

# **Bassetlaw LSP**

## **Children and Young People's Group**

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**  
**19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2005 AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**IN COLLINSON BOARDROOM, RETFORD HOSPITAL**

### **Present**

Jane Young	Andrew Tatham
Sarah-Jo Lee	Julie Cotton
Susie Gray	Cath Burke
Mandy Green	Cathy Burke
Sue Gill	Sharon Stoltz
Katy Civitillo	Peter Clarke
Margaret Winks	Steve Edwards
Paul Nicholas	

### **1. Apologies**

Anthea Bloomer, David Hunter, Sharon Ward, Nick McMullen, Deborah Oughtibridge and Eddie Burgess.

### **2. Notes of the Last Meeting**

The notes of the last meeting, held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005, were agreed as correct.

### **3. Matters Arising**

#### **3.1. LAA Update**

The group were updated on a recent LAA Management Board meeting. There had been some concern expressed about funding streams being protected in the long-term for certain services within the LAA (monies had only been given protection for the first year). There was concern that money intended for one priority may be diverted into another service, and some priority services may be adversely affected.

#### **3.2. CAMHS Consultation**

There was little positive to add to previous updates. A meeting had been facilitated by David Sharpe with senior people from the Notts Healthcare Trust to resolve CAMHS issues and discuss a clear and concise way forward for CAMHS services.

The Healthcare Trust had been unable to send anyone to the North Notts CAMHS Strategy Group meeting, so a further smaller meeting would be held in January to take these issues forward.

It was reported that work is continuing on the Ashfield/Mansfield pilot.

Steve Edwards confirmed that he was meeting with Viv McCrossen to discuss the way forward for a pilot in Bassetlaw.

The countywide Children's Services Executive had asked for an update on CAMHS at their January meeting.

### 3.3. SHA Performance Management Framework

Sue informed the group that she would circulate this framework as soon as possible, highlighting where people had been volunteered/had agreed to send information.

**Action: Sue Gill**

### 3.4. Five Families Project

Steve Edwards reported that there are now only 3 families involved with this project. Services will commence in January.

Much discussion took place regarding using the Common Assessment Framework for any new families within the Five Families Project. If the Common Assessment Framework was used, it was felt that multi-agency training would be needed across North Notts and that the Board should also be informed.

## 4. Agency Liaison Meeting

As Eddie Burgess was unable to attend the meeting, Jane Young informed the group of what she knew. However, the agenda item was left open should Eddie wish to add more at a later date.

It was felt that schools and various agencies held many different meetings involving the same child/family. Discussions had taken place around an administrative co-ordinator being employed within each school to co-ordinate meetings to include the various agencies and, therefore, reduce repetition. Some schools were happy with this idea, some wanted to name more than one administrative co-ordinator and some schools hadn't responded to this idea.

It was felt, however, that there should continue to be individual meetings for child protection issues.

Discussion also took place around children's names being mentioned unnecessarily within these meetings.

Although confidentiality should be maintained, it was also felt that some information sharing where appropriate was necessary between agencies, as this would cause less repetition for children and their families, and would also be imperative where there were any concerns about child protection. Various agencies were already working on agreements as to what information would be shared.

## **5. Domestic Violence**

Sarah-Jo Lee, Domestic Violence Policy Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council, Susie Gray, Children and Young People Service Co-ordinator and Mandy Green, Head of Service, Bassetlaw Women's Aid, attended the meeting to give a presentation and discuss domestic violence and its impact on children and young people. Various documents/leaflets were circulated to group members for information.

Concern was expressed that domestic violence was often overlooked, and it was felt that this issue should be focussed on locally in terms of delivering the Children's Plan if it did not feature in the LAA. Sharon Stoltz reported that domestic violence had been included in the Building Safer and Stronger Communities Block of the LAA in the reducing violent crime section. However, it was the fact that domestic violence no longer featured as a separate indicator in the Children and Young People's Block which was a concern, and this issue needed to be lobbied with the LAA management.

Concern was expressed about sustainability of funding if the LAA did not focus on these issues. Children's Fund currently fund most of the children's outreach posts across the county. If the funds go into LAA and are diverted to other priorities, this will leave a real gap.

Funding to Bassetlaw Women's Aid from the Supporting People Partnership is being withdrawn.

Helpline services need to be further developed, and there is a demonstrable need to take forward training across agencies on awareness of domestic violence and its impact.

There are currently between 70 and 80 children on the child protection register in Bassetlaw and more needs to be done to support children and young people in domestic violence situations.

It was reported that work is underway with the Children's Centres team to ensure that training and information on domestic violence is available to all staff.

There would be further discussions at the next meeting.

It was also decided that Sue Gill and Sharon Stoltz would raise this issue with the LAA Management Board.

**Action: Sue Gill/Sharon Stoltz**

Sue Gill confirmed that Suzie Gray, from Bassetlaw Women's Aid, would attend future Bassetlaw LSP Children and Young People's meetings, replacing Sharon Davies.

## **6. Children's Fund in Bassetlaw**

Paul Nicholas, Community Capacity Building Officer, and Margaret Winks, Manton Workstream Lead, Children's Fund, attended the meeting to discuss this item.

The Nottinghamshire Children's Fund – Annual Report 2004 – 2005 and the Project Directory were circulated around the group for information.

Key issues to note were:-

- YISP is being expanded from Manton only to Bassetlaw-wide.
- Several of the children and young people's groups in Manton (including Phoenix and Young Manton) had identified the 3 key issues locally as:-
  - Safer places to play.
  - Someone to talk to.
  - Free activities.

From this the 'Listening Bus' had been developed, which would be available across the patch, providing a 'listening zone' to those who need it.

- All the projects will be evaluated and the learning shared.

There was some concern as to what would happen when funding ends (the Children's Fund monies had been extended for a further 2 years until 2008, although the budget allocations would be reduced) and it was felt that future planning needed to be considered.

## **7. Children and Young People's Plan – Bassetlaw Event**

Group members were informed that a half-day session on the Children and Young People's Plan for Nottinghamshire was being planned for January 2006. Various names were put forward by group members for Sue Gill to contact with regards to this event and Jane Young agreed to send Sue further names.

## **8. Children's Centres**

Sarah-Jo Lee reported that she had been working with Di Kingaby with regards to a training strategy for staff regarding domestic violence.

It was requested that Children's Centres be a standing item on the agenda.

It was confirmed that the Sure Start programme budget had been maintained this year, but for 2007-08 the county would have a million pounds reduction. The local impact of this was being looked at.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- 9.1. Sharon Stoltz commented on the significant reductions in funding for the Bassetlaw area within the next 2 years e.g. Healthy Living Centres, Children's Fund etc and that work needed to be undertaken on this issue as part of the business continuity process.
- 9.2. Cathy Burke requested that documents on the Local Safeguarding Children Board, the NSF Standard 5, and the Children Act 2004 be circulated for discussion at the next meeting (see Appendix 1).

## **10. Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The group were asked to note that the next meeting would take place at **2.00 p.m. on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006 in Collinson Boardroom, Bassetlaw PCT, Retford Hospital.**