

Children's Hearing Services Working Group (CHSWG)

Meeting Notes

Wednesday 12th October 2016

Present

Angela Yeomans, Ann Robey, Jane Carter, Joanne Davis, John Atkins

Apologies

Andy Roach, Claire Sunderland, Elizabeth Roche, David Heap, Carolyn Dando, Veronica Roscoe

<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>
1 Welcome and Apologies Apologies as above.	
2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd September 2016: Matters Arising MAA, the Sign Language Tutor, left WCC August 2016. We understand she has applied for a SLT post with the NDCS. There are no children and young people whose sign language needs are not being met currently.	
3 LA Update A new teacher has started in the Hearing Team, Hannah Cockburn, she is qualified in Speech, Language and Communication. She is just starting her ToD course and is already proving an asset to the team. Merging of Early Intervention Services and the Communication and Interaction Teams of IDS to form a new traded specialist teaching service. JC leading on professional practice. The IDS teams left will be Early Years, Sensory, Physical Disability and Complex, along with Health.	
4 EHC Plan Flowchart Excellent flowchart: Clearly outlines health's processes. DCO – Designated Clinical Officer is David Widdas. John to e-mail Local Offer links of EHCP video for parents and step by step guide.	

<p>5 School Entry Hearing Screening</p> <p>Dr Heather Fortnum – the research concluded that screening is not cost effective. Children with lots of hearing infections are likely to be referred anyway. Those who have been missed would also be picked up through the 2 ½ year check due to concerns with speech and language development. With greater take up of nursery provision from 3 and now 2, settings should also be alert to children not meeting EYFS milestones.</p>	
<p>6 NDCS</p> <p>Useful update from David Heap with events, training, workshops, etc. Concern expressed about poor uptake from our families. Is it because families are unwilling/unable to travel to the events? Ann asked whether the NDCS does a list of publications. John to follow up with David.</p>	
<p>7 Newborn Hearing Screening</p> <p>New ICT system going live on 1st December 2016. There will be a historic snapshot to refer back to.</p> <p>There will be a Level 3 Diploma for screening with specific modules on newborn screening. It will be mandatory for new screeners to have this diploma.</p> <p>One screener on maternity leave.</p> <p>Two Key Performance Indicators: 95.3% of babies screened within four weeks, should be 97% or more. The issue is DNA's, particularly the cross border babies. DNA rate higher during the summer and at Christmas.</p> <p>How many babies who fail the screen, referred on and assessed within 4 weeks – 88%, however the number is tiny. Nine were referred, eight seen and one DNA.</p> <p>Not many false positives.</p> <p>George Eliot and Coventry – new Joint Manager – Bridget Hughes. John to invite her to the next meeting.</p> <p>Jo to scan the annual 2015 – 2016 results as these tell a really good story.</p>	
<p>8 Letters sent to parents</p> <p>Letters still not coming from George Eliot Hospital. Ann has shared a suggested template. This means information (hearing aid reports, fitting reports, change of aid, etc) is not shared with parents or education.</p> <p>John to follow up with George Eliot.</p>	

<p>9 Any other business</p> <p>Angela to let Ann know dates of Countywide Health Visitor Meetings so she and Elizabeth could do some input.</p>	
<p>10 Date of Next Meetings</p> <p>Tuesday 24th January 2017 – 3pm – Saltisford Office Park, Warwick, Building 1, Ground Floor, Conference Room 1.</p> <p>Tuesday 25th April 2017 – 3pm – Lancaster House, Exhall Grange School Campus, Coventry.</p>	