

Bassetlaw LSP Children & Young People's Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held On
11th November 2009 at 2.00pm
In Collinson Board Room, Bassetlaw PCT

Present

Sue Gill (Chair)	Anthea Bloomer
Mandy Green	Cathy Burke
Eddie Burgess	Marion Burchby
Sally Penn	Jane Gilbert
Nicki Richards	Emily Jones
Michael Cobham	Alex Porter

1. Apologies

Julie Cotton, Joanne Wain, Helen Houghton, Angela Pixsley, Anne Cater

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th August 2009 were accepted as a true record with the exception of a change to page 4 of the minutes under item 14: Any Other Business. Mandy Green has been inputting into the development of good practice guidance rather than developing the guidance. The minutes have been amended.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Community Safety

The Community Safety group is currently not well attended and the group have not met since March 2009. Mandy Green is to contact the Chief Superintendent to outline the issues surrounding the group. Enquiry will also be made as to whether representation from the community safety group will attend this LSP group to provide an overview and link between the two groups.

Action: Mandy Green

Sue Gill has recently met with the Safer Notts Partnership to discuss the issue of commissioning services for children affected by domestic violence. The Executive Joint Commissioning Group is to be asked to take this forward under the children's element of their work.

3.2 Contact Point

An invitation has been received for the next event around Contact Point to take place on 13th January 2010. Rebecca Walker is to distribute the invitation to all members of the group.

Action: Rebecca Walker

Post Meeting Note: Contact Point invitation distributed by email on 12th November.

3.3 Pubs for Kids

There has been no development on the Pubs for Kids scheme. A Pub for Kids is to open in Mansfield. Eddie Burgess has met with the director of the service to arrange a visit to see an up and running scheme in action

3.4 White Ribbon Campaign

The International Day for the Eradication of Violence against Women is the 25th November. As part of the White Ribbon Campaign, stalls will be set up on Worksop market on 24th November and Retford market on 1st December to promote the campaign. Various agencies are involved and Nicki Richards is to distribute the rota for the stalls to the group, any one wanting to help with the stalls or requiring more information can contact Nicki Richards or Mandy Green.

Action: Nicki Richards

Barlborough Garden Centre has chosen Women's Aid as their charity for this year and a future fundraising and awareness day will take place at the centre.

3.5 Inclusion Development Programme

The second phase of the Inclusion Development Programme (IDP) is to focus on autistic spectrum disorder. Anthea Bloomer distributed information regarding the programme to the group. Information and a DVD are also available for the Early Years Inclusion Programme.

A list of dyslexia friendly schools in the County has now been published and Anthea Bloomer is to forward to Rebecca Walker to distribute to the members of this group.

Action: Anthea Bloomer

4. Feedback from JATs

This item was deferred as Liz Lowe was not present at the meeting.

5. Local Children & Young People Plan 2009-11

Following on from the actions discussed at the last meeting in August, members were asked to look at the different priorities in the plan and feedback. Feedback had been received from Cathy Burke on priority 1, from Anthea Bloomer on priority 4 and from Mandy Green on priority 5. This feedback was distributed to the group for information. Sally Penn is to focus on priority 2 and Helen Houghton is to focus on priority 3.

Sue Gill is to include the feedback received on the priorities into the main plan and re-distribute to the members of the group for their comments.

Action: Sue Gill

6. Re-Referrals in Bassetlaw for Social Care

This item was deferred as Angela Pixsley was not present at the meeting.

7. Healthy Child Programme

The Healthy Child Programme was distributed with the meeting papers to the group. The programme is now finalised and is due to be rolled out in the New Year. There is concern surrounding the guidance and if everything included can be achieved. Cathy Burke is to raise this issue at the Provider Committee.

8. Ambition, Action, Achievement – Maximising the Contribution of the Health Visiting Team

The Ambition, Action, Achievement document has been issued by the DoH and is guidance on how to maximise the contribution of the health visiting team. The guidance is targeted at commissioners as well as providers and focuses on the health visitor's contribution and role. The guidance also includes examples of good practice and pointers on valuing the work that health visitors do, as well as being used as a tool to help promote the service.

9. Children Centres Update

Sally Penn gave an update on the Children Centres. Bassetlaw started off with 1 children's centre and now has a total of 9 across the district. An update pack was

distributed to the group detailing the processes including designation and verification of the children's centres. The Bassetlaw Rural Children's Centre Network is the final centre to be designated, which will take place in December 2009. By the end of December 2009, all 9 centres will receive full verification status and this will achieve 100% coverage of the district.

There have been a number of actions that have taken place to get the Bassetlaw Rural Children's Centre Network up and running including drawing up a communications strategy and establishing an operational management group for the area. A plan identifying priorities for the area including teenage pregnancy has been drafted detailing work targets. As detailed in the paper, the centres are aiming for all capital plans to be finalised by the end of 2010. These plans include building a main hub for the Bassetlaw Rural Children's Centre Network in Misterton as well as the children's centre in Harworth & Bircotes being incorporated into the Parish hall extension.

