



CHSWG

Tuesday 24th April 2018
Saltisford

Present:

John Atkins, Jane Carter, Ann Robey, Bridget Hughes
Veronica Roscoe, Karen Wright.

1. Apologies

Action

David Heap, Amber Vaggers, Elizabeth Roche

2. Minutes of last meeting held on 23rd January 2018

- VR asked if it could be noted that she is covering the NHSP screening referrals for George Eliot hospital and not all of Audiology.

3. LA/IDS Update

JC gave an update on the transfer of Statements of SEN to EHC Plans. There are currently 377 left to transfer in Warwickshire. Nationally there are 15,000.

Via email, Elizabeth Roche had asked if there is a trend of EHCP referrals being turned down for children with a hearing loss. JC explained a recent meeting she had attended when EHC referrals for pre-school children transitioning into school had been discussed. Staff from pre-school settings had been invited to discuss the referrals and it was suggested that in future IDS colleagues should accompany them in order to help explain why the referral had been made. Ann mentioned that the Hearing Team had attended meetings in the past but more recently had been asked not to attend.

Warwickshire now has 40 settings that have achieved the kite mark standard from the Warwickshire Inclusion Kite marking Scheme (WInCKS). Everyone agreed that this was a fantastic achievement. There are some geographical gaps (Coleshill, Southam, North Rugby).

Data was shared from the latest CRIDE report which shows an 11% increase in the number of deaf children and a suspected under-recording of the number of deaf children on the School Census of 42%. It was discussed that the % increase in the number of children reported with a hearing loss will be impacted by the number of respondents to the survey or the way in which the questions are asked. It was noted that 60% of peripatetic Teachers of the Deaf are due to retire in the next 10-15 years. This was discussed and it was felt that as teachers need experience before training to be a ToD later in their career, this was not unexpected. The average caseload of those LAs that returned data for the report is 60. In Warwickshire it is 59. 27% had more than 80 on their caseload, 15% 100 or more and the highest recorded caseload was 253.

JC confirmed that the County Lead for Hearing post has been re-advertised. This vacancy has arisen due to Ann's retirement in July.

AR explained about the Early Years Audit and NatSIP Hearing Team Audit. AR confirmed that both of these reports were not a statutory requirement. They had been completed as a review and in order to give the new County Lead for Hearing an overview. AR asked about the point regarding a CHSWG Annual Report. JA offered to collate a draft report to bring to September's meeting which will include patients' stories (BH to provide) and feedback from latest Hearing Team service questionnaire from schools (KW to provide). JA asked about the resource implications for the training points on the Early Years Action Plan. JC confirmed that all the training mentioned had been accounted for.

JA
BH
KW

JC raised that when Primary Hearing Screening finished it was agreed that SWFT would send information into schools. Therefore, it was agreed that, as this was not the Hearing Team's responsibility, point A1 (i) on the NatSIP Team Audit should be noted as N/A.

AR

AR pointed out that point A1 (iii) relates to who will receive new referrals during school holidays once Ann retires. At present Ann contacts each Audiology Service before each holiday to advise how she can be contacted when she is out of the office. This needs to be agreed before Ann retires.

4. Meeting with InHealth

Information was shared regarding the AR/JA/JC's positive meeting with InHealth which included revisiting quality standards and looking at communication flow between Health and Education. The meeting has been followed up by a written summary of action points.

VR explained about ABR testing following NHSP and the community clinic at George Eliot Hospital.

5. Radio Aids

5. Following the last CHSWG meeting radio aid use with pre-school children has been discussed by Ann, Jane, Karen and Ronnie. Ann shared the guidelines that were written as the result of a meeting. Ann asked for any suggestions or changes to be sent to her by 4th May

JC
KW
VR
AR

Guidelines to be reviewed and the trialled with a family.

ALL

It was agreed that the final guidelines will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. NHSP

BH gave an update about North Warwickshire NHSP.

The latest data shows 482/484 babies were screened within the designated timescale.

Information regarding 2/484 babies

- Offered on time, not brought x 2 then attended when baby 4 weeks and 2 days
- Baby born in Coventry, went into SCBU. Transferred to BWCH. Screened following discharge

484 eligible babies offered screening on time

482 were screened within timescales with 2 DNAs now screened.

8 babies referred were screened within timescales.

VR gave an update about NHSP in Warwick NHSP.

Audit completed. Results not yet available as Jo Davies has only just returned to work. However, during the audit 50% down on screeners. 2 new screeners now in post. Once trained the screening team will be up to full strength which could take up to 6 months. Ronnie will then become the NHSP Team Leader.

7. Letters sent to parents

JC / AR shared copies of the SEND Voice. JC will provide details of how CHSWG members can subscribe for Warwickshire SEND news. Ann also shared the latest IDS Hearing Team Newsletter which is sent to parents. **JC**

Future Meetings

Dates were agreed for future meetings:

Monday 8th October 2018 3pm – 5pm Saltisford SB1 GF CR2

Tuesday 22nd January 2019 3pm – 5pm Kings House, Bedworth KH 2F CR11

Thursday 9th May 2019 3pm – 5pm Saltisford SB1 GF CR1

ALL