

Local Offer Governance Meeting

Tuesday, 30 July 2019

Present: Liz Sagi, Jo Bradley, Nikki Taylor, Rachel Akers, KF, Jane Smith,

Apologies: Lorraine and Zoe,

1. Matters arising from the last minutes

- a) Personal Assistant Register : Kathy will see if she can find out what is happening to the register/job site as it continues to be something that would be helpful to both families, young people and LA staff. PBSS are aware of disparities in payment rates within Adults and Childrens Services. KF
- b) Youth clubs Action for Children are contracted to include young people up to age 18 but have agreed that the existing young people at the ex-Olympus groups can continue until they wish to finish or by the age of 25. It is likely that there will be commissioned groups for this age range in the future. There doesn't seem to be a club in the north of the county for the PMLD group for any age range. Existing adult groups: Transitions need information about existing groups. Kathy will see if the Local Offer can develop another factsheet for this age group. KF
- c) Changes to Local Offer Kathy confirmed that the updates agreed last time had been implemented and that links were being embedded

2. Transitions.

Liz reported a number of changes to the current Transitions Team structure. The Team name will change on 1 Sept to '18 to 25 Disability Team': They are setting up a multi-agency panel offering advice and guidance for Preparing For Adulthood. This will assess all referrals from any of the Childrens' Services using an online referral form (internal only) for who may meet the thresholds for adult social services. Liz expect that there will be a triage of results.

1. Accept – immediately
- 2 Further action/information before being able to make a decision
- 3 Not appropriate

Supporting evidence is likely to be the latest 'pathway' or Child In Need assessment. Jo said it will be open to all specialist services for referral. The panel will consist of representatives from Brokerage, Health (PLD) Commissioning, DCT, Adult SS (MH and LD).

A discussion took place about the mental capacity assessment i.e. that by the age of 16, the Mental Capacity Act will apply. There may be a need for more training for Childrens' Service as it is not widely known by staff. It is not just a social care responsibility.

A Local Offer Quick Guide to Mental Capacity Act would be helpful. The referral form is still being tested. KF

Liz explained that alongside this, is a Transformation Project to look at the Transitions pathway, remit and role. Visiting various models. E.g. 16 to 25,

18 to 25, 0 to 25. Everything open to consideration. Parental engagements will be held after the information gathering process.

Jo and Liz have proposed 'Transitions Co-ordinators' in school to capture data on students not known to Childrens Social Service and can represent LA at annual reviews (PFA) etc. They are pleased to report that the funding has been agreed. Nikki suggested that colleges be included in the process as students still not aware of what to do when they leave college. There are still vacancies on Transitions Team, but much stronger and in a position to actively to develop service.

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| 3. Local Offer story board | Comments to be submitted to Kathy. | All |
| 4. Local Offer/education Updates | <p>Kathy reported that Simon de Senlis have volunteered to attend the governing group in future, but couldn't attend during school holidays. RSA have been launched and are being widely used.</p> <p>The annual audit has commenced, and already a good response to the first round of e-mails has been received.</p> <p>Cumbria County Council had been in touch asking for advice about how to establish a good Local Offer following their poor inspection.</p> <p>The Local Offer annual report is due for the end of August. Kathy will share her draft and ask for any comments.</p> <p>Anthony Giles has been appointed as the new EHC Service Manager.</p> | |
| a. Leaflets | Kathy presented the revised leaflets for ASD, ADHD and LD to the group. Amendments already needed including adding NPPG as a co-producer and replacing i-Did with the new provider when announced. | |
| b. Short Breaks statement | Jo will take the Short Breaks Statement to next Short Breaks board in September and back to SLT for approval to publish | JB |
| c. Transport hub | <p>A Transport hub was launched in Spring 2019 to arrange all new EHC travel plans.</p> <p>The Transformation Team are also working on new pick up arrangements for students. This was discussed at DCYPDG. Pick up points are in the transport policy. Rachel and Jo reported that they had attended meetings with transport providers about supporting children with medical needs. There is training available from health care for this. Nikki reported that Lorraine had arranged for Shooting Stars to meet with the transport providers on 19 August.</p> | |
| d. Feedback You said, we did | <p>A report was presented showing the feedback for the period which included short breaks for the north of the county, specialist support training courses and using the Local Offer.</p> <p>Jane explained that SSS have discussed the issue of non-attendees and the impact this has. They will continue to try to improve the attendance without charging families.</p> | |
| 5. Health report | <p>Rachel reported that there is an implementation group for the 'All age autism strategy' that has been recently published. Kathy confirmed that it has been agreed that the web content will not be hosted by the Local Offer as the age range was not suitable. The web content will be held on the NHFT site.</p> | |

There is a pilot study with the community paediatricians in the north of the county about what advice can be offered for the **EHC assessment process** when the child is not known to the doctor. A set of interview questions

devised by the doctors will be used in a phone call assessment and will be either used to write a summary report or to make the decision to meet with the child.

CAMHS is looking at what is on offer and what tiers of intervention will be put in place, as part of the ten year plan. They will be exploring using technical options to identify what will help. There is an increase in mental health awareness now.

6. Social Care report

It was noted that the recent Ofsted report highlighted the DCT as a strength of the LA.

Jo reported that social care advice for EHC Plans is being worked on. There will be a new arrangement for the DCT dividing them into three teams, (not locality based) on case load. Members of the SSS will move into the DCT to offer targeted early help. Jo is currently recruiting for a Senior Practitioner position, and is pleased that the DCT staffing is stable and consistent with permanent staff in post.

7. Specialist Support Service

Jane reported that members of the SSS team are affected by the DCT targeted early help.

8. IASS

Nikki confirmed that it has been agreed that IASS will be moving into the Children's Trust when it is established next year and not separating into the two unitary authorities. .

IASS are exploring the health and social care elements of their role.

Nikki has established new systems to collect data that shows what work is being done – not just numbers of people helped.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the autumn term.

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