

# **Bassetlaw LSP Children & Young People's Group**

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held On 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 at 2.00pm In Collinson Board Room, Bassetlaw PCT**

### **Present**

Sue Gill (Chair)  
Marion Burchby  
Liz Lowe  
Angela Pixsley  
Esther Watt

Mandy Green  
Joanne Wain  
Vicki Waring  
Helen Houghton  
Paul Nicholas

### **1. Apologies**

Julie Cotton, Eddie Burgess, Malcolm Kesterton, Nikki Hofman, Cheryl George, Michael Cobham, Cathy Burke

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

An amendment to the minutes of the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009 was noted. Under any Other Business, 'Community Safety Partnership', the Retford Action week is the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and not 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009 as minuted.

### **3. Matters Arising**

#### **3.1 Extra Services for Teenagers**

Sue Gill fed back on the national conference that was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Difficulties surrounding teenage health were discussed. No new information or plans were announced. Teenage health was also discussed at CSEG and it was apparent that there is a lack of clarity of what needs to be focused on. Feedback is being carried out with young people to see what they want and need. Discussion needs to take place to decide what specific areas need to be targeted for teenagers.

The Retford consortium of GPs has agreed to offer services in Retford Oaks and the Elizabethan Schools. GPs will be offering appointment slots and possibly ad-hoc clinics to offer health advice and information to teenagers.

#### **3.2 Community Safety**

Mandy Green attended the Community Safety meeting. The meeting is held quarterly and the 3 main targets of the group are to address:

- 1) First time Entrants into the Youth Justice System
- 2) Re- Offenders
- 3) School Attendance

It was questioned if someone from the JAT possibly needs to attend the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 and it is hoped issues will be clearer after the next meeting. This item is to stay on the agenda at the next meeting.

### **4. Feedback from JATs**

Item 4 and 5 on the agenda were discussed as one item. Liz Lowe fed back to the group on the Retford Oaks JAT. Liz Lowe will no longer be the chair of this JAT as

the position is to be taken over by Julie Smith, an Educational Psychologist. The JAT began in July 2008 and has met a total of 5 times. 5 families have been discussed so far but the JAT has the capacity to manage more. The cases discussed have centred on school attendance; parent's limited engagement with services and behavioural concerns. One discussion led to a referral to Social Care while the other cases have been picked up by other agencies.

Attendance at the meetings has been regular and consistent. As the JAT is still fairly new, it was decided that it is too soon to assess the impact of the JAT so far. The report details what's working well with the JAT including attendance and communication. Points that would improve the JAT include the regular attendance of the police which has now been organised and evidence of positive outcomes for families.

Liz Lowe commented that the JAT should be looking at early intervention work rather than the high end work that they are looking at now and that the JAT needs to be family focused rather than just focusing on the child. Mandy Green suggested a link between the JAT and the MARAC, the new role of Women's Aid link worker could be the link between the groups if they refer into the JAT.

Dave Lawson, the chair of the Tuxford JAT is to attend the next meeting and give feedback.

#### **5. Retford Oaks JAT**

This item was discussed with item 4.

#### **6. Children & Young People Plan – Half day consultation, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

There is to be half day consultation in each area of the county to discuss the Children & Young People Plan. Bassetlaw's will be held at the West Retford Hotel, Retford on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Sue Gill is to chair the event itself and the part regarding the LSP Children & Young People Group.

Invitations to the consultation have been sent out by the County Council, all of the people involved in this group have been invited to the event. Delegate packs are been put together for the day and discussion surrounded if this group would like anything to be included in the packs. Sue Gill is to contact members of this group if any help or information is needed.

#### **7. Early Intervention Projects**

The Early Intervention Project was previously the Children's Fund. The projects are required to submit quarterly returns on what work is been carried out, successes and results. The report circulated to the group is a summary of this work. If any members of the group have any questions or queries regarding the report, Paul Nicholas can be contacted. The Early Intervention Projects are only to be funded until March 2011 and no more re-allocations will be considered after March 2011.

#### **8. Re-Referrals in Bassetlaw for Social Care**

Angela Pixsley brought the quarterly Management Information report to the meeting. The report is statistics based. It is county wide and split into districts. The next report is due in March and this is to be distributed to the group prior to the next meeting. A domestic abuse referrals report is also to be provided by Angela Pixsley.

The new Duty Point now based at Ollerton has now begun. There will be a consistent duty worker present for the first 6 months. Angela Pixsley is to circulate a paper 'Importance of Information when making a referral' to highlight the need for detailed and speedy information when making a referral.

**9. Any Other Business**

Children's Mapping

Sue Gill is to sign off the Children's Mapping task, week ending 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009. The Children's Mapping document is seen by the Government and is used to build a picture of children's services around the country. The report asks questions including details of bases of where services are provided, staff numbers, caseloads, proportions of time and money. The document is to be brought to the next meeting.

**Action: Sue Gill**

CSEG, Children's Partnership & Safeguarding Board

There is a meeting to be held in March which will address the relationships and the workings between these 3 major groups. Sue Gill is to feed back at the next meeting.

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Child Health Strategy

The child health strategy has been published, 'Healthy Lives, Brighter Futures'. The strategy is broken down into age areas starting from pregnancy into teenage years. Focused discussion is needed to understand the points of the strategy. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Action: Sue Gill**

Newark Test Bed

A task and finish group is working on reviewing existing panels and their roles. They are looking at amalgamating groups to lessen the number of panels across the county.

Domestic Violence Directory

The Domestic Violence Directory is now out and copies are available from Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum (NDVF).

Contact Point

Women's Aid has been asked to pull together a list of all women and children who have moved to the Bassetlaw area to shield them from domestic violence. Contact Point is a database of children who have fled domestic violence cases. Contact Point is not currently open to the public and people will not realise that their children's details are held on a database.

Member Nomination for LSP Children & Young People Group

Angela Pixsley mentioned to the group that the new Targeted Services Manager, Jane Gilbert would like to join this LSP Children's group. Official nominations are to go to Sue Gill.

Health Visiting Service

The health visiting service now has a limited service due to staffing problems. Birth visits, child protection and clinics will be offered. Limited services for health visiting is a national issue due to the lack of health visitors. Adverts for new health visitors are now out.

LSP Website

The LSP website has now being fully updated.

Meeting Attendees

Paul Nicholas informed the group that he is to take a step back from this meeting. Paul will now only attend when Liz Lowe cannot. The papers for the meeting are still to be circulated to him for information.

**10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 at 2pm in the Collinson Board Room, Retford Hospital.