



CHSWG

8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

3:00pm

Saltisford Building 1, Ground  
Floor, Conference Room 2

Present:

Karen Storey (Warwickshire College Group), Teresa Foulger (IDS, new Professional Lead for Hearing), Jane Carter (IDS), Joanne Davis (SWFT), Veronica Roscoe (SWFT), Karen Wright (IDS) David Heap (NDCS)

### 1. Apologies

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Elizabeth Roche, Amber Vaggers (Physical Disability & Sensory Service), Amanda Turner, Angela Yeomans, Dr Irene Vaz, Andy Roach

### 2. Minuting and Chairing

Jane Carter has formally written to John Atkins thanking him for his many years' service as Chair and the significant contribution he has made.

Following John's resignation, as yet we have no nominations for Chair, although Jane Carter and Andy Roach have corresponded.

Andy has explained that his work commitments mean he is not able to guarantee his availability for meetings, but would consider the role if we had a back-up plan. Via Karen, Ann Robey offered her services to volunteer should we not have a Chair. Following discussion, it was agreed Jane would contact Andy Roach about the role, as it has worked really well having a Chair who is not a representative of a statutory agency, who is able to hold agencies and providers to account. We would always need a back-up in case Andy could not attend on the day.

### 3. Minutes of last meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018

- All transfers completed; we are no longer in the DfE's bad books!
- There is a new paediatric Audiologist at George Elliot, Sharon Shoker. She is doing a joint clinic with Karen and is extremely pro-active. She has built time in for writing reports and staff have confirmed they are getting these. VR to meet with Sharon to discuss how they can work together.
- Radio Aids: KW fed back that we are trialling with four families with pre-school children. KW will use the same questionnaires as used in the original research to get feedback from families. There are guidelines in place on when and when not to use, the issues of supervision due to small parts. Currently the LA is using 'returned' radio aids for the pilot. How should we fund, moving forward? Does the WDCS have a view? If we were to make a bid, we would need robust evidence e.g. this would save on longer term SaLT due to earlier language development. Any pilot, however, has the problem of small numbers. Any business case would need to include costings for training for health staff and time for

programming the clinic.

Terri made the point that with BAHAs, the streamers are funded by Health.

#### 4. LA/IDS Update

- JC reported a £3.9 million funding pressure in the Dedicated School Grant. Last year the Schools' Forum did not vote to passport 0.5% to the High Needs Block. We have to plan for the worst case scenario again. We have started looking at potential savings but it becomes harder and harder each year to find anything. The CRIDE survey results provide us with invaluable information to help us benchmark and see how we compare. Once there is more information, NDCS, CHSWG will be key stakeholders to be consulted.
- NatSIP Benchmarking 2016-17 - As an LA our deaf learners did extremely well at the end of Key Stage 2 and 4; we are not only in the top quartile but generally one of the highest performing LAs. We do not do as well at the end of Early Years' Foundation Stage.
- Our Within County Special Schools are full, with demand outstripping supply; this is true nationally. We need our mainstream schools to do more. Unfortunately it is getting harder to get school staff out to attend our training. David explained that NDCS resources are free via their website for that reason.
- There is a new Education Entitlement team which will track children who are not on the roll of a school, those who are home-educated, excluded, on part-time programmes and newly arrived.

#### Update from Warwickshire College

- Karen expressed concern about the delay between a student enrolling and BSL/SSE/note-taking support to be in place, which can take up to six weeks, which is a crucial time in terms of transition. Unfortunately, Karen has to prove a student is on roll before she can recruit
- There are currently 40 students who receive support from Karen's team, 12 of which require one to one BSL/SSE and note-taking support
- DH to see if the NDCS Post-16 Lead can support Karen in her role

#### Update from Hearing Team, IDS

- Every year we send out questionnaires to parents, schools/settings or CYP. This year we surveyed schools asking about:
  - Our role – 24 said good or excellent
  - Support – 22 said essential, 2 very important
  - Training – 24 said good or excellent
  - Written advice – 1 satisfactory, 23 good or excellent
  - Benefit to learners – 5 good, 19 excellent

This year the team will survey schools where pupils receive monitoring input.

- Verity from UHCW met with the Hearing Team last week. She will notify TF and KW in advance when Warwickshire children are to be seen in clinic.
- TF met with Elizabeth Roche and Amanda Tivey to discuss joint working. Amanda to come to some team meetings to assist with planning. TF and ER to feed back next meeting.

## 5. Health Update

- Joanne is now back
- Newborn Hearing Screening Quarter 3 figures were down to 92.4%, which reflected the fact that the team was two screeners down and Jo was off.  
In total, Quarter 4 – 80.1% (down for the same reason)  
Quarter 1 2018 – 89.1%, although new screeners recruited, they were still being trained and the team was clearing the backlog
- The important thing is all the children with permanent childhood hearing loss were seen on time
- Karen to shadow JD and VR

## 6. Update from NDCS

- The NDCS is **clearing? Telling** the Government that the LAs cannot endure further cuts, that £4 million has to be cut from services for deaf children and yet there has been an increase in numbers and LAs are now expected to support 16-25 years with no new money
- NDCS is launching an Audiology Survey (similar to CRIDE) on 15<sup>th</sup> October
- NDCS has revised the 2010 guidance for CHSWGs
- There is a new Post-16 Model pathway, 'Overcoming Barriers to Independence', which includes a Quality Improvement Checklist, covering transition planning, careers advice, apprenticeships, internships, access to work, social skills.

JC to invite a representative from Adult Services to the January CHSWG for an Agenda item on Post 16 and Transitions

## 7. AOB

JC to send Phil Ransford and Louise Church the CRIDE survey to ensure new Synergy system can be completed electronically in March 2019

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## 8. Future Meetings

Dates were agreed for future meetings

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 3pm–5pm Kings House, Bedworth, KH 2F CR11
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 3pm-5pm, Saltisford SB1 GF CR1

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Provide a map with parking for King's House

TF

