	Share local support at LPG meetings to avoid duplication	LP Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2022
	Share information on local support & benefits through a local event	LP Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2022
SOUTH ARMAGH	Share relevant support & information in translated languages for all communities	LP Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2022
	Regular updates at LPG meetings from support services	LP Team, LPG members & providers	Commence 2021

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

You can become involved with Locality Planning through a number of ways:

Attend an LPG Group Meeting:

Meetings take place every 2 months and anyone can attend if they represent a service, organisation or group which aims to improve outcomes for children and/or young people. It is not compulsory to attend any meetings, but feedback from members tells us they value their networking aspect, as well as hearing feedback from the Action Plan and Family Support Hubs, with wider discussions on emerging needs in the local area. Meetings have a formal agenda, but informal opportunities.

Register for FYI:

Add your name to our extensive database to receive a free fortnightly e-bulletin with activities, programmes, events and opportunities for children and young people in the Southern Trust Area. You can also advertise your own service for free and this reaches over 800 contacts in the Southern Trust area.

Register on our Training Database:

By adding your contact e-mail, you will receive notification of relevant local training taking place in the area, which will help to improve outcomes for children and young people and your own knowledge & skills sets.

Register for Thematic Resources:

We currently have a database for sharing information and resources, as follows:

- » Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Resource
- » Trauma, ACEs & Resilience Resource Compilation
- » Screen Time Resource Compilation
- » Our Journey Through Disability Report
- » Summer Activities Directory

Scan the QR code for direct access to the above



To find out more and to register with us, please contact localityplanning@ci-ni.org.uk

WHAT PEOPLE HAVE SAID



We are able to identify growing needs more effectively through meeting and discussing emerging issues.



Prior to these groups there may have been an us and them approach, rivalry over funding, etc. that has dissipated and we work together for the good of the community.



The LPG has definitely increased co-operation and collaboration. This is an ongoing thing and can always be improved upon. These meetings are helping with this.



The LPG has enabled new relationships between statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations working in the area and has also strengthened existing relationships which promotes information sharing and ultimately real collaborative working.



It is an invaluable source which galvanizes local community's opinions on how best to address gaps in Children and Young Peoples services.



We are able to discuss programmes and activity on a regular basis, avoiding duplication as a result.



I have found it very easy to network and make links through the Locality Groups.



I am able to highlight things from 'FYI' in team meetings. It is brilliant to showcase the fantastic work in the locality and to ensure that we all support each other by attending events. Geography doesn't seem to matter when you have all the information to hand!



If you would like to join your local
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