

Children's Hearing Services Working Group (CHSWG)

Meeting Notes

Tuesday 26th April 2016

Present

Ann Robey, Elizabeth Roche, Jane Carter, Claire Sunderland, John Atkins, Veronica Roscoe

Apologies

Andy Roach, Sonia Hackett, David Heap, Carolyn Dando, Jo Davis, Children's Services

<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>
<p>1 Welcome and Apologies Apologies as above.</p>	
<p>2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th January 2016: Matters Arising Minutes agreed. All matters arising are covered elsewhere on the agenda.</p>	
<p>3 LA/IDS Update Disability Access Group JC shared a paper describing the investments that has gone into schools over the past five years. The funding for the room acoustics and specialist equipment comes from this budget.</p> <p>SEND Local Area Inspection As from 1st May all Local Areas will be subjected to a SEND inspection. The focus is to establish how well the Children and Families Act and the Code of Practice is being implemented by all partners. Warwickshire could be inspected at any time over the next 5 years. From 9th May to end of July, eight Local Areas will be inspected.</p> <p>This is not an LA inspection it includes all services, agencies and partners, including Health, County Council, NHS England etc. It will involve some field work visiting schools/settings/ clinics. They will also talk to parents/carers and children and young people.</p> <p>The framework had not been circulated at the time of this meeting. Partners will get 5 days' notice.</p> <p>Actions: storyboards / case studies to be prepared to celebrate our achievements and to outline next steps e.g. the work of CHSWG, acoustic improvements in schools.</p> <p>Questionnaire to parents The Hearing Team has sent questionnaires to all parents and the results are being analysed. However there is some confusion between the work of the audiology teams and the education team. This will be addressed in the</p>	All

<p>feedback which will be sent to all parents, adopting the format “You said, we did”. It is hoped to have a termly newsletter.</p>	
<p>New appointment Hearing Team</p> <p>The team is appointing a Teacher of the Deaf. This post is for qualified teachers only. A member of another team within IDS has asked to move into the team. She will undertake the training to become a qualified teacher of the deaf.</p>	
<p>4 EHC Plan rollout – progress. Participation from Health colleagues</p> <p>All Local Authorities are struggling with the process and IDS/EPs/EIS are all giving a day of their time to help. As it replaces the statement which was for education only it is taking some time to include comments from Health and Social Care. It was discussed how colleagues from health could contribute but they have not been asked at the moment. It was noted that if they are requested to attend a meeting they will need at least 4 weeks’ notice.</p>	
<p>6 Consultation on Sign Language Support</p> <p>CONFIDENTIAL</p>	
<p>6 NDCS Positive Families Plus Programme</p> <p>David Heap asked if attendance at these events could be encouraged. It could be mentioned on the termly newsletter from the Hearing Team. The Little Ears groups and the Ear We Go! group will also be informed and will promote these events. It was agreed that these events have the potential to make a significant impact on building the resilience of children and young people and families; we need to do more to promote them as professionals.</p>	
<p>7 Newborn Hearing Screening</p> <p>Warwick Hospital now has a full team of screeners.</p> <p>The Paediatric Audiology Team has a vacancy and will be advertising for the post.</p>	
<p>8 Letters sent to parents</p> <p>It was noted that information is not coming from George Eliot Hospital. JA will communicate with them to find out more details.</p>	

<p>8 Any other business</p> <p>There was no any other business</p>	
<p>9 Date of Next Meetings</p> <p>Tuesday 27th September 2016 – 3 pm – Lancaster House, Exhall Grange School Campus, Coventry</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>	