

Bassetlaw LSP

Children and Young People's Group

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON **24th JANUARY 2006 AT 2.00 P.M.** **IN COLLINSON BOARDROOM, RETFORD HOSPITAL**

Present

Sue Gill	Nick McMullen	Sue Twemlow
Paul Nicholas	Susie Gray	Steve Edwards
Steve Edwards	Eddie Burgess	Sally Penn
Julie Cotton	Paul Nicholas	Katy Civitillo
Peter Clark	Margaret Winks	Maggie Pape
Cathy Burke	Bob Wallace	

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Anthea Bloomer, Cath Burke, Jane Young, Malcolm Kesterton, Andrew Tatham and Deborah Oughtibridge.

2. Notes of the Last Meeting – 19th December 2005

Notes of the last meeting were agreed as correct. However, Peter Clark from Bassetlaw District Council, confirmed that he would be attending the meetings instead of David Hunter (not as well as).

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Agency Liaison Meeting

Item 4 from the notes of the last meeting was left open in case Eddie Burgess wished to add more to this item.

Eddie informed group members that the Bassetlaw Action Group considered how well multi-agency meetings within schools were going. It was felt that there was great variability. In some cases some agencies felt unable to attend meetings as not all discussions were relevant to them. It was felt that practice could be improved and guidelines had been developed to assist with this. Head Teachers had been visited in December, but some had reserved the right to talk about whomever they wished during these meetings, rather than working within the confidentiality framework. It was reported that most Head Teachers were following the guidelines.

The Action Group was also looking into other meetings held in schools and whether any streamlining was possible. Eddie offered to provide any further information if required.

3.2. CAMHS

The countywide Children's Executive Group had given endorsement for a countywide group with a more focussed membership. However, there were concerns within the south of the county about how this would work in terms of their links with the city. There was also some caution as to whether the group should be reorganised at the present time due to the impending restructuring of the NHS (the group may only need to be reorganised again in April).

Steve Edwards reported that the CAMHS pilot in Ashfield had generated a lot of interest, and that Bassetlaw and Newark had also expressed an interest in running pilots within their areas. There was some concern, however, that the services were different in Ashfield to those in Bassetlaw, so the learning may not be applicable. Sue Gill reported that it was always intended that the Ashfield pilot would be rolled out eventually, and that the pilot was not intended to be directly transferred but that lessons learned should be used.

Steve Edwards volunteered to establish a group to look into starting a CAMHS pilot in the Bassetlaw area.

Action: Steve Edwards.

Sue Gill reported that there had been some confusion around CAMHS money and its inclusion in the LAA (discussed at the last meeting in December). At the last meeting Sharon Stoltz and Sue Gill were charged with addressing this issue. Sue confirmed that CAMHS was now back in the LAA and the local authority CAMHS grant money would be included in the LAA pooled budget. It remained unclear if the PCT CAMHS funding stream would also be included. The group were cautioned that money included in the LAA would only be protected for 1 year and then could be used for other initiatives. Sue confirmed that a meeting would be held in the near future to discuss the funding flows.

3.3. SHA Performance Management Framework

Sue Gill informed group members that she was currently compiling this document.

3.4. Domestic Violence

Sue confirmed that emotional health and wellbeing was now back in the LAA.

3.5. Children and Young People's Plan – Local Events

The group were informed that the countywide Children and Young People's Plan was currently in draft format. As the half day session in January to discuss this document had been cancelled, it had been agreed that the meeting would be reorganised to replace the next Bassetlaw LSP Children and Young People's Group meeting on 28th February (this would be an extended meeting). Any routine business would be added to the March agenda.

Sue Gill confirmed that she would send out relevant documentation before the next meeting. Group members, and a limited number of others would be invited to attend. It was emphasised that it would be an action planning meeting not an opportunity to bid for funds.

3.6. Children's Centres

Sally Penn reported that they had been looking at extending the boundaries of the Children's Centres and that these would now include Harworth. A Senior Co-ordinator for each patch would also be appointed by local authorities.

Capital planning for phase 2 was also currently underway.

3.7. Update on Children's Mapping

Sue Gill and Julie Cotton had completed the provision and commissioning sections. Alan Burbanks, Director of Finance, was currently preparing the financial section.

4. Local Safeguarding Children's Board
(document attached to minutes of the last meeting)

Julie Cotton and Cathy Burke were the PCT representatives at the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB). The LSCB was currently in shadow form; however, this would change in April. Currently there are two LSCBs in Nottinghamshire, but this may change over time.

5. NSF Standard 5 - Safeguarding
(document attached to the minutes of the last meeting)

Cathy Burke reported that the document attached to the minutes of the last meeting was a first draft, but that she now had a more comprehensive version for circulation (see Appendix 1). Cathy asked group members to send any comments on this document via e-mail (cathy.burke@bassetlaw-pct.nhs.uk) no later than 1st March 2006.

6. New Performance Indicator – Looked After Children

The SHA have asked PCTs to collect information for the next year on the number of looked after children with substance misuse problems. It was reported that this performance indicator would be subject to future inspections.

7. Support to Children of Drug Using Parents

Susan March, from the Public Health Department, was unable to attend to discuss this item. Sue Gill agreed to ask Susan if she had anything she wanted to circulate to group members and if she wished to attend a future meeting.

Action: Sue Gill

8. Framework for Meeting the Complex Needs of Children & Young People

Copies of this document, signed up to by Health, Education and Social Services were tabled. The aim of the document was to put together a framework so the 3 agencies could come together to support children in need. Julie Cotton informed group members that it was down to individual organisations to adopt this framework. This document would not, however, be taken to the Board for adoption, and it was reported that a national document was expected in the future.

9. Consultation on Nottinghamshire Early Years Strategy

This document had been circulated previously for comments to be brought to the meeting for discussion and inclusion in the response. The group felt that the strategy did not tackle the most disadvantaged groups, was not very outcome focussed, and was agency specific instead of focussing on children. Sue Gill agreed to respond highlighting these concerns.

Action: Sue Gill.

10. Common Assessment Framework and Serlby Park Pilot

Sue Twemlow and Maggie Pape attended the meeting to discuss this item.

The Common Assessment Framework (CAF) was designed to shift the focus from dealing with the consequences of difficulties in children's lives to preventing things from going wrong in the first place.

The CAF had been developed for use by all agencies so that they could communicate and work more effectively together. Information would follow the child if they moved to different areas, or between schools and other agencies i.e. Connexions.

If an assessment showed that a child needed input from more than one service/ agency, a lead professional would be appointed from one of the services to co- ordinate this process.

Bircotes/Harworth had been used as a pilot project. Agencies involved with the Pathfinder Trust had been contacted and 10 agencies had agreed to work with families in this way. It was reported that five families were currently being worked with.

Planning is now taking place for children at school leaving age, who would be moving into the services for young adults.

11. Any Other Business

11.1. Children and Young People Talking about Bullying

Sue Gill drew attention to this document, which focussed on children and young people talking about being bullied. This document could be obtained by telephoning the Office of the Children's Commissioner on Tel. No. 020 7273 5559.

11.2. Black and Minority Ethnic Families in Bassetlaw

Steve Edwards reported that the advisory leaflets for black and minority ethnic families in Bassetlaw, which had been previously published, now needed to be updated and relaunched.

Steve also stated that discussions had taken place regarding whether a support group for parents of black and minority ethnic families within the Bassetlaw area was needed. The possibility of including Children Centres, Health Visitors and Practice Nurses was also mentioned to group members. It was decided that Steve Edwards would discuss this issue further with Cathy Burke and then feedback to the group.

Action: Steve Edwards/Cathy Burke.

Cathy Burke agreed to ask Catherine Hall to contact Boots Chemist to check on the uptake of products stocked for black and minority ethnic families in Bassetlaw.

Action: Cathy Burke.

11.3. Voluntary Sector Half Day Meeting

Sue Gill reported that Bassetlaw CVS had organised a half-day meeting, targeted on voluntary sector groups. The session would focus on Children's Centres and the Extended Service Schools and their potential implications for the voluntary sector.

12. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting, which will be used to discuss the Children and Young People Session on the CYP Plan, will be held on 28th February 2006 at 1.45 p.m. for 2.00 p.m. in the Collinson Boardroom, Retford Hospital.