

Aiming High for Disabled Children in Nottingham City

AH Steering Group
Minutes

September 2009

AIMING HIGH SHORT BREAKS MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE : 10 September 2009 at the Mary Potter Centre

PRESENT: Marie Halford, Children's Services – Chair
Toby Beck, Project Manager
John Imms, Children's Services
Amanda Payne, Connexions
Sharman Aldridge, Nottinghamshire PCT
Jo Rooney, Barnardos
Lucy Davidson, Nottingham NHS
Sue Law, Parent Rep
Jane Renton, Parent rep
David Rogerson, Strategic Finance
Gary Eves, Nottingham NHS
Paula Vyze, Children's Services
Nicky Karamanli, Project Administrator


APOLOGIES: Edwina Cosgrove, Parent Partnership
Sara Bond, Deaf Services

Item	Details	Action
Welcome, apologies, Minutes of last meeting and matters arising	The minutes were read through and agreed as an accurate reflection of the last meeting.	Nicky to contact Cara for update on meeting with Speaking Up Amanda to link with Cara re. info on Youth Board
Update from Project Manager	Toby said a big thank you to the parents that have been on interview panels. The info bulletin was read through. Individualised budgets report to go to Nottingham Young Select Committee in October. We now report to Child Healthy Strategy Group which was previously Be Healthy. Workforce – plan of action is now in place. We have a meeting with County 24.09.09 how to link together.	Toby to feedback outcome of report

	<p>Phase 3 – what we are trying to achieve. We looked at revenue & capital spends.</p> <p>NHS money will go on training. Toby is seeking the board's approval to go ahead with the Quick Wins suggestions. Board approved in principle, however Toby must discuss finance further with Lucy and Marie.</p> <p>Sue expressed some concerns about Contract Carers. If we are adapting homes and then the carer stops caring, this is seen as the money being wasted.</p> <p>It was advised there are many legal complications with this to stop the money being wasted. An option to also look at is a pod that can be pulled out and reused. Other LA's have done this and it is important to learn from them. John is currently in discussions at present. Contract Carers in other LA's are extremely successful.</p> <p>The main aim is to provide choice; this is what parents have asked for, at present we have gaps in services offered. The new credit tool will provide choice. It is a tool to try and change the balance of power to provide consistency.</p> <p>NORSACA pilot was very successful. County are putting in money to continue the project. We need to look at how we can support the project.</p> <p>Direct Payments is an extremely expensive resource. We need to think about what will happen post 2011, where will this money come from?</p> <p>Any services we put in place will need to work post Aiming High – sustainability being the key.</p> <p>What Next? The board agreed the following to move forward:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in Equipment / adaptations Contract Carers (via capital) • Extended family – second homes (bid) • Individual support for young people – linking, befriending (service development) • Expanding Community based Sources – Linking, Trent Crossroads (service development) • More Support for providing homecare – AYS (service 	<p>Toby, Marie & Lucy to discuss Quick Wins & agree finance</p> <p>John to bring info / update back to the board</p> <p>Toby to circulate new credit tool to the board for comments</p> <p>Toby to look at how we can support the project & feedback to board</p>
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	<p>development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Payments (service development) • Outreach Work – workers that establish something with an individual such as sleep patterns worker to go into home to help & support (service development) • Group based activities for 11-19 (service development) • Training (service development) • Eligibility health & social care (service development) • Give more control to young people to access community activities (service development) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick Wins (finance to be agreed by Toby & Lucy) (service development) • Pilot projects (service development) • Transport (service development) <p>Parents would like Individual support for direct referrals instead of chasing everything themselves. Coordinated care pathway is needed.</p> <p>The Butterfly project is losing funding in March and possibly facing closure. The project needs more funding as costs are £110k per year to run the project. This is an NHS issue and Lucy & Gary will look into this and have discussions with Jo.</p>	<p>Toby to look at getting adult bouncy castle for Fun Day 2010</p> <p>Toby, Marie & Lucy to agree finance for each Quick Win proposal Toby to feed this into Care Pathways Group. Jane to be invited to Care Pathways task group – Nicky to organise</p> <p>Lucy & Gary to discuss funding with Jo</p>
<p>Case Summary</p>	<p>Discussion of case summary, looking at how we change things, what needs to take place? It was agreed there is an immediate need for developing support for complex health needs when the children are able as well. Services should fit the family not the family slotting into a service.</p> <p>It was agreed it would be useful to bring a case study to each meeting for discussion.</p>	
<p>Derby's idea of 100 hours</p>	<p>We need to see how this works for Derby. City's idea is to use a similar idea with the Inclusion Officer and pilot for 40 children, however at present this needs more discussions and further information.</p>	<p>Toby to invite Mary from Derby to next meeting to share information</p>
<p>Capital Money Bid</p>	<p>Options of where to spend the pool money were discussed £30k this year and £70k (10/11). It was agreed the young people's group should control this. We need ideas to come back to the board what mechanism to have in place for young people to control this.</p>	<p>Board to share ideas</p> <p>Young People's Group to be asked for views</p>

