

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

## **Minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 2pm In the Chairman's Office, NHS Bassetlaw**

### **Present**

Sue Gill (Chair)  
Helen Houghton  
Jane Gilbert  
Tracy Armstrong  
Angela Pixsley

Mandy Green  
Nicolette Richards  
Ray Kinsey  
Bev Fullwood  
Karen Hepworth

Paul Higginson  
Liz Lowe  
Shona Neill  
John Slater

### **1. Apologies**

Jo Down, Wayne Stevenson, Cathy Burke, Jo Wilson and Anne Cater

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

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were accepted as a true record.

### **3. Matters Arising**

#### **• Tackling Child Poverty**

The local Child Poverty Reference Group met on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011. The 'Tackling Child Poverty in Nottinghamshire' strategy was originally to be published on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, however this will now be delayed until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011. There is to also be a two month consultation period prior to publication. There will also be an Equality Impact Assessment looking at faith groups, race groups and travellers etc. There has been a change of key objectives.

Organisational pledges have now been submitted to the local authority. NHS Bassetlaw have submitted two pledges which link to local NHS priorities.

#### **• Information Sharing Protocol**

There were no updates on this item at present. This item is to be deferred to the next meeting.

#### **• Future Meetings**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 2.00pm. It was proposed to set more meetings dates for the rest of year. Suggested meeting dates are Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 all to take place at 2.00pm. Meeting dates are to be emailed to the group.

**Action: All to note**

### **4. Local Authority Grant Aid Reductions**

It was highlighted that there would be many reductions across organisations and voluntary sectors. Women's Aid has had a 9% reduction, while other voluntary organisations have received even greater reductions.

A meeting of the Children and Families Forum is to take place week commencing

4<sup>th</sup> April 2011. This meeting may offer further information regarding possible reductions. Mandy Green is to feedback at the next meeting.

**Action: Mandy Green**

In relation to supported housing for 16 to 18 year olds, it was expected that there would be major cuts to the budget. Angela Pixsley confirmed that meetings would be taking place over the next two weeks regarding these cuts.

Sue Gill confirmed that the PCT were currently reviewing all voluntary sector contracts. These will be considered by the PCT Board and BCO Executive Committee in April 2011 to confirm funding.

'Local Authority Grant Aid Reductions' item to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**Action: Samantha Faulkner**

## **5. SPHERE Project**

Karen Hepworth and Bev Fullwood gave an overview of the new 'Safe Place Here' (SPHERE) project which is aimed at young people. The aim is to develop a place for young people to socialise and potentially develop fitness, learning, employment skills, health and advocacy. The project is looking to open within the centre of Retford and offer sessions after school and in the evening. The project will be initially run for one year as a pilot and funding has been received from the Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership.

The key objectives for the project are:

- Consult with young people to provide framework for the project
- Consult and involve other agencies to deliver this
- Identify place/s or media for young people to meet or network
- Recruit and train staff and volunteers to run the project
- Organise transport to ensure rural youth are included
- Apply for additional funding to sustain and develop the project

Transport has been secured and will be available for young people wishing to attend. There will also be opportunities to train young people up to be Youth Workers. Consultation on the project will take place in schools within Retford and focus groups will also take place to gain the views of young people. The scheme has been working with the local police to target specific high crime rates and is now looking for more partners to work alongside.

Agencies already involved in the project are Blue Skies Community Initiative, Elizabethan Extended Services, Retford Oaks Extended Services, Youth Service, The Well, Community Safety and the Play Service.

A lengthy discussion was held about the Blue Skies Extended Services. The service works with local schools and their communities to develop effective links and promote extended services in the area. They are also interested in taking the SPHERE project further by setting up a Youth Advocacy Forum.

Suggestions were made for the project to possibly use the Mobile Youth unit available from Nottinghamshire County Council. Also the Sporting and Activity Partnership in Bassetlaw has already developed a website detailing all activities within Bassetlaw, this may be useful for reference within the project.

A Partnership Board meeting would be taking place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at Clumber Park to look at getting the service up and running. The issue of how to involve children attending faith schools or who are in home schools was discussed.

Karen Hepworth and Bev Fullwood are to give feedback at the May meeting following the consultation.

**Action: Karen Hepworth and Bev Fullwood**

**6. Feedback from Joint Safeguarding Board and Children's Trust Annual meeting**

No feedback was given on this item as Cathy Burke was not present at the meeting. Formal feedback will be distributed to the group following this meeting.

Following the recent unannounced Ofsted Inspection on Children's Services, there has been positive feedback from the Joint Safeguarding Board about the progress made by Children and Young People services.

**7. Any Other Business**

**Projects at Sandy Lane**

Helen Houghton reported on the participatory budget project that Sonya Clark, Health Improvement Project Manager has been developing at Sandy Lane, Worksop. Consultation has taken place with local people for their views on what they would like to see in their local area. These suggested projects will be voted on by local people and the projects elected will be put into place, funding has been secured for these projects. A range of activities have been suggested including virtual reality workshops, angling and running clubs, activities on the green space on Sandy Lane and a play park.

Sonya Clark has offered to attend the next meeting to give further feedback on the project.

**Action: Sonya Clark**  
**Action: Samantha Faulkner**  
**for agenda.**

**Obesity Training**

The Health Promotion team are offering training sessions on 'Adult and Child Obesity'. The training is open to everyone and all are welcome to attend. Samantha Faulkner to forward the Obesity Training dates to the group for information.

**Action: Samantha Faulkner**

**Obesity and Weight Management Project**

A new Obesity Weight Management project has been introduced into twenty primary schools. The project involves looking at children's physical needs, increasing activities and gives an opportunity for children to be weighed and measured if required. The purpose is to work with children and families to encourage them to be more active and live a healthier lifestyle. The project will be closely linked with the 'Change 4 Life' principles. The project is currently waiting to see if funding is available to move into phase 3 of the project.

**Taster session for Young Parents**

Shona Neill from Connexions announced that a taster session will be taking place at Children Centres from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011 onwards to encourage young parents into education. This will be followed by a two day taster session taking place in June 2011

at North Notts College. Childcare and transport will be provided and further information is available at the Connexions centre. This is a joint initiative between Connexions, Children's Centres and the College.

**8. Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 2.00pm  
in Meeting Room 2, Retford Primary Care Centre

Future suggested meeting dates are:

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011 at 2.00pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 2.00pm

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 2.00pm