

Bassetlaw LSP Children & Young People's Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held On 1st February 2010 at 2pm In Collinson Board Room, Bassetlaw PCT

Present

Sue Gill (Chair)	Anthea Bloomer
Mandy Green	Marion Burchby
Liz Lowe	Helen Houghton
Emily Jones	Eddie Burgess
Steve Brown	Cathy Burke
Angela Pixsley	Michael Cobham

1. Apologies

Julie Cotton, Jane Gilbert, Malcolm Kesterton, Alex Porter, Nicki Richards, Anne Cater, Alister Shaw.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th November 2009 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Community Safety

The Community Safety group has now disbanded. There still seems to be no link between the group and this LSP group, however, if any members of the community safety group wish to attend this meeting, requests are welcome. This item is now to be removed from the meeting's agenda.

A bid has been put forward by Notts County Council for a Community Mediation group. An update on the progress of the bid is to be brought to a future meeting.

4. Feedback from JATs

Papers were distributed to the group summarising the work of the JATs and CAFs. There has been a gradual rise in the number of CAFs been carried out in the third quarter, with Bassetlaw completing a good number of these. The papers also included a summary of which services initiate CAFs, as well as the age of children when an assessment is completed and the gender.

Generally, the voluntary sector is the lowest initiator of CAFs. This could be due to workers in this sector not being aware of the CAFs and maybe requiring more training to complete them. The C&YP Forum is currently carrying out work to promote the CAFs. If needed, Bassetlaw PCT can arrange sessions to promote and train the voluntary sector in using CAFs, in conjunction with BCVS.

As detailed in the tables distributed to the group, table one shows the number of requests considered by each of the district's JATs and table two shows a breakdown of services that are referring into the JATs. Bassetlaw's figures are comparable to Newark and Sherwood. Evaluation work is to take place on JATs that are receiving a high number of cases to see the reasons why and more training is currently being given to all JAT chairs.

An issue surrounding a lack of access to parenting support has been raised by the Elizabethan JAT. The view of this group is that there is a wide range of parenting support available from a large range of agencies across Bassetlaw. A list of parenting support is to be made available to the Elizabethan JAT. Issues have also been raised surrounding schools not being informed when a child's parents are going through the MARAC. Work is being carried out to provide this link and processes need to be put in place for education representatives to sit on the MARAC. Mandy Green and Angela Pixsley will take this issue to the MARAC steering group to clarify.

Action: Mandy Green & Angela Pixsley

For future meetings, Liz Lowe will arrange for individual JAT chairs to attend the meetings and discuss any issues they have, as previously.

5. Ofsted Inspections

The new inspection judgement form for Ofsted inspections was distributed to the group along with a summary of the changes to the evaluation schedule for this year. There is a much bigger focus on safeguarding this year as well as a more detailed focus on attainment, making it harder to achieve for schools. The inclusion of 4 limiting judgements – Equality of Opportunity, Safeguarding, Achievement and Capacity for sustained improvement, means that if any one of these is graded as inadequate then the whole school will be graded as inadequate.

The personal development and well being section has been removed from the evaluation schedule and is replaced in the outcomes section. The achievement and enjoyment judgement is now more directly influenced by attainment and by the progress of discrete pupil groups. The 'how effective is the provision' judgment now includes the quality of teaching along with the use of assessment to support learning and if pupils know these targets.

The specific evaluation criteria for certain judgements in the inspection were distributed to the group. This is the specific evaluation criteria that is used by Ofsted and for the first time, this has also been distributed to schools prior to inspection. It outlines grade descriptors, outline guidance and what inspectors should evaluate. If any member of the meeting wishes to see the full evaluation criteria, this can be obtained from Michael Cobham.

Members thanked Michael for his explanation of the system and had found it interesting and useful.

6. CRB Checks for Schools

Over the last few months, staff have been coming up against difficulties gaining access to some schools. In line with the requirements around safeguarding, all staff need to produce their CRB number to gain access to schools. However, certain schools have requested further information before allowing staff to enter the school. This has included; a letter confirming the staff member has a current CRB, photo identification and a copy of the CRB check. This is now preventing staff delivering services into schools.

A letter has been sent to Chris Few, the Chair of the NSCB to raise this issue. This is currently being followed up by Pam Rossiter. In the meantime, a letter has been drafted by Bassetlaw PCT human resources for managers to complete for their staff going into schools. Alongside this, a letter is to be sent to all head teachers to clarify the requirements. If no response has been received from Pam Rossiter by mid February then the issue is to be raised with Anthony May directly. If members of the meeting are having problems with specific schools then they are to let Michael Cobham know direct and he will follow up with the school's head teachers.

7. You're Welcome

Jackie Gladden, Head of Commissioning for Health Improvement for BPCT attended the meeting to discuss this item. An update report on 'You're Welcome' was distributed to the group for information.

You're Welcome is an NHS initiative which sets out quality criteria to support service providers including those from the NHS, local authority, private and voluntary sectors to improve services and be more young people friendly. Services will complete self assessment forms, sites will then be supported by the You're Welcome lead in evidence gathering. These self assessment forms will then be considered by the panel followed by a verification visit by panel members which will include young people. The service can then be awarded the 'You're Welcome' quality mark which will last for 3 years.

Currently, a draft work plan has been put together and discussions have taken place as how to move the initiative forward. Rather than put together a Bassetlaw steering group, it has been recommended that this function be carried out by this LSP C&YP group as a standing agenda item. Jackie Gladden will attend this meeting to highlight specific issues.

Action: Rebecca Walker for Agenda

8. Home Safety Equipment

A joint scheme between Notts County Council, the Fire Service, Notts County PCT and Bassetlaw PCT was set up to help deliver home safety equipment to deprived families. The fire service has now removed their funding contribution from the scheme. This poses a risk as families who cannot afford the equipment will no longer be supplied with it and this could raise hospital admissions.

Notts County Council has suggested that this scheme no longer be a joint service and be run locally within Bassetlaw using the funding that BPCT provides. Money is still available for this scheme from 1st April 2010. Questions have been raised as to who will fit the equipment, is it still an option to use the supplier who has previously fit the equipment. Notts County Council currently has a service in place that fits handrails for older people. Steve Brown is to enquire as to whether BPCT could use this established service to also fit safety equipment for children.

Action: Steve Brown

There is support for the scheme to run as a local service, although no additional money other than allocated will be available for funding. Delivery methods of the safety equipment will also need to be looked at and the service is to be evaluated after one year to see its effectiveness.

9. Nottinghamshire Children's Trust – Quarterly Performance Bulletin

The quarterly performance bulletin from the Nottinghamshire Children's Trust was distributed to the group for information. The report is received on a quarterly basis and will be brought to the meeting for information when published.

10. Apprenticeships, Skills, Children & Learning Act 2009

A summary document on the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children & Learning Act 2009 was distributed to the group for information. There is a current scheme in place up until the end of February 2010 that allows extra funding for any employers wishing to take on apprentices.

11. EMSHA Innovation Bid for Integrated Children Services

Cathy Burke has been successful with an EMSHA innovation bid for a WTE Band 6 post which will either be recruited as a health visitor or a school nurse. The post will

be employed through health but will work in social care. Progress on the post is to be brought to a future meeting.

12. Lord Laming Action Plan – BPCT

The Lord Laming Action Plan has been reviewed from a health perspective by Cathy Burke. This document is to be circulated to the group for information and will be discussed at the next meeting in March.

Action: Cathy Burke

13. Any Other Business

Meeting Members

Notts County Council has put forward a proposal for all 7 LSP groups in the district to have one of the top team be a member of their groups. John Slater will be attending this LSP group. Sue Gill is to discuss with John Slater how he wants to be involved in the group including possible regular attendance of the meetings.

Action: Sue Gill

Sue Gill has also received a request from the fire service for a representative to join this LSP group.

Play Service Progress Report

A progress report on the Bassetlaw Play Service was distributed to the group for information.

NSCB Meeting

Cathy Burke is to circulate by email some issues that were raised at the NSCB.

Action: Cathy Burke

Calendar of Events

A calendar of future events happening across the LSP has been pulled together. Helen Houghton is to distribute the calendar. Members of the group are requested to add any events not on the calendar and return to Helen Houghton.

Action: Helen Houghton

Mapping Document

Public Health has completed a mapping document for services available across Bassetlaw. This spreadsheet of information will go live at the beginning of February and will be available on BPCT's website for references of services. If any services have been missed from the spreadsheet, members can let Helen Houghton know. However, the spreadsheet will only be updated every 6 months.

'Change for Life'

Clusters of schools are to be given a £1,000 grant to help run road shows and events to promote 'Change for Life'.

Ofsted Inspections

Serlby Park is due for a re-inspection by Ofsted in the coming weeks. Portland School are also expecting their Ofsted inspection, although no date is known for this yet.

Social Care is also awaiting their Ofsted inspection.

Domestic Violence Event & Safeguarding Event

A safeguarding event is due to take place on 22nd February. A domestic violence event is also to take place on 23rd February 2010. If anyone wants details on the events, they are to contact Mandy Green.

Respite for Pets

A service has been set up to take in and re-home pets for women who are fleeing domestic violence but do not want to leave their pets. For further information, contact Mandy Green.

DAISY

A new project, 'DAISY' has been set up. Links have been set up between all children's centres and a worker from the DAISY project. Domestic violence drop in centres along with workshops have been set up in children's centres and are running successfully.

Monthly Operational Performance Report

Angela Pixsley circulated the children's social care and health monthly operational performance report for information. This report will be circulated monthly by Angela Pixsley and then the issues will be discussed quarterly by this group.

Action: Angela Pixsley

Staff Changes in Social Care

Nick McMullen is leaving social care in April for Ofsted. Interviews for his post are currently taking place. Currently, Julian Cunningham is covering Bassetlaw until May 2010. Corrine Barker has been appointed to the service management post on a temporary basis.

Next meeting – 29th March 2010

Due to the unavailability of members, the next meeting will go ahead but with a restricted agenda. This will be circulated closer to the next meeting.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29th March 2010 at 2pm in the Collinson Board Room, Retford Hospital.