	<p>Still no update as yet with regards to the sign off. It has gone to directorate but has not been received back as yet.</p>	
<p>Short Breaks Specification and Commissioning Intentions Document</p>	<p>County have come across some problems with commissioning process. We need to take these issues raised back to commissioning to ensure we don't come across the same problems. How do we measure services against each other as they will be totally different services bidding against each other? The document can not be signed off until these areas have been rectified.</p> <p>Need a panel member from the voluntary sector, no one can sit on the panel that intends to tender. The parents will inform the parents forum parent required for panel, however it is a big commitment as long, lengthy processes and perhaps a parent wouldn't have the time. In this instance we would look at having a separate parent's panel which would be less commitment and time.</p> <p>The panel members were agreed as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toby Beck – Chair • Lucy Davidson or Gary Eves • John Imms • Paula Vyze • Commissioning rep • Finance rep – possible Steve Lynx • Commissioning Adviser – Pete Morley or Sara Mayer • Health Provider – possible Isobella Millward if not bidding • Voluntary Sector – may possibly need organisation outside of Nottingham 	<p>Toby to have discussions with Pete Morley for urgent technical advise on current specification</p> <p>Jo to provide Toby with comments on the process</p> <p>Sue and Jane to discuss with parents and feedback to Toby</p> <p>Toby to seek advice from VCS re. Voluntary Sector on panel</p>
<p>Update on Parents Forum and Special People's Group</p>	<p>The celebration event over the summer went very well. The staff were very good the only problem was no changing facilities.</p> <p>The young people had their inspector's day which took lots of planning. The children were unable to come with support on public transport due to logistic issues. They fed back to many of the Managers on the day.</p> <p>Need to look at another round of inspections of council places such as swimming pools, youth clubs, parks, leisure centres etc. They would need to get a councillor on board to advise on the outcome at the end of the day.</p> <p>It was agreed the young people should write back to the organisations or put a report</p>	

	<p>together to send to each head office for a response. Look at putting an article in the arrow, newsletter etc.</p> <p>It was also suggested that if any of the Head Offices are Nottingham based then the young people should visit them to report on their findings.</p> <p>Cara has made a bid for money to support the group. An issue was raised that we need views of other young people. It was agreed that the young people can't be replaced and that the group should expand. If further funding is required for this then to consider Aiming High and other council sources.</p> <p>The activity day that the Parent's Forum asked for didn't happen. When Bev is in place she will take leadership of the forum and look at advertising it more widely, possibly in schools.</p>	
<p>Next Meetings</p>	<p>Tuesday 8th December 12.30pm, Mary Potter Centre, meeting room 5 Thursday 4th March 12.30pm, Mary Potter Centre, meeting room 5</p>	<p>Toby to advise on next years plans</p>

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