



SHROPSHIRE  
Parent  
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Council

DATE & TIME	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 10.30am (Coffee/tea from 10am)
LOCATION	Central Baptist Church, Shrewsbury
TYPE OF MEETING	Board
ATTENDEES	Sarah Thomas, Anne Lanham, Zara Bowden, Natalie Hughes, Angela Price Members of NDTI joined at 11.30am – Julie pointer and Linda Jordan
APOLOGIES	Chris Thomas, Julie Davenport, Michael Thomas, Gail Hogan

## Public Record of Meeting

AGENDA ITEM
<p><b>Closed Meeting 10.30am – 11.30am</b></p> <p><b>1. Introductions &amp; Apologies</b></p>
<p><b>2. Minutes, Actions and financial update</b></p> <p>Actions from previous meeting reviewed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NH shared summary of venue costs in Shrewsbury for potential future use</li> <li>- ST provided update on Carers Voice project, 8 stories submitted from PACC covering a range of experiences. ST is part of planning group for the conference on 25<sup>th</sup> May to launch the project report.</li> <li>- Financial update provided by ST. All DFE funds are expected to be committed by end of March.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Update reports;</b></p> <p>Preparation for SEND Inspection</p> <p><b>Focus Groups;</b> a new group of focus groups have been identified to support discussion about the key areas to be covered by the SEND inspection. PACC has been asked to facilitate parent carer input to each group. ST will chair the Participation Focus Group</p> <p><b>Plan on a Page;</b> The PACC plan on a page had been circulated to Board members and was agreed unanimously. This will be part of the overall SEND strategy for Shropshire and will be published on the new PACC website (will go live in April)</p> <p><b>Panel invite;</b> ST has contacted the SEN team to request an opportunity to observe the SEN panel</p> <p>SSCB Threshold Document</p> <p>A copy of the draft Shropshire Safe Guarding Children's Board threshold document has now been received by PACC. It has been circulated to PACC Board members for initial feedback and a meeting is planned with Social Care managers to discuss.</p> <p>Knowing me Knowing Us Feedback</p> <p>ST provided a summary of the Oswestry course. 4 parent carers participated in the course. Feedback was very positive, with attendees telling us that that the course had;</p> <p>'Helped me to realise that I am not alone'</p> <p>'It was good to be able to talk about me and not my child for a change'</p> <p>'Helped me to realise how much I am doing well'</p> <p>'Helped me to understand what is out there that can support me as a parent carer'</p>
<p><b>4. Communications work;</b></p> <p>Website</p>

<p><i>Further meeting planned with Clear – development of content progressing (ST &amp; NH)</i></p> <p><b>Spring Newsletter</b></p> <p><i>A number of articles have been promised – All In commissioning, Post 16 update, Travel training, update on All Age Cares Strategy, Early Years Preferred providers project. NH will be sending reminders about deadlines for submissions.</i></p>
<p><b>5. Upcoming work / events;</b></p> <p>Person centred training for parent carers – Shrewsbury</p> <