

Bassetlaw LSP Children & Young People's Group

**Minutes of the Meeting Held On
16th July 2010 at 2pm
In Collinson Board Room, NHS Bassetlaw**

Present

Sue Gill (Chair)	Eddie Burgess	Jane Gilbert
Mandy Green	Nicki Richards	Wayne Stevenson
Liz Lowe	Kazia Foster	Joe Foley
Helen Houghton	Bev Fullwood	Robyn Ellis
Steve Brown	Shona Neil	Philip Gawthorpe
Cathy Burke	Dawn Godfrey	Alex Porter

1. Apologies

Anthea Bloomer, John Slater, Emily Jones, Joanne Wilson, Malcolm Kesterton

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st February 2010 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Home Safety Equipment

There was no updated information regarding this item.

3.2 CRB Checks for Schools

The issues surrounding CRB checks for staff entering schools have now been resolved in Bassetlaw.

3.3 You're Welcome

There was no updated information regarding this item.

Post Meeting Note: Informal feedback is that the implementation of this programme has been paused.

3.4 Child Poverty

Steve Brown fed back to the group from a recent Child Poverty Meeting. The national aim is to eradicate child poverty completely by 2020; currently 22% of children across the country are in poverty. Nottinghamshire County Council is required to produce a child poverty strategy and district councils will be required to cooperate in its development. This LSP group are seen as a key arm in developing a county wide strategy and Steve Brown will update the group as and when required on the work on the strategy.

4. Role of the Fire & Rescue Service with Vulnerable Families

Robyn Ellis, Community Safety Advocate from Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service attended the meeting to discuss the service's role with vulnerable families. The service run a number of free programmes that are available across the county including: Youth Intervention Schemes aimed at fire setting intervention, Fire Safe, which are one to one sessions working with children and families, team challenges

which are run within fire stations and build team work and communication as well as delivering fire safety in schools.

The service also offers a 'Caring for Carers' course which looks at fire safety in the home. It is aimed at professionals who may be working in the home environment and helps them to identify fire risks and when to refer to the fire and rescue service. The service will also carry out home safety checks and fit fire alarms in the home free of charge.

Information and leaflets on all of the available programmes and schemes are available by contacting Robyn Ellis on mobile number: 07967 661908 or email: robyn.ellis@notts-fire.gov.uk.

5. Feedback from JATs

Papers were distributed to the group summarising the work of the JATs in quarter 4 of 2009/10 and the work of the CAFs in quarter 1 of 2010/11. Table 1 of enclosure 2 shows that in quarter 4 of 2009/10, the JATs saw a total of 166 referrals. More cases related to males than females and cases continue to be for the older age groups. Bassetlaw JATs continue to be busy and the majority of cases remain complex. The number of CAFs been carried out across the county has levelled off and a total of 244 CAFs were completed in quarter 1 of 2010/11. The number of CAFs being completed in Bassetlaw however is steadily increasing. Connexions continue to be the service who logs the most CAFs but there has also been a rise in the voluntary sector. Like the JATs, more CAFs are completed for males than females and also for older age groups. From September 2010, the first 2 pages of the CAF will be used as the JAT referral form.

6. Local Children & Young People Plan 2009-11

Each district of Nottinghamshire is required to produce its own version of the County Wide Children and Young People's plan. Kazia Foster has been working on Bassetlaw's Children & Young People Plan to ensure that it is linked to the county plan, includes Bassetlaw initiatives and shows the progress that has been made in Bassetlaw's children & young people's services as well as identifying any gaps. Each organisation will now be asked to provide their 3 priorities and these will be fed into the plan. The plan will also be used as a monitoring tool to ensure that progress within services is being made. The draft plan will be distributed to all members of the group.

Action: Kazia Foster

7. Changes to Provision of Childrens Social Care

Dawn Godfrey from Nottinghamshire County Council updated the group on the structural changes to social care. The social care services have been reconfigured as the service has been issued with an Improvement Notice following their Ofsted inspection.

The Service Director continues to be Helen Ryan. Dawn Godfrey is the permanent service head for social work services and Carol Patterson will be taking on the same role but for the South of the county from 16th August 2010. Pam Rosseter continues to be the Safeguarding Head. Interviews for an interim service head are currently taking place. Care for disabled children has now been separated out and Fran Arnold will be taking on the role of interim service head for disabled children while interviews are carried out for a permanent post.

There has been a temporary reconfiguration of reception and duty points and there are now only 2 duty points across the county. The R&A service managers for the North of the county are now Angela Pixsley and Corrine Barker for the South. The interim service head for R&A across the county is Julian Cunningham. Large numbers of safeguarding posts have also been recruited to along with ongoing recruitment for social workers. A review of the reconfiguration will take place in

September 2010 and again in December 2010. In January 2011, the reconfiguration will be reconsidered.

An Improvement Board has also been set up which is chaired by an independent chair. An Improvement Director, Hilary Sumpter will sit on the Board as a 'critical friend' along with others including Dr. Chris Kenny who represents health. An improvement work plan has also been produced to address the targets set out in the improvement notice.

Angela Pixsley previously attended this group as the link for social care; this role will now be taken over by Joe Foley.

8. Feedback from Ofsted Inspection

As discussed under item 7, Nottinghamshire County Council Social Care services have been issued with an Improvement Notice from Ofsted. This is the minimum level of intervention possible following an "Inadequate" inspection judgement. If the authority does not comply with the actions in the Improvement Notice, more stringent measures would be imposed.

9. Proposal for LSP Children & Young People Groups to hold Budget

There has been a suggested proposal from Nottinghamshire County Council for each LSP group to undertake some commissioning work and be given a budget of around £40,000 to test this out. This proposal does link to the Local Children & Young People Plan for LSP groups to have more responsibilities.

For the next LSP meeting, members are asked to come back with ideas of how the group would prioritise what the budget would be spent on and what the group's priorities are. Members are also asked to consider if the group did not get a budget, are there any specific areas that the group would like to embark upon.

Action: All

10. Consultation on Provision of Short Breaks for Disabled Children

Coming out of the Ofsted report, it has been highlighted that there is no joint commissioning strategy for disabled children across the Nottinghamshire region. Work is to commence on this strategy week commencing 19th July 2010.

A consultation period is happening on the provision of short breaks. The issue of residential short breaks is challenging. Bassetlaw children tend to go to the Big House in Edwinstowe, which is in need of significant structural repair but which is much valued by families. Short break services will not be removed before other options are put in place. More short breaks are now available at Bluebell Wood Hospice due to funding from NHS Bassetlaw.

Another issue surrounding short breaks is transport provision, as many parents would be able to access a short break if their child could attend after school activities but specialist transport for children is not always flexible on timings. The consultation will provide ideas on the way forward for the short breaks service.

11. EMSHA Integrated Children's Services Innovation Fund Meeting

Working with social care, Bassetlaw Community Health has been successful with an EMSHA innovation bid for an integrated post working across social care and health. The post will either be recruited as a health visitor or a school nurse. The funding for the post has been in place since January 2010 but funding has been postponed to 2010/11 as initial recruitment was unsuccessful. The programme started on 1st July 2010. A small steering group has been set up and updates from the group will be fed into this LSP group every 6 months.

12. Nottinghamshire Parents' Network

The Parents' Network is a county wide parenting group. The group has been in contact with parents in the Bassetlaw area and a summary of parental concerns in the Bassetlaw area were distributed to the group for information. It was suggested that some of these concerns be fed into the local children & young people plan.

As well as the Parents' Network, the 'Parent Zone' section on Nottinghamshire County Council's website gives helpful advice and tips for parents dealing with children of all ages.

13. Children Educated at Home

Bassetlaw Community Health have been carrying out some work to ensure that children educated at home are offered the same services as children educated in schools. Bassetlaw Community Health is also running leadership courses for staff on children educated at home. On an annual basis, information on all services available to children will be sent to the parents of children educated at home.

NHS Bassetlaw, NHS Nottinghamshire County & NHS Nottingham City are currently undertaking work looking at what health provision goes into specialist schools across the county. The aim is to ensure that the same core provision is delivered in each school and that any gaps in services are identified.

14. Breastfeeding Welcome – Children's Centres Project

This item was deferred until the next meeting when Vicky Waring is present.

There is a new breastfeeding DVD available, members are to contact Theresa Drozdowska if they require a copy, email:
Theresa.Drozdowska@nottscommunityhealth.nhs

15. Any Other Business

Next Meeting Date – 25th August 2010

The next meeting of the LSP group is scheduled for 25th August 2010. Due to a large number of apologies, this meeting is to be cancelled and therefore the next meeting will now take place on 14th October 2010.

Inter-Agency Child Protection Procedures

The inter-agency child protection procedures have been revised. The details of the revised procedures are on Bassetlaw District Council's website. All organisations need to ensure that these procedures or a link to them are on their own websites.

Quality Assurance Report – MARAC

The quality assurance report for the MARAC's has been published. All areas were rated as green or amber.

A new DASH model will also be rolled out in September 2010.

Clothes Line Project

Throughout the summer, Women's Aid will be running the 'Clothes Line Project' which will work with mothers and children who have been affected by domestic violence to get their thoughts and feelings on the subject.

Teenage Domestic Violence

A teenage domestic violence programme has been developed and this is to be rolled out across Bassetlaw.

Connexions Service

Connexions are moving towards offering a 0-90 year's service which will open up their advice services to adults as well as children, helping adults to get into employment.

Teen Fest

Teen Fest will be taking place in Kings Park, Retford on Saturday 24th July 2010.

Teenage Pregnancy Partnership Training Programme

The teenage pregnancy partnership training programme is now available and free of charge to all workers in Nottinghamshire; anybody requiring details can contact Wayne Stevenson via email: wayne.stevenson@nottscc.gov.uk.

The launch of the Fatherhood Strategy will take place later in the year.

Fire Stations – Community Rooms

All fire stations across Nottinghamshire have an available community room if anybody wishes to use the room for meetings or events. The fire station is also able to offer the use of the station for large events if required. Enquiries are to be made via Robyn Ellis on mobile number: 07967 661908 or email: robyn.ellis@notts-fire.gov.uk.

New Adizone Gym & Dance Event

The new Adizone outdoor gym launches on 20th July 2010. On the 24th July 2010, a dance event will take place in Worksop which will showcase dance and invite people to become involved in dance.

Post Meeting Note

Anthea Bloomer is due to retire on 31st August 2010. She sent her thanks and appreciation to all members of this LSP group for their support. Thanks and best wishes are sent to Anthea for her retirement.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 14th October 2010 at 2pm in the Collinson Board Room, Retford Hospital.

N.B. Please note that the 25th August meeting is cancelled.