

Bassetlaw LSP Children & Young People's Group

**Minutes of the Meeting Held On
23rd March 2009 at 2.00pm
In Collinson Board Room, Bassetlaw PCT**

Present

Sue Gill (Chair)	Mandy Green
Marion Burchby	Eddie Burgess
Liz Lowe	Alistair Richardson
Angela Pixsley	Helen Houghton
Nicki Hoffman	Cathy Burke
Steve Brown	Chris Jones
Malcolm Kesterton	

In Attendance

Dave Lawson

1. Apologies

Julie Cotton, Sally Penn, Joanne Wain, Esther Watt

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd February 2009 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Extra Services for Teenagers

No issues were reported.

3.2 Community Safety

Mandy Green reported that there is still concern surrounding the membership and the focus of the Community Safety group. Sue Gill is to take the issue back to the main LSP if problems continue to arise to discuss if the Community Safety group is duplicating other existing groups.

The new Community safety Co-ordinator for Bassetlaw, Gerald Connor is to be invited to the next LSP C&YP meeting to possibly provide an extra link between the two groups.

Action: Nicki Hoffman

3.3 CSEG, Children's Partnership & Safeguarding Board

A meeting took place to review the structures and the work of the 3 main forums. Discussion also surrounded if anything needed to be done to improve the groups. The roles of the 7 LSP groups across the county were also discussed. All 7 LSP groups will now formally report to CSEG on a regular basis. This group needs to discuss if any needed members are missing from the group in order to deliver this more formal agenda and also to set out its specific roles.

3.4 Contact Point

There had been confusion surrounding the deadline for completing the shielding of clients before information is made available through Contact Point. This had been resolved and will still be 31st March 2009.

3.5 Health Visiting Service

The health visiting service continues to run on a limited service due to staffing problems. The national advert for recruiting of health visitors has now closed. Bassetlaw is not expecting a great response to the advert and therefore is looking at introducing a different structure into the service. This would include introducing a higher banded post to encourage current health visitors to stay within their role.

4. Tuxford JAT

Sue Gill introduced and welcomed the chair of the Tuxford JAT, Dave Lawson, to the group. The JAT began in September 2008 and averages 1 new referral per meeting. Most of the meeting time however is spent on re-visiting cases, increasing the number of families to 3 or 4 per meeting. The cases discussed have centred around lone parenting, parent's mental health issues, parenting skills and attendance issues. Individual cases have highlighted issues including self harm and criminal behaviour.

Attendance at the meetings is patchy, with the number increasing from 11 at the first meeting to 16 at the latest. Cases have been brought to the JAT from different agencies including Tuxford Comprehensive and EWS. The JAT has drawn attention to the fact that communication with parents and carers is essential and that there are no 'quick fixes' to the issues raised. 'Cross-border' working has been highlighted as a problem within the Tuxford JAT as there is confusion regarding the different systems in place in both Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

The impact of the JAT on families is still difficult to assess at this stage. The report details what is working well with the JAT including the focused, positive discussion of the JAT and the admin processes that are in place. Points that could improve the JAT include prior notification of cases and the CAF been seen as more appropriate.

Liz Lowe informed the group that evaluation work is now been carried out and that there is to be a quarterly report on the JATs to include information regarding the numbers and outcomes of cases. The group discussed the possibility of all 6 JAT chairs attending this LSP meeting, perhaps on an annual basis once they are all established.

The chair of the Serlby Park JAT is to attend the next meeting and give feedback.

5. Children & Young People Plan – Half day consultation Feedback

The half day consultation took place on 11th March 2009. The consultation has had lots of positive feedback, with the level of interaction and communication being praised. The event offered an opportunity for engagement with people from different areas across Bassetlaw. The information packs given at the event contained local statistical data specific to Bassetlaw. The group agreed that this data would be useful to focus the group and allow them to address any local issues. The group is to compile the type of information they would like from the local data. This is to be an agenda item at the next LSP meeting in April.

Action: Rebecca Walker for Agenda

6. Re-Referrals in Bassetlaw for Social Care

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

7. Child Health Strategy

The Child Health strategy 'Healthy Lives, Brighter Futures' has now been published. Sue Gill distributed a paper to the group that CSEG have compiled which addresses the main commitments that the strategy contains. The LSP group is to decide which of these commitments they need to target locally, adding focus to the group. Members are to take the paper away and come back with any suggestions and ideas for the next meeting. This is to be an agenda item at the next LSP meeting in April.

Action: Rebecca Walker for Agenda

8. Children's Mapping

This item was deferred until the next meeting, when the report should be available.

9. Joint Commissioning Strategy – Children & Young People's Section

A consultation document has been developed by the Executive Joint Commissioning Group. The booklet highlights opportunities for joint commissioning chances in areas across the county. One of these areas is children's services. One of Bassetlaw and Nottingham's key aspirations which is explained in the document is reducing teenage pregnancy. There is a meeting in April looking at what structures would best be put in place to take forward the joint commissioning of all the services covered in the consortium.

10. Any Other Business

Lord Laming Report

The Lord Laming Report following Haringey has now been published.

Parent Participation

A presentation took place at CSEG explaining the Parent Participation Network and their work across localities. Bassetlaw has one of the most developed networks and the group is now moving beyond just a support group. The awareness of the network is to be increased to enable staff to refer families to the group and families to be aware of the group's activities.

Domestic Violence Directory

Nicki Hofman has a small stock of domestic violence directories available if anyone requires any.

Violence against Women & Girls Consultation Events

There are a number of consultation events taking place surrounding violence against women and girls. An email has been circulated to the members of this LSP group with details of dates and times of events.

JAT's

Portland, Valley and Elizabethan High Schools' JATs have all now started.

Primary School Merge

The Manton and Priory sites of Ryton Park primary school are to merge. This will become the biggest primary school in the County holding up to 600 pupils. There was an event on 18th March held at the Crossing to discuss the merger and the impact on parents and children. There are a possible 10 sites being considered for the new school and the target date for the build is November 2011.

Children & Young People's Forum

The Children & Young People's Forum is currently funded by the PCT; however, this funding is to finish in April 2009. Mandy Green questioned who would pick up the

funding for the group in the new financial year and also how admin support will be provided. This is to be an agenda item at the next meeting in April.

Action: Rebecca Walker for Agenda

'Keeping Children Safe' Event

Mandy Green attended the 'Keeping Children Safe' event. The event focused on accident prevention and keeping children safe at home. It was highlighted that Bassetlaw has high levels of children admissions into hospital. Sue Gill is to follow this issue up with Jenny Crowder.

Action: Sue Gill

Parenting Handbooks

At the January meeting, Cathy Burke brought Parenting handbooks to discuss the possibility of the Partnership funding the booklets. A decision has not yet been made on the funding. However, the PCT provider arm will be able to provide around £10,000 for the booklets. Sue Gill is to meet with Cathy Burke to discuss further funding.

BEST

The next general practitioners training event (BEST) is to take place on 13th May 2009. The focus of the day will be children. Places are available if people would like to attend, however plenty of notice must be given to secure a place.

Sick Notes for Children

An enquiry was received from a GP practice manager regarding if children who are off school ill need to provide a sick note. Liz Lowe explained that if a child wants to access home education then a sick note must be provided. Malcolm Kesterton is to find out more information and inform Cathy Burke.

Action: Malcolm Kesterton

Agencies link with Schools

The Social and Community group of the LSP is looking at developing the amount of agencies that go into schools and provide information

'Plugged Event'

The 'Plugged Event' is taking place on 25th March 2009 at North Notts arena. All secondary schools excluding Tuxford and Elizabethan are sending pupils to the event and there is expected to be around 300 to 400 young people attending. Seventy different agencies will be present at the event which is hoping to be a very successful day.

MARAC Figures

There have been 381 cases to date from the Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood area. 54 cases have been repeated, which means the MARAC is running at 30% repeats, the LAA target is 28%. 562 cases of children in households with incidents have also been reported.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 30th April 2009 at 2pm in the Collinson Board Room, Retford Hospital.