

Children's Hearing Services Working Group (CHSWG)

Meeting Notes

22nd September 2015

Present

John Atkins (Chair, Parent Representative)
 Ann Robey (IDS Lead Consultant Teacher, Ed Aud)
 Joanne Davis (SWFT NHSP)
 Aimee Dix, Head of Inclusion and Support Warwickshire College
 Teresa Bishop
 David Heap
 Andy Roach
 Carolyn Dando
 Jo Davis
 Ronnie Roscoe

Apologies

Claire Sunderland
 Jane Carter
 Elizabeth Roche
 Deborah Sarsons (Manager of Family Nurse Partnership)

Item	Action
1. Welcome and Apologies Welcome to Aimee Dix, Head of Inclusion and Support Warwickshire College	
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th April 2015. Matters Arising Acoustics Ann reported all rooms had been carried out satisfactorily and the schools are grateful for the improvement. The new tile system has been used in most rooms successfully Woodloes Audiology Suite Carolyn reported that they now have a lease with the Academy at Woodloes School which includes sole use for 5 days a week. FE Colleges John had written to all three of the Colleges in Warwickshire and two had replied and expressed an interest in the group. Aimee, from Warwickshire College attended the meeting today. Tracey Foreman, Group Director from North Warwickshire hopes to attend the next meeting.	
Post 16 David reported that Martin McClean is heading a Steering Group in Birmingham and another in Humberside. The aim is bringing the colleges together into a consortium to share resources. The contact person from the DfE, Lin Tabone, is assisting with the joint area review delivery. Aimee said she would follow this up.	AD

<p>LA/IDS Updates</p> <p>Benchmarking Results</p> <p>Ann explained the outcomes of the NatSIP Benchmarking Exercise. The EYFS results were below average but there are so few children in the group that the numbers are easily reduced if there are some children having more problems than others. The results for those at the end of KS2 was above average as were those for the end of KS4 with the exception of the number of children achieving grades A* - C in five or more subjects which was slightly below average.</p> <p>Budget for Teaching and Learning</p> <p>In the financial year 2016-7 Teaching and Learning have to reduce their budget by £125,000 and another £125,000 the following year. For the year 2016-17 it is hoped that this may be complete through natural wastage. For the year 2017-18 the organisation will have to work differently to meet the need of change.</p> <p>When asked Ann reported that two Specialist Teaching Assistants (working for the equivalent of 7 days) were not going to be replaced.</p> <p>David asked other questions which Ann could not answer and asked him to contact Jane.</p> <p>Provision Matrix</p> <p>This was shared and agreed to be a useful document. David asked that on point 9.49 a comment that evidence from NatSIP and the NDCS show that a mild hearing loss does have an impact on learning and that safeguarding the effects of this should be in place. Ann will pass this request to Jane. She also said that the document has gone to print but this request would be considered at the next revision of the document.</p>	<p>DH/JC</p> <p>ARob/JC</p>
<p>4. NDCS Local Offer Audit</p> <p>Following an audit by the NDCS David asked that 3 items be included in the document. The topics are within the document but need to be given more emphasis as they are difficult to find. Following discussion it was agreed to rewrite the document to make it easier for parents to understand. John, Andy and Ann will find time to work on this</p>	<p>JA/ARoach/ARob</p>
<p>5. Letters Sent to Parents.</p> <p>A copy of a letter from University Hospital was circulated as was the template from newly diagnosed children from Warwick Hospital. Both were clearly written with good explanations and were written to the parents.</p> <p>There were no letters from George Eliot Hospital.</p>	

<p>6. SEND Reference Group</p> <p>The SEND Voice newsletter had been circulated to all at the meeting. It was agreed that it was an excellent piece of work that the group should be proud of. John will send our congratulations to the team. He would also ask if it is easily available on the internet.</p>	<p>JA</p>
<p>7. EHCP Criteria</p> <p>This was discussed during item 3 earlier in the meeting.</p>	
<p>8. Newborn Hearing Screening Staffing</p> <p>Liz Lloyd has temporarily been replaced by Chris Harcombe Ann will send John her email address in order to invite her to these meetings.</p> <p>There is a vacancy in the North for a Screener, 30 hours a week.</p> <p>The Diagnostic Team have noticed an increase in referrals to their department over the last few months. This has resulted in them breaching the time guidelines on one occasion.</p>	<p>ARob/JC</p>
<p>9. School Entry Screening</p> <p>The results for the research that has been investigating the effects of School Screening has not been published yet.</p> <p>There are more posters in school about hearing problems and information is given to each family who have a child in the reception class.</p> <p>There has been an increase in referrals (171) in Warwickshire since school screening ceased. Sometimes there are more than one request for a child.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Warwick Hospital had to close the Woodloes Audiology Suite used for hearing aid reviews and repairs due to there being no consistent on line working.</p> <p>The equipment in the Suite is being updated and it is hoped that it will be fully open 5th October 2015. The whole of Hearing Services will be closed from 30th September 2015 until 2nd October 2015 as they are having new equipment fitted. Some specialist equipment for paediatrics will be fitted at the Woodloes.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 26th January 2016 at 3.00pm at Lancaster House NOTE: Check Wi-fi coverage is available.</p>	