

Bassetlaw LSP

Children and Young People's Group

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
24TH JULY 2007 AT 2.30 P.M.
IN COLLINSON BOARDROOM, BASSETLAW PCT

Present

Sue Gill

Bob Wallace

Paul Nicholas

Margaret Winks

Anthea Bloomer

Linda Cadman

Eddie Burgess

Chris Shaw

Cathy Burke

Sally Penn

Sharon Ward

Jo Wilson

Deborah Oughtibridge

Marion Burchley

Chris Jones

Nicolette Hofman

In Attendance

Christine Jones

Sue commenced the meeting with welcome introductions to Nicolette Hofman, Chris Shaw, Christine Jones and welcomed back Sharon Ward who has returned from maternity leave.

It was agreed to send out an updated membership list with contact details.

1. Apologies

Mandy Green, Cath Burke, Alister Shaw, Andrew Tatham, Julie Cotton

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 18 April 2007 were now accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Public Health Input into the Group

There had been no input into the group from Public Health for sometime, but the matter should be resolved now that Sharon Ward has returned following maternity leave.

3.2 Update on Short Breaks Review, Locally & Countywide

Post meeting note: Julie Cotton is to convene a meeting of the Short Breaks Group in order to develop a home-based service and some leisure support for teenagers. An update will be provided later in the year.

3.3 Children & Young People's Plan

The countywide version of the plan is now available on the County Council website and hard copies will be available shortly.

3.4 Strategy on BME Engagement

Following discussions in the last meeting it had been confirmed that the main support for local interpreter services was Language Line. The document discussed last time had since been taken to the PCT Diversity & Equality Group; the challenges for compliance were mainly about agreeing a data set.

3.5 Children & Young People's Forum

Cathy Burke explained the Children & Young People's Forum and emphasised the fact that they are multi-agency group and are in desperate need of new members to join and support the Forum.

3.6.1 CAMHS

Health & Social Care Advisory Service (HASCAS) had been commissioned by the SHA to review the CAMHS services at Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust. The review will not be published until end July/August.

Bassetlaw and Nottinghamshire County PCTs are committed to resolving the issues with CAMHS, and are working closely with the County Council and Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust on this.

A new Director is in post at NHT who has given an understanding to resolve the issues. A specification has been developed for Tier 3 by the Trust; work is on-going on an equivalent for Tier 2 and meetings will be held in October to confirm the commissioning intentions for next year.

3.5 Safeguarding Action Plan

Cathy Burke explained that this is a multi-agency action plan and needs to move forward in that way. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the next meeting and would be a specific agenda item.

ACTION: Deferred to next meeting

4 Domestic Violence Services In Bassetlaw & Newark

Nicolette Hofman introduced herself to the Group, stating that she had been in post since March 2007 and is the point of contact within Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood for the domestic violence services. The key areas of her role were explained to the members.

These areas included the Integrated Childrens Services Domestic Violence Group which was currently seeking alternative funding streams for the services currently funded through Children's Fund. It is expected that Children's Fund will cease in March.

Sue Gill read out recent correspondence which stated that the Government had granted £396m to continue the Children's Fund for a further 3 years. This was a recent announcement made through the Local Authority channels and has not been cascaded down through Health. There could be a possible opportunity to access these allocated funds to support services in Bassetlaw & Newark & Sherwood. In the meantime, the PCT was pursuing funding for the children's services post at Women's Aid which is funded through Children's Fund.

It was reported that there had been a significant increase in the number of children on the Child Protection Register and the referrals to Social Services in Bassetlaw based on domestic violence had increased by 40% which could be due to changes in reporting and successful awareness raising campaigns.

Nicolette Hofman drew attention to the Sanctuary Scheme as an additional option for women and families suffering domestic violence. The Newark scheme is nearly ready to start. Bassetlaw is in the early stages of development.

It was agreed that Nicolette would attend future meetings.

5. Facing the Future – Review of the Health Visitor Role

Cathy Burke directed the Group to Page 29 of the 'Facing the Future' document as being the key changes to focus upon. Bassetlaw is moving in the right direction to achieve these.

6. Childrens Commissioning – Self Assessment Tool

The Childrens Commissioning Self Assessment Tool is for PCTs and their partners. Sue Gill gave a brief description of the contents of the document and emphasised that the group would have to spend time working on and completing the self-assessment tool. In view of this, it was felt that this item must be first on the agenda for the scheduled meeting on 31st October and allow for expanded representation. Copies of the self-assessment tool would be circulated to members in preparation for the discussion.

ACTION: Sue Gill

7. Play Partnership

Chris Shaw, Head of Environment & Housing, Bassetlaw District Council attended the meeting and gave a presentation on Play Partnership in which he raised awareness of the Play Strategy and the need to integrate into the LSP. Hard copies of the slide presentation were passed to those in attendance.

The aim of the Play Strategy is to provide suitable play facilities for all children from 2yrs-teenagers and have provided 4-5 new facilities in the Bassetlaw area in the past year.

Play Partnership are hoping to provide appropriate physical facilities at Tuxford, Gateford, Manton & Ranskill with financial support from the Big Lottery Fund, subject to successful bid by the District Council, the result of which should be known in October/November.

It was agreed that Chris Shaw would attend a future meeting to give feedback from the Big Lottery Fund bid, and that the Play Strategy Group would link to the group and thus through to the LSP.

8. ContactPoint - PID

Sue Gill pointed out that ContactPoint is the computerised information sharing index. It was agreed to invite the lead manager from the County Council to a future meeting to explain the service.

ACTION: Sue Gill

9 Delivering Health through SureStart Centres

Sally Penn gave an update on the current situation of SureStart Children's Centres advising that the opening of the North Leverton centre had been delayed due to recent flooding and services have relocated to Sturton Village Hall. It is hoped that the new families from Sturton would stay with the Centre and follow the move to North Leverton in late autumn.

Due to the lack of family support services the Local Authority are to advertise internally before recruiting externally.

There was no representation from Health at the Round 2 Consultations for Rhodesia and Gateford. Rhodesia incorporates Sandy Lane area and Welbeck will be part of Manton. Consultation for Retford is planned for the autumn. The capital for the Retford build has not yet been sorted.

Some issues around data collection for central services, eg breast-feeding, were now being addressed.

Health Visitors are in contact with families within 2months of a child's birth and the aim of SureStart is for every family to be visited by a Family Support Worker. Sally Penn reiterated that the SureStart Children Centres are a universal service and all families are able to access the service.

Due to the volume of information and the speed of change, Children's Centres would be a main standing agenda item for future meetings.

10 Care Matters –Time for a Change

This document relates to children in care, expectations and learning for children and would be circulated prior to discussion at the next meeting.

ACTION: Deferred to next meeting

11 Every Child Matters Bulletin (DH)

General update released from DH for information only.

12 Any Other Business

12.1 Child Abuse Leaflets

Updated Child Abuse leaflets and Inter-agency Safeguarding children training programme brochures are now available through Cathy Burke who brought a small supply to the meeting.

12.2 Warwick University

Paul Nicholas spoke on behalf of Alister Shaw and informed the group that Warwick University were due to visit Manton in November as part of their National Study Tour and that Alister Shaw would update as plans progressed.

12.3 Second Team Fest

The Second Team Fest was held in Kings Park, Retford on 22 July 2007 and was very successful. Eddie Burgess thanked everyone for supporting the event.

12.4 Integrated Services

Eddie Burgess stated that Integrated Services Day for Serlby Park family of schools is on 11 September.

13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Due to clashes with other children's events the next meeting will now be held on **20th September 2007 at 2pm.**