

Bassetlaw LSP

Children and Young People's Group

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
6th February 2008 at 2pm
IN COLLINSON BOARDROOM, BASSETLAW PCT

Present

Sue Gill	Julie Cotton
Bob Wallace	Margaret Winks
Marian Burchby	Corrine Moore
Dr A Omokanye	Sally Penn
Jenny Crowder	Alistair Shaw
Jo Wilson	Mandy Green

In Attendance

Christine Jones, Commissioning Assistant
Sean Kelly, ContactPoint Project Manager, Notts County Council
Sue Dryden, Notts CC – JAR Review
Sharon Stoltz, Health Improvement Principal, BPCT

1. Apologies

Eddie Burgess, Deborah Oughtibridge, Chris Jones, Anthea Bloomer, Jo Bartram, Paul Nicholas, Nicki Hofman, Cathy Burke and Steve Brown

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th December 2007 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Domestic Violence Meeting

A meeting was held on the 7th January 2008 where concerns about the various Domestic Violence posts were discussed and this included Jann Kirke, newly appointed Health Improvement Practitioner – Domestic Violence, Notts County tPCT. Jann Kirke's appointment within Public Health department is not intended to cover Bassetlaw.

It was reported that the Integrated Domestic Violence Children's Services Group had been replaced by Domestic Violence Strategic Commissioning Group with the purpose of looking at funding of services throughout the county. There are representatives from Health, Education Supporting people, Grant Aid, Notts County Community Safety Team. Sue Gill had emailed Steve Edwards to find out more as unaware of this group's existence, it was unclear if/how Bassetlaw was to be involved.

ACTION: Sue Gill

3.2 Children & Young People's Forum

The Forum remains a small group and would welcome new members. Nicky Waring & Angela Pixsley had recently joined the Forum.

The next meeting would take place on 16th April 2008 at The Crossing, Worksop with 'Staying Safe' being the theme, but will also look at changes in the Child Protection Register.

A meeting is planned for the autumn and would be around 'Parenting'.

Sally Penn stated that they had lost their admin support and Julie Cotton agreed to speak to Cathy Burke.

ACTION: Julie Cotton

3.3 Avoidable Injuries Group

The meeting to discuss the next stage was yet to take place.

Avoidable injuries is a PCT issue and would be part of the LOP next year and aim to have a target to reduce under-5's admissions/A&E attendances.

A high number of injuries occur within the home setting and in order to combat this, a properly managed home safety equipment scheme should be commissioned. Dedicated work would be undertaken over the coming months. Sharon Stoltz to meet Jane Zdanowska next week and will raise the question as to whether the scheme run by the Fire Service was still in operation and feedback to Sue Gill.

ACTION: Sharon Stoltz

It was suggested that as the funds available from the Nottinghamshire Avoidable Injuries Group are not recurrent, that the money be spent before the financial year end on equipment and stored until the scheme is up and running.

3.4 Rural Youth Matters

It was reported at the last meeting that Sue Gill would take a paper to the LSP Executive Group on the 6th February 2008. However, this meeting was planned for later in the month.

ACTION: Sue Gill

3.5 MARAC

An update on MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) is enclosed with the minutes for your information.

4. ContactPoint - Sean Kelly

Sean Kelly, ContactPoint Project Manager, Notts County Council, began his presentation by giving a brief history of the initiative.

Basic demographic information of every child aged 0-18 in England would be on the database. No case information would be held. The information held would not be downloadable and would be subject to strict regulations. Parents do not have the right to remove their child from the list. Connecting for Health and SystemOne should be adaptable to access ContactPoint.

Mandy Green to liaise with Sean Kelly to discuss concerns raised in relation to domestic violence and abuse, and how to manage the potential risk to children living in refuges.

ACTION: Mandy Green

A copy of the presentation is enclosed with the minutes.

5. JAR Review Update – Sue Dryden

JAR review is only 18 weeks away.

Areas of focus were likely to include:

- Knowledge of the CYP Plan and how staff contributed
- Importance of partnership working
- Strengths and weaknesses/ improvement plan
- Engagement of CYP and parents

Sue Dryden stressed that she was able to meet with those who might be interviewed by the Inspectors, to assist preparation and give guidance/support.

Important key dates:

Case final submission date – 12th February

Analysis Week – 21st April – 25th April

Fieldwork on site – 12th May – 23rd May

Report publication – 9th September

A multi-agency briefing is planned to take place on 3rd March 2008 at The Turbine, Shireoaks Triangle Business Park, Worksop.

6. Health Inequalities – Sharon Stoltz

Sharon Stoltz explained the draft consultation paper to the group and welcomed discussions on the broader issues, outside the meeting. The final document would be published in a different format.

The question as to whether Early Years should be in this document was debated and agreed that it needed to be there. The intention was to fit in with the LOP and help to mainstream the PCT care agenda; identify gaps in current monitoring and be based on national guidance and evidence surrounding infant mortality.

Feedback was given and concerns arose with regards to the exclusion of Children's Centres and Domestic Violence. Mandy Green to take paper to the Women's Strategy Group and will feedback to Sharon.

ACTION: Mandy Green

7. CAMHS

HASCAS are holding an event on 18th February 2008 to look at action plans to take forward the criticisms highlighted, particularly in relation to Tier 2.

Tier 4 CAMHS will be incorporated in the East Midlands Specialised Commissioning. An adolescent eating disorder unit within East Midlands may

be proposed as Leicester are unable to take mental health. This will not impede on the work performed by FREED.

8. Pathfinder for Short Breaks for Disabled Children

This had been identified as a priority and the Government sought bids from Local Authorities in partnership with PCTs, for funding. Our application was successful out of over 400 applications submitted. Only 21 applicants received Pathfinder status.

A baseline assessment and a 2-year action plan would be developed, looking at the totality of provision currently in place, not just adding on. Regular reports would be brought to the Group.

Action: Sue Gill

9. Children's Fund Update

The original Children's Fund funding ends in March 2008. Some schemes have received a one-year extension, but anything beyond that would need to attract mainstream funding.

A young people's drop-in centre in Manton is in development.

Portland School Transition Project had been developed with CFF and piloted a project covering varied aspects of school life and support services available to the pupils to assist in the smooth transition from primary to secondary education. An evaluation of the pilot showed that since the introduction of the scheme there has been no exclusions. Parents had been fully supportive of the pilot. A Transition Co-Ordinator at Portland School is now in post.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be reviewed in April 2008.

10. Improving Health, Supporting Justice

The PCT commissions healthcare for prisoners and this consultation document proposes PCTs be more engaged in the wider arena of criminal justice.. Adult and Young People Offender Health Strategies would be published in the coming year.

The consultation document was discussed at length and ideas were put forward as to how the questions raised in the document could be addressed.

Sally Penn commented on the Richter Scale Assessment and Evaluation tool which was found to be a useful aid. Sally Penn agreed to give a short presentation on the Richter tool at a future meeting.

ACTION: Sally Penn

10. Any Other Business

Women's Aid

Women's Aid had been successful in their Big Lottery bid and had been granted 5yrs funding for the Farr Centre.

A Practitioners' Domestic Violence Network workshop on drug and alcohol awareness and exploring the links with domestic abuse, would be held on 5th March 2008 at Worksop Town Hall.

Also on 5th March 2008 it is International Women's Day and events would be taking place at the Farr Centre, Worksop around 'Empowerment'. All welcome.

11 Next Meeting

Please note that the next meeting will commence slightly earlier due to the planned viewing of DH dvd.

10th April 2008 – 1.30pm
Collinson Boardroom, Retford Hospital