

Bassetlaw LSP

Children and Young People's Group

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
29th NOVEMBER 2006 AT 9.30 A.M. IN
COLLINSON BOARDROOM, BASSETLAW PCT

Present

Sue Gill
Marion Burchby
Paul Nicholas
Alister Shaw
Jane Young
Andrew Tatham
Steve Edwards
Joanne Wilson
Lucy Peel
Alison Bromberg

1. Apologies

Anthea Bloomer, Julie Cotton, Cathy Burke, Eddie Burgess and Margaret Wink sent apologies.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

These were agreed as correct.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Domestic Violence

It was reported that the Integrated Children's Services Domestic Violence Group had met for the first time on 3rd November 2006. This group would focus on the non-justice system elements and the impact on children and the broader health and social care perspective. The group would meet quarterly with Sue Gill chairing for the first year. Sue would feed back to this forum.

Action: Sue Gill

3.2. Bassetlaw 14-19 Area Strategy Group

It was reported that the Area Strategy Group were aware that this group wanted to send a representative to link in with their meetings, but no decision had been made yet.

3.3. CYPP Priorities – Obesity

The group discussed the need for links into the Obesity meeting. Links with Public Health need to be revisited in the light of the new integrated service across Nottinghamshire and Sue Gill would pursue this.

Action: Sue Gill

3.4. Play Services in Bassetlaw

Neil McCarthy, Principal Play Officer, had provided details on work in each locality. At the end of October, Bassetlaw Council had sent out correspondence for mapping the play services each organisation provides. The return date for this information was 10th November 2006.

Sue Gill would contact Sally Penn from the Children's Centre to re-establish links, as Sally had not attended the last couple of meetings.

Action: Sue Gill

4. Review of Function, Terms of Reference and Membership

Nick McMullen tendered his resignation to group members, as he felt that Steve Edwards could represent social services on the group. However, Sue Gill felt that the group now lacked a CAMHS representative. Group members discussed if someone CAMHS specific should attend meetings and it was decided that someone should be invited to attend on a regular basis.

Steve Edwards reported that there had been a county-wide shift in CAMHS delivery. The Notts Healthcare Trust would focus on Tier 3. Steve Edwards, Sue Gill and Julie Cotton met to look at advertising for a project manager to scope options for Tier 1 and 2 services across Bassetlaw. When this post had been appointed to, it was decided that this person would be invited to attend meetings.

There was concern that there was no direct maternity input into the meetings and that this would be a useful link. Marion Burchby agreed to take this issue back to the maternity department at Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for discussion.

There was general support around the group for holding a wide stakeholder event once or twice a year.

It was felt that we were a reactive group when implementing issues and that we should try to influence upwards. However, it was also thought that there would be problems with having enough time to accomplish this.

A suggestion was made that the Children and Young People's Network be added to the group membership.

It was suggested that Extended Schools Co-ordinators be contacted to attend meetings.

Jo Wilson informed the group that at an LAA Development Group day, children had been identified as a priority. It had been decided that the LAA Development Group would like to support this group if we require it. Jo reported that she was awaiting a report from the development day.

It was felt that including the police and the Youth Offending Service in some of the meetings would be beneficial. Sue Gill and Steve Edwards would meet to discuss next year's schedule and the best dates to include them.

Action: Sue Gill/Steve Edwards

Andrew Tatham informed group members that Vickie Rawson would possibly be replacing him on the group, as the representative of the voluntary sector.

5. Children's Fund

A booklet had been circulated with the minutes of the last meeting. The booklet had taken a district-by-district approach rather than countywide. The first half of booklet detailed local neighbourhood projects and the other featured the District wide projects. The project achievements included drawing attention to the needs of youngsters, victims of domestic violence and young carers and also successes in supporting parents in the district, linking with schools, extended services, parent participation workshops, neighbourhood projects, working with vulnerable people, after school activities, a listening bus, advice on healthy lifestyles and an anti bullying DVD.

A community counselling paper had been written by Ann Murphy, Programme Manager (see Appendix 1) detailing the participation and underlying principle of the Children's Fund.

Discussion took place as to what would happen to programmes when the Children's Fund ended in March 2008. It was stressed that where funding from the statutory sector is to be sought, financial planning timescales will need to be addressed too.

6. Manton Plan for Children and Young People

The history of Manton Community Alliance was circulated for information (see Appendix 2) and a presentation on the Manton Children and Young People's Plan

was given by Alister Shaw (see Appendix 3). Copies of the plan are available from Alister.

It was suggested that the plan could be used to pilot new ways of working, and that it would be a helpful regular item for the LSP to draw out lessons and benefits for Bassetlaw. Discussion took place around the presentation highlighting the key elements of the plan being brought to and discussed at an executive level meeting. Alison Bromberg, Alister Shaw and Sue Gill agreed to meet to discuss this issue further.

Action: Sue Gill/Alison Bromberg/Alister Shaw

7. Safeguarding Report

This item was deferred as Cathy Burke could not attend the meeting.

8. Participation Strategy for Children and Young People

Lucy Peel, Participation Officer, Children's Fund, reported that work had been ongoing for some time and the strategy had now been completed. The launch would take place on 14th November.

Representatives from various organisations would attend introductory training and the scheme would be piloted in Feb/March next year. A workshop would be organised to share ideas in each district and representatives would be encouraged to attend from as many organisations as possible.

Jo Wilson confirmed that the Council were currently looking at this issue and whether they would like to adopt/add to it.

Discussion took place as to how we could obtain children and young people's input to this group without them having to sit through meetings. As time was becoming limited, it was decided that this issue would be discussed further at the January meeting. Lucy agreed to circulate suggestions for discussion before the next meeting.

Action: Lucy Peel

9. Draft Children and Young People's Plan 2007/09

This agenda item will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Feedback from APA and GOEM Single Priorities

Sue Gill agreed to circulate this with the meeting minutes (see Appendix 4).

11. Guidance for PCTs on Children's Services

Guidance on Austic Spectrum Disorder can be obtained from the Department of Health website. Child Health and Maternity mapping information can be obtained from the Durham University website.

12. Any Other Business

12.1. Agenda for Next Year

Sue Gill and Steve Edwards agreed to meet to discuss and decide on next year's meeting agenda topics.

Action: Sue Gill/Steve Edwards

13. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 30th January 2007 at 3.00 pm. in Collinson Boardroom, Bassetlaw PCT.