The family support team are now fully in place and are accepting referrals. The team is overseen by Tim Freestone. Sally Penn is to invite Tim Freestone to a future meeting to explain what the family support team do.

Included in the pack that was distributed to members is an information leaflet guide to the children's centres services. This leaflet is now to be given out to all new parents at birth and work is also taking place at looking at developing an information leaflet for fathers. A booklet detailing what the children's centres have achieved so far was also included in the information pack.

The Children's Centres and BPCT have worked together to have the 'Life' channel shown in all of the district's centres. The 'Life' channel will show short information DVD's within the centres. This will be initially in place for 3 years and the centres also have the option to produce Bassetlaw specific programmes to be shown within the centres.

An integrated development working plan drafted by the Children's centres, Children & Young People's services, the specialist family support team and Bassetlaw PCT detailing an action plan of moving forward as a county by having an information sharing protocol was distributed to the group.

Members of the group commented that there is already a county wide information sharing protocol which leads of organisations are being asked to sign. Sue Gill is unaware of the document and is to raise with the Childrens Executive as to how much commitment is expected from Bassetlaw PCT and to whether this protocol applies to all information sharing or just relates to the MARAC. It was also commented that it would be useful for children's centres to be involved in this county wide protocol. Bassetlaw PCT has not been approached formally about the document and it is unclear as to who will be expected to sign the protocol. Once BPCT are approached formally, then the document will be considered.

Sally Penn also made the group aware that Children's Centres will now be Ofsted inspected. Ofsted are currently collating a framework for the inspection of children's centres, this is expected to be received between January and the end of March 2010. Michael Cobham currently has information regarding what Ofsted look for when inspecting and what the different outcomes levels are in relation to school inspections. At the next meeting, Michael Cobham is to bring the information and explain to the group the main changes in Ofsted and the details of Ofsted inspections.

Action: Michael Cobham

There was a recent unannounced Ofsted visit to Notts County Childrens Social Care which did not have very successful outcomes. There is now an expectation that there will be a full Ofsted inspection including A&E departments in the next few months.

10. Meeting Dates 2010

A list of proposed meeting dates for 2010 was distributed to the group. The dates were agreed by the group with the exception of 8th February 2010. Due to large unavailability, this date is to be re-arranged to the 1st February 2010.

The meeting on 22nd December 2009 is to be cancelled and therefore the next meeting will be held on 1st February 2010 at 2.00pm.

Post Meeting Note: An updated list of meeting dates for 2010 was emailed to the group on 11th November 2009.

11. Any Other Business

Children Educated at Home

There is to be a 6 month leadership project to focus on children educated at home. When the project is completed, Cathy Burke is to bring the outcomes to this meeting and feedback.

Action: Cathy Burke

Ofsted Review

The NSCB have produced a short report on unannounced Ofsted inspections. Cathy Burke is to bring the report to the next meeting.

Action: Cathy Burke

NSCB Update

Bassetlaw figures from the NSCB are currently lower than other districts, which is a first for a long period of time.

Additional Nurse for Looked After Children

Funding has been approved for 2 additional nurses for looked after children. One nurse is to be predominately based in Bassetlaw.

State of Schools Report

Information is now available on the state of schools in Bassetlaw. Michael Cobham is to bring to the next meeting.

Action: Michael Cobham

Valley Youth Centre

Valley Youth Centre will be open from 23rd November. The centre has a full time youth worker and will be open 6 days a week including school holidays.

West Bassetlaw is to receive a new mobile youth bus.

Polish Safety Book

Women's Aid has developed a new Polish Safety Book. There is a high demand from the polish community and in conjunction with the community safety partnership the new safety book will be published.

Domestic Abuse Awareness

Mandy Green met with Anthea Bloomer and others at the Domestic Violence Universal meeting to discuss how domestic abuse awareness can be delivered into schools. It is not favoured for teachers to deliver this education and the possibility of developing e-learning resources for schools has been discussed.

Police Protection Units

Karen Pearson is now in post replacing Andy Gowen in the police protection unit. A team leader is to be implemented for the service and is also to attend the MARAC.

Family Justice Centre

The Family Justice Centre proposal is still being worked on. The proposal is for a forum of co-located workers to be in place at the centre to deliver help and guidance relating to domestic violence. Information has been sent out to various organisations for support of the proposal.

MARAC Delivery Session

There is to be a MARAC delivery session on 27th November 2009.

Domestic Violence & Abuse Cards

The domestic violence and abuse information cards have been updated and were distributed to the group.

Domestic Violence Delivery Plan 2009/10

The domestic violence delivery plan is to be distributed to members of the group for information.

BMER Meeting

Nicki Richards attended the latest BMER meeting which focused on female genital mutilation. Nicki Richards is to contact Marion Burchby outside of this meeting to discuss figures for Bassetlaw.

Safeguarding Board Checklist

The Safeguarding Board has distributed a quality standards checklist relating to domestic violence services, which is to be completed by a selected sample of people.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 1st February 2010 at 2pm in the Collinson Board Room, Retford Hospital.