

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

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held On 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 2.00pm In Collinson Board Room, Bassetlaw PCT**

### **Present**

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| Sue Gill (Chair) | Emily Knowles  |
| Marion Burchby   | Esther Watt    |
| Liz Lowe         | Steve Brown    |
| Angela Pixsley   | Sally Penn     |
| Cathy Burke      | Eddie Burgess  |
| Nikki Hofman     | Michael Cobham |
| Anthea Bloomer   |                |

### **1. Apologies**

Julie Cotton, Joanne Wain, Jo Mathieson, Malcolm Kesterton, Mandy Green, Paul Nicholas, Alister Shaw

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

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were accepted as a true record.

### **3. Matters Arising**

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

Eddie Burgess and Dr. Kell had met to discuss the extra services for teenagers. Discussion took place around working with teenagers themselves to see what services they want and where they want them.

Sue Gill is attending a national conference on 15<sup>th</sup> January surrounding teenage health; any useful insight from the day is to be fed back at the next meeting.

**Action: Sue Gill**

#### **3.2 Community Safety**

The item was deferred until the next meeting as Mandy Green was not present.

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

As the JATs continue to be rolled out, it was apparent that there would be a need for a forum where strategic issues could be addressed. Prior to the meeting, Sue Gill met with Liz Lowe and the other JAT chairs to discuss this issue. It was decided that this LSP meeting will become that forum. 'Feedback from JATs' will become a regular agenda item for this meeting. The chairs of the current 3 JATs will attend this meeting on a regular basis to update the group of the progress of the JATs and this will be widened as the remaining three JATs are established.

One of the issues currently raised by the JATs is the provision of school nurses in the Retford schools. The possible need for more school nurses and for them to spend more time in the schools were concerns raised. Cathy Burke informed the group that the school nursing provision is worked out depending on need and that schools are currently fully staffed. A staff nurse is also being considered for St. Giles School to enable more complex needs to be taken care of.

Liz Lowe suggested that the group put together a proforma detailing what feedback they would like to know concerning the JATs to enable the chairs of the JATs to feedback relevant information. Trends, activity and resource issues were all suggested as possible feedback areas.

#### **5. JAR Action Plan**

Sue Gill brought the JAR action plan to the meeting. The action plan was put together to pick up and make sure that the recommendations that came from the Notts JAR last year were addressed.

There is soon to be a half day event between the Partnership Board and the Childrens Executive to discuss strengthening the children's trust and related services.

#### **6. National CAMHS Review**

The National Review of CAMHS has been published. The review focuses on a number of issues vital for a successful CAMHS service and these were briefly highlighted. An East Midlands based meeting will be looking at the implications of the review.

The Bassetlaw 'Emotional Health & Well Being Group' linked with CAMHS is now in post. There is to be a national campaign this year to remove the stigma of mental health. Sue Gill is to feedback to the group on local progress.

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

Angela Pixsley is carrying out some work surrounding re-referrals in Bassetlaw. Social Care doesn't have the capacity to deal with new referrals while re-referrals are constantly coming in. They are looking at early prevention with children and families to try and stop re-referrals. It was made clear that re-referrals regarding domestic abuse do not need to be cut down due to the nature of these cases.

The main area of re-referrals is currently for 8-13 year olds. Ideas were welcomed from the group in how to stop re-referrals into social care. Sue Gill explained to the group the Doncaster have a 'Families First' programme which targets 8-13 year olds and carries out intensive work with families before a situation gets to crisis level. Sue Gill is to investigate whether this sort of programme would work in Bassetlaw. The CAMHS team will now also be accepting referrals from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009 and this will provide support.

Angela Pixsley is generating an email that will be sent by the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 which will explain the changes that are going to take place in the front line service of social care. Quarterly reports on re-referrals and children in protection are also to be brought to the meeting. This agenda item will be discussed again at the next meeting.

**Action: Angela Pixsley**

#### **8. Any Other Business**

##### 'Plugged Event'

An information pack was given to the group regarding the 'Plugged Event' which is due to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at North Notts Arena. This event will be attended by pupils from Bassetlaw Schools and aims to promote the available services for young people. Groups of young people were asked what they would like from the day and hard hitting issues like sexual health and prisons were top of the list.

A portable prison is going to one of the interests as well as various presentations on subjects including sexual health. Members of this group are to enquire whether other agencies including CAMHS and smoking cessation would want to be involved in the event. Steve Brown is attending a planning meeting surrounding the event on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and is to feedback to Sue Gill.

**Action: Steve Brown**

#### NSCB Feedback

Feedback from Ofsted has been received. The feedback gave a service wide perspective of serious cases and each individual agency was told of ways to improve their service. All health agencies across the country have to carry out a review of their safeguarding children services. Cathy Burke is to lead on this and to feedback to this group.

The next NSCB meeting is to be held at the end of January.

#### Children & Young People's Plan

There will be a half day event in Bassetlaw due to take place at the West Retford Hotel on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 9-12am to discuss the priorities of the Children & Young People's Plan. The target audience is operational staff and managers. All members of this group to hold the date for this event.

#### Community Safety Partnership

An action week is due to take place in the Spital Hill area of East Retford in the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Work is being carried out with Women's Aid to educate children in years 5 & 6 at Carr Hill School on the issue of domestic violence.

A community safety co-ordinator has recently been appointed.

#### Parenting Handbooks

Cathy Burke brought 'Parenting Handbooks' and 'Keeping Children Safe Handbooks' to the meeting to discuss the possibility of the Partnership funding the booklets. The booklets have been previously taken to the NSCB who declined to fund them. The booklets contain useful information which can be given to parents at different stages to help them with some of the issues surrounding children. Sue Gill is to take to CSEG and feedback the decision to the group.

**Action: Sue Gill**

#### Youth Centres

The new youth centre in Retford is due to be up and running within the next couple of weeks. The youth centre will have links with SureStart and it also has a full time youth worker and a full team of staff to enable the youth centre to be open full time. A new youth centre is also due to open in Worksop at the end of 2009.

#### Childrens Centres in Retford

Retford Central will be up and running by February of this year. Recruitment is currently taking place for family support workers and community involvement workers.

Confirmation is awaited for the capital for Harworth and Bircotes. In terms of round 3, there will be a small site in Ranskill as part of the school new build. Misterton Youth Service is to have a library service and children's services on the same site to improve access to all facilities.

#### **9. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

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