



Local Offer

Governance Group

Thursday 14 July 2022

Present, Kathy Forsdyke, Akers Rachel, Samantha Lavender, Helen Tarratt, Joanna Bradley, Callum Kirby, Gemma Marks, Lorraine, Flute Julia Smith (see list of job titles appendix)

Apologies: David Johnson, Joanne Williams, Nikki Taylor and Liz Sagi, Becky Whiting : representatives for David and Nikki were welcomed to the meeting.

It was suggested that representatives in the Early Help arena may be beneficial to the group; Kathy will contact John Kelly or any other recommended colleagues from NCT, but will need e-mail contacts for them (Jo Bradley)

1. Matters Arising From the Last Meeting

- a. **Story boards** – the Local Offer will await instruction from the Send Accountability Board
- b. **Child Trust Fund** – this has now been added to the Local Offer and any updates from the government will be included when they are available.
- c. **Disaggregation of Local Offer** – paper attached and updates for West Northants
This paper was discussed by the group. Kathy reported that West Northants are now considering their options and staffing following a presentation by Kathy to the Senior Leadership Team for Education. No final decision has been made yet.
Rachel agreed to contact the senior leadership for North Northants for an update to their plans.
Kathy was able to report that the IT procurement has now taken place and the search directory is being tested by the web team, looking at the schools' directory initially. There has been no further update about when the website will be moved and separated.
Nichola Jones had asked at the last meeting about the Disabled Children's Register sitting with social care and not Local Offer. The registers have been separated as they sit on a data base. (Capita One). Jo Bradley will consider further.
No comments had been given for Helen from NCFG about the SNIX Magazine. Julia suggested that there is a 'tear out' survey in the next edition for readers to respond.

2. Feedback to the Local Offer (attached)

Feed back is kept on the You Said, We Did accordion on the webpage. Kathy had checked the legislation and there is no requirement for negative comments only to be reported, as suggested at the last meeting. In fact, the Local Offer receives no negative comments to record. The feedback was shared with the agenda papers and no comments were made at this meeting.

3. Local Offer Review and survey activity- July, August and September 2022.

The SEND Communication group had agreed to set up a Local Offer review and survey. A task and finish group had been set up and using the last local area Peer Review of the Local Offer, had established a survey with supporting documentation for parents and carers, professionals. The existing Viewpoint survey for young people has been included. The survey will be live until the end of September and all are encouraged to share with their contacts

and colleagues. Julia had shared widely during July, but the survey is attached to the minutes for the Governance Group to complete.

Responses from the survey will be used to establish the new Local Offer search directory and website.

4. Report from Education

Gemma Marks from Brook Weston School had been invited to join the Governance Group following the change of contract for the teaching school from Fairfield School. This was Gemma's first meeting with the Local Offer. The Senco Forums have been re-established but are now run through the Local Authorities.

5. Report from Health

Rachel reported that all children's health services continue to be under pressure with the consequences of post Covid and demand and capacity across all areas.

There will be a SALT and Communications Needs review in September that has been jointly commissioned by West and North Northants. It will look at Speech and Language commissioning and the broader workforce.

The Learning Disabilities and Autism Key Worker project is going live. Barnardo's have been awarded the contract to deliver the key worker roles and Enfold (a local CIC) will be offering a peer support service for families. It is a targeted project that will look at the 'dynamic support register' (those at highest risk of hospital admission) and it is planned that other groups will be included later in the project. The project has been funded by NHS England, co-ordinated by David Loyd-Hearn and well co-produced locally.

Rachel will be employed in the same role in future by the Integrated Care Northants. This has taken over the roles of the CCGs. .

6. Report from Social Care

Jo reported that social care is still challenged in the post Covid environment.

Liz Sagi's role in the North has now been duplicated, and Lisa Smith has been appointed and will start in role in August. Kathy will meet with Lisa and she has been invited to join the Governance Group. They will both be continuing to work across the county to ensure that young people leaving education are able to access adult social care as appropriate.

7. Report for Specialist Support Services

Sam reported that the ever-popular parent workshops are being delivered as a hybrid model in September with some face-to-face events held in One Angel Square offices (for anyone in Northamptonshire, not just the West) and online courses that had been established during the last two years. These have proved popular with parents.

Jo Williams sent a report for the North and added that the North Northants SSS **Early Years** team will be taking referrals again with immediate effect. The schools' teams will be working in a slightly different way with more information to follow as soon as this has been confirmed. The consultation line is ongoing and can be accessed through links on their website. High needs funding will be available across all age groups again from September 2022 with a new application criteria and process which is about to be shared with settings in the next few weeks.

8. Report from IASS

Callum was representing IASS and was able to introduce himself as the new IASS officer, working with the young people's Advisory Council. Callum will be looking to include more SEND learners for this.

There are now discussions taking place as to whether IASS will need to be disaggregated, but Helen offered that parents would not view them as being at arm's length from the Local

Authorities if they were separated into North and West. There are political influences to be considered.

IASS will offer a holiday rota on their advice line during the school holidays.

Year 5 seminars are being planned for the autumn term to support parental decision making for secondary schools. Venues have been booked in the North and planning for the West.

IASS SEND Green Paper review has been sent to Helen Redding.

The Local Offer review is being shared with young people's groups.

A conference for young people will be planned for March 2023.

9. **Report from Shooting Stars**

Lorraine was able to report that they are now meeting as a group again. They have a summer holiday activity planned, pending management approval.

Lorraine will be returning to the school's youth councils in the new academic year and will be working with the young people at Arnold House to ensure their voices are also included in the strategic work.

10. **Report from Voluntary Sector**

Becky was not at the meeting, but it is known that NAYC are planning their annual youth conference.

NPFG continue to work alongside North and West authorities, supporting officers with strategic planning. NPFG are actively recruiting parents and carers in the north as they anticipate separating into two groups in the next fiscal year. Currently, there are not enough members of the committee to offer this in the North.

11. **Any Other Business**

Rachel's e-mail address will change as she moves role to the ICS.

There are plans to hold a local area peer review for North Northamptonshire in October.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to meet week commencing 3 October. Kathy will send an invitation to the most popular date:

3 Oct 10.00

4 Oct 10.00 or 2.00

6 Oct 10.00 or 2.00

Job titles

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Rachel Akers Designated Clinical Officer

Samantha Lavender, Send Support Services, (West)

Helen Tarratt, Northamptonshire Parent Forum Group

Joanna Bradley, Disabled Childrens Team Service Manager

Callum Kirby IASS Officer,

Gemma Marks, Teaching Schools (Brook Weston)

Lorraine Flute Shooting Stars Participation Officer

Julia Smith Local Offer Development Worker

David Johnson Northamptonshire Parent Forum Group

Joanne Williams, Send Support Services (North)

Nikki Taylor IASS Service Manager

Liz Sagi, NASS – Moving Into Adulthood Strategic Manager

Becky Whiting : Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs.