

Bassetlaw LSP

Children and Young People's Group

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30th JANUARY 2007 AT 3.00 P.M. IN COLLINSON BOARDROOM, BASSETLAW PCT

Present

Steve Edwards	Lucy Peel
Paul Nicholas	Margaret Winks
Eddie Burgess	Julie Cotton
Jo Wilson	Sue Gill
Alister Shaw	

1. Apologies

Jane Young, Alison Bromberg, Cathy Burke and Vicky Rawson had sent their apologies.

2. Notes of the Last Meeting

The notes of the last meeting were agreed as correct.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Area Strategy Group

Jo Wilson reported that she was looking into linking into this group. Jo also mentioned that she was going to ask a representative from the Area Strategy group to attend a themed Learning and Skills meeting.

3.2. CYPP Priorities - Obesity

Sue Gill informed the group that she would be discussing this issue and attendance at future meetings with Maureen Whittaker from Public Health.

Action: Sue Gill

3.3. Review of Function, Terms of Reference and Membership

Alister Shaw reported that the Manton Children and Young People's Network quarterly meeting would be held in the near future, and queried whether someone from that meeting could represent the group at this meeting. It was decided that as Manton was already represented at this meeting, there was no need for anyone else to attend. Alister agreed to feed this information back to the group.

Action: Alister Shaw

3.4. CAMHS

Julie Cotton reported that the draft job description for the CAMHS post had been completed.

3.5. Children's Fund

It was reported that the Children's Fund funding for a Disabled Children's Worker ends in April 2008. It would need to be flagged for PCT funding in 2008/09.

3.6. Wider Stakeholder Event

It was acknowledged by group members that there was general support for an occasional wider stakeholder event in addition to this meeting. However, it was reported that Cathy Burke had set up a forum for front line staff. The group members, who had attended, had found this very useful. Those group members felt that this would be a useful forum to hold the wider stakeholder event at. Sue Gill agreed to discuss with Cathy whether her future meeting agendas would allow for this and if this idea was appropriate.

Action: Sue Gill

4. Review of Short Breaks for Children with Disabilities

It was reported that there were issues with the short breaks in Bassetlaw for children with disabilities. The PCT had commissioned a piece of work to look at what was available, possible funding streams, the amount Bassetlaw was currently putting into respite, possible options for future services in Bassetlaw, and where the gaps were. The review would be taken to the next PEC meeting for discussion and, if agreed, the next step would be detailed work on future models.

5. Overarching LSP Work on Aspirations and Attainment

Fran Walker, from North Nottinghamshire College, was leading work on aspirations and attainment on behalf of the LSP. Sue Gill, Steve Edwards and Jo Wilson had been invited to attend the meetings to look at practical issues to start to make a difference. It was decided to build on things that were already in existence such as inviting more employers (not just the army and the police) to career based open sessions and to build on an exchange opportunity where young people travel to South America to work with deprived people. Year 9 pupils were being targeted initially. The group had met twice so far, so there was much more to discuss around this issue. It had arisen from the LSP looking at where additional multi-agency work may generate benefit.

6. Developing Participation

This issue was a continuation from the discussion at the last meeting. The group needed to think about how children and young people could inform the work and what steps were needed to ensure this took place. It was reported that some Boards had young people sitting on them, but that this was only one form of participation. It was decided that the group needed to complete a work plan and from those priorities, it would be easier to identify the best way to facilitate young people's involvement. Eddie Burgess volunteered to work on this issue. Lucy Peel agreed to work with the group in future to give support where it was needed.

Action: Eddie Burgess

Lucy confirmed that the introductory training session, mentioned at the last meeting, would take place on 20th March at Retford Town Hall. Publicity for this event would be circulated to group members in the near future.

Action: Lucy Peel

7. Children and Young People's Plan

Sue Gill reported that she would receive the first formal draft for consultation of the Children and Young People's Plan the next day. When received, this would be e-mailed out to group members for comments which would be needed by 14th February. Sue Gill agreed to send a response on behalf of group. The document would then be updated and sent out again on 22nd February with the return date for further comments no later than 7th March.

Action: All

A separate section would be needed on Bassetlaw and Steve Edwards/Sue Gill were meeting to produce this.

Sue Gill had been sent a copy of a work plan (for the next 2 years) for the Ashfield and Mansfield equivalent of this group. It was felt that the work plan could also be used as a model for this group. The group were informed that it would be required to produce an annual report, and a more structured work plan would be required to support this. The time frame for this issue was not urgent but needed to be focussed on in the next 2 to 3 months. It was felt that the work plan would also help with the planning of future meetings. Sue Gill informed group members that she would ask for volunteers at different stages to assist with this issue.

8. Governance Arrangements

A paper would be circulated in the near future with regards to governance arrangements around the children and young people's strategic partnership.

Action: Sue Gill

9. Strategy for BME Engagement

A paper draft Strategy for BME Engagement had been discussed at the countywide partnership meeting. Sue Gill informed group members that she would circulate this document for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Sue Gill

10. Governance and Management of Extended Schools and Sure Start Children's Centres

Sue Gill reported that the Governance and Management of Extended Schools and Sure Start Children's Centres document was currently in circulation. She agreed to send a website link to the group, so they could view a copy of this document if they wished to do so.

Action: Sue Gill

11. Review of Planning and Commissioning Structures for CAMHS

The SHA had been holding fortnightly meetings with PCTs across the Notts area to discuss perceived gaps within the CAMHS service. CAMHS services for 16 – 17 year olds, assessment of CAMHS within A/E and learning disabilities were particularly being focussed on. Sue Gill reported that people felt they were getting mixed messages with regards to CAMHS commissioning and funding. A piece of work would be completed over the next month to strengthen the planning and commissioning of this service.

12. Any Other Business

12.1. Alister Shaw reported that the Manton plan was working to the same timescale as the county plan and he wanted to avoid any confusion between the two. The Manton Neighbourhood plan was the first of its kind in the country. It was thought that the Manton plan could be included in the county plan as one of the elements taking place within Bassetlaw.

12.2. Eddie Burgess informed the group that he would be taking charge of the whole of Bassetlaw's youth service from the 12th February.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 7th March at 2.30 p.m. in Collinson Boardroom, Bassetlaw PCT.

Post Meeting Note

The next meeting will in fact take place on 18th April 2007 at 2.30 p.m. in Collinson Boardroom, Bassetlaw PCT.