

Bassetlaw LSP

Children and Young People's Group

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON **10th April 2008 AT 1.30 P.M.** **IN COLLINSON BOARDROOM, BASSETLAW PCT**

Present

Sue Gill

Marion Burchby

Stephen Brown

Andrew Tathum

Mandy Green

Jenny Crowder

Sally Penn

Cathy Burke

Jo Bartrum

Paul Nicholas

In Attendance

Jill Oldridge, Kay Challand and Lindsay Blaylock.

1. Apologies

Julie Cotton, Deborah Oughtibridge, Chris Jones, Anthea Bloomer, Angela Pixsley, Nikki Hofman and Jo Wilson.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 6th February 2008 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Domestic Violence Meeting

It was agreed that this item would stay on the agenda until some definitive answers could be found.

3.2 Children and Young People's Forum

Cathy Burke reported to the group that the administration for next year had been resolved. Cathy also wished to pass her thanks on to Lindsay Blaylock for the support she has provided.

3.3 Nottinghamshire Avoidable Injuries Group

Sharon Stoltz and Jane Zdanowski have met and there are some interim measures in place. Nottinghamshire County tPCT are looking at maintaining County wide cover. The main issue at the moment is funding and whether it is available to enable the services to continue. No decisions have been made

as to funding yet. The current service and funding will last until September 2008.

3.4 Rural Youth Matters.

A paper was taken to the LSP Executive and has been acknowledged. However, there are some issues that have wider implications than were initially anticipated. The paper is now to go through the wider LSP.

3.5 JAR Review Update

The dates that were issued in the last meeting will still stand, 12th – 23rd May. There may be some case files issues. 100 potential cases, were originally identified, which have now been narrowed down to 10, 2 for Bassetlaw. A number of briefings will be taking place for staff who are involved with the children, it needs to be noted that the reviewing team will follow any line of enquiry they deem necessary.

JAR will notify the County Council what they wish to look at and what organisations they need to speak to regarding to the impact of partnership work on Health Improvement in Mansfield/Ashfield and Bassetlaw. Analysis week will be the end of April with a wrap up session on the last day, possibly with the Chief Executives. A draft document will be circulated for comment. The full document will be published in September 2008.

Sally Penn has informed the group that Children's Centres have pulled together a report, there are some gaps, but it was agreed that it can be forwarded to the group.

Action: Sally Penn

Sue expressed her thanks to everyone as there is lots of information needed at short notice.

4. Child Death Review DVD

The DVD was played. Cathy Burke informed the group that the team for Bassetlaw will be fully operational by next week. If the child is in palliative care, an unexpected death would be judged to be within 24 hours. Cathy Burke will keep the group updated.

5. Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice

Sue Gill extended the groups welcome to Kay Challand and gave the group some background to the presentation that will be given.

Bluebell Wood is a charity that was setup in about 6 – 8 years ago and the hospice was completed in August 2007, currently serving 91 families in Doncaster, Lincolnshire, Rotherham, Barnsley, Sheffield, Retford and Derby. The charity offers palliative care in the community for up to 200 families offering 24 hour care.

Eventually the unit will offer 8 beds for end of life patients and respite, although currently only 2 beds are open. Day care will be available from July and emergency beds in September. Bluebell received registration in February, and they are registered for patients up to 25 years, although new patients cannot be taken on over the age of 19 years. Referrals can come from anywhere but there are very rigorous administration structures in place. There are very good links with Rainbows Hospice in Loughborough which enables better transition between services.

Some short term funding for 3 years has been won, however the rest of the funding is all by public donation. Some QA work has been carried out and there is a need for access 24/7.

Stephen Brown asked if there was any requirement for support for lobbying politicians, Kay accepted with thanks, any help is greatly appreciated.

6. Pathways for Children's Centres.

Surestart and Cathy Burke pulled together this information and it has been to the Children's Centre Board Meeting. Some very good ideas have come from it, although some additions may need to be appended to the document.

7. Short Breaks

Bassetlaw PCT in conjunction with Nottinghamshire County PCT and Nottinghamshire County Council are one of 21 groups who have been successful in getting pathfinder status for shortbreaks for disabled children. There is significant new money available for this project, but it isn't about additionality, the services have to be innovative and new. People have been asked to think about play and leisure schemes. Nottinghamshire has been allocated to 2 of the national learning sets, one of which is Commissioning and the other is about Children with complex health needs/challenging behaviour/autism.

Nottinghamshire have 2 main centres of provision for short breaks, one in Edwinstowe which provides daycare, respite etc and the other is at Minster View. There are some issues around the equity of services across the patch, and what criteria are used. A number of workstreams have been established to take this forward. Bluebell Wood expressed an interest in getting involved.

8. Drugs: Protecting Families and Communities.

Sue Gill drew the group's attention to the 2008 document from the Department of Health. Jenny Crowder has pulled out all the targets that relate to children. It was agreed that the information would be appended to the minutes and to arrange for a discussion at a later meeting as to what may currently be covered.

Action: Sue Gill.

9. Child Health Promotion Programme.

Pregnancy and the First Five Years.

Cathy Burke went through the document and the issues highlighted in antenatal and postnatal. Health Visitor training was starting this month with practice guidance being updated for support at the lower end. If admission to hospital is needed then it will be Nottinghamshire City, with local links to enable clients to return home with support. Cathy Burke is to bring the practice guidance to a meeting of this group.

Action: Cathy Burke.

Andrew Tatham raised an issue on page 2 of the document, the benefits are aspirational, the barriers need to be overcome to attain the benefits. There will be some meetings to discuss how feasible the pathways are and any changes to be made. A date is still to be made for this, the group will be informed as soon as possible.

10. Aiming High – Pathfinder for Disabled Children.

This item was covered under item 7.

11. Consultation on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

There is a statutory requirement to have a JSNA for Children and Young People and adults. There is still some ongoing work between County Councils and PCT's to get it broader, there is lots more work to be done on it.

Sue Gill went through what comments are required by 12th May 2008 and also how do we make it useable. It was agreed that Sue would email the group with thoughts, to be returned by the 7th May 2008, to form a round robin of comments.

12. Any Other Business:

a) Children's Trusts Arrangements.

Attention was drawn to a consultation document on the statutory duty to co-operate through Children's Trust arrangements. A collaborative response on behalf of the Countywide Children's Strategic Partnership is being compiled. (It was also confirmed that the current Children and Young Peoples plan for Nottinghamshire is available on the County Council website.

b). LINK arrangements.

Paul Nicholas drew attention to the LINK process (which is replacing Patient and Public Involvement forums). An event is to be held in Worksop on 7th May to introduce the new arrangements. Some concerns had already been raised about the scale of the business of LINK as it is servicing the whole County.

- c) Domestic Violence Practitioners Forum.
NDVF (black cards) information are to be updated. Mandy Green is to send out forms to give the group the opportunity to respond.
Action: Mandy Green.

Sanctuary – the first client has been accepted. Women’s Aid are now supporting one lady, although CRB checks are causing some major issues with the Council work men attending site. Stephen Brown to feedback as to whether this issue has been resolved.

Action: Stephen Brown.

- d) MARAC’s
There have been 7 MARACs, 104 victims (102 female & 2 male), for Bassetlaw, Newark/Sherwood. This has included 145 children. IDVAs are providing support to women and signposting men. It is hoped that in May a pilot partnership with IDVAs being based in PPUs is going to start which will ensure a faster, more coordinated response for all parties. This will be part funded by the Police and Domestic Violence.

- e) Beacon Support Scheme.
Stephen Brown informed the group that Norfolk County Council have offered peer mentoring for Bassetlaw for engagement of Young People. It is improve engagement with a concentration on rural areas. It is hoped to utilise the existing mechanisms and go beyond the Youth Assembly. The scheme is to be looking at links with Connexions and utilising video conferencing with virtual meetings o the Youth assembly and web techniques. This is to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

- f) Jenny Crowder has agreed to do a review on the provision of services of children at risk of Domestic Violence. This will be circulated to the group for comments back within the week.
Action: Jenny Crowder.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

4th June 2008, at 2pm in Collinson Board Room, Retford Hospital.