



SHROPSHIRE
Parent
And
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Council

DATE & TIME	Thursday 12 th Jan 2017 10.30am (Coffee/tea from 10am)
LOCATION	Central Baptist Church, Shrewsbury
TYPE OF MEETING	Board
ATTENDEES	Natalie Hughes (NH), Gail Hogan (GH), Angela Price (AP), Zara Bowden (ZB) – Anne Lanham (AL) joined the meeting at 12pm
APOLOGIES	Sarah Thomas (ST), Chris Thomas (CT), Julie Davenport (JD)

AGENDA ITEM
1. Introductions & Apologies
2. Training Session – ‘Knowing Me / Knowing Us’ introduction part 2 10.30am – 12pm
3. Minutes, Actions and financial update Minutes; In section 3 financial update – amend Tony Crumbie to Tony Crundell Actions; Request for parent carer stories was published via social media. 6 stories will be sent to the Carers Voice project before the end of January deadline to be included in the project report Financial Update up date give to the board
4. Update reports; Re commissioning of assessed social care; Tender for the recommissioning of overnight residential Short Breaks and high needs community based Short Breaks has been issued by Shropshire Council. The services are being recommissioned at slightly increased levels but there is an emphasis on reducing costs if possible. The tender requirements reflect the priorities of parent carers including requests for support being provided at home (domiciliary care), an emphasis on preparing for adulthood and joining up services. ST has produced a ‘Participation report’ for this process and this will be sent out to all providers who have indicated an interest in these contracts. ST has attended two provider Q&A sessions for this tender – Attendees; Action For Children, Carers Trust 4 all, Caretech, Bluebird Care, Mencap, New Saints Foundation. Sarah Cox has stepped down from this work due to

other commitments – ST would like to thank her for her support to date. ST will be part of tender evaluation panel.

Work with Jane Friswell - consultant;

Exploring the development of a Shropshire Charter / Participation audit tool. Would provide opportunity for PACC to develop a training menu for services.

Preparing For Adulthood (PFA) Network and Post 16 work;

Two activity events planned for SEND teenagers / young adults Jan and Feb to measure interest. Proposal is that providing activities for young people with enable contact with parent carers for this age group. - Fencing session booked for 27th Jan - £6 per young person.

ST met with Sarah Sweeny (SS) on 10th Jan to discuss Post 16 developments. The PFA Plan template is being reviewed to come in line with EHCP review. Will focus on PFA outcomes – discussed the need to identify any key issues / barriers for young people achieving PFA outcomes and then the system being flexible enough to build responses to issues into study plans. SS has noted increase in challenges around anxiety and lack of confidence – she has commissioned courses to help with this in colleges. Discussed need for same approach in schools and suggested that co-ordination with new CAMHS service needed. Draft PFA plan template will be available for discussion with parents on the 27th Jan. SS agreed to provide Post 16 update for spring issue of PACC newsletter.

Meeting with IASS/CAB;

ST met with Jackie Jefferies Citizen Advice director on 5th Jan. Discussed developing self advocacy within parent carer and SEND young people community. Team is now well established and working well. There will now be a dedicated IASS telephone line that will go straight to an IASS team member to triage rather than CAB volunteers. Should make access to specific advice quicker. Funding for Independent Support until March 2018 has been confirmed and providers are being encouraged to develop local partnerships for delivery of support post March 18. Discussed opportunities for PACC and CAB /IASS to work more closely together and combine resources. Discussed the need to develop more training opportunities to build resilience and skills amongst parent carers and young people and to map participation pathways for both groups. Further meeting to be arranged.

Severndale Update

NH shared that Severndale's recent Ofsted inspection resulted in a good

5. Comms work;

Website

Ongoing – new contact at Clear is Leigh

Mailchimp

Dec bulletin issued

Social Media

No comments – activity has been reduced over Christmas period

6. Upcoming work / events;

Person centred training for parent carers – to issue flyer asking for parent carers to indicate interest and identifying preferred location and timings

Kowning Me /Knowing Us Course – Booked for Oswestry starting 20th Jan – 7 bookings so far – 12 places available

Coffee Mornings – note these will be run by AWM only from Jan and will revert to the main focus being ASD support. Will be held in Oswestry, Market Drayton, Bridgnorth, Ludlow

7. Feedback Received

No new issues raised

8. AOB - None

9. Close of meeting.

Open Participation Session – 1pm – 2pm – no attendees

Next meeting 16th February 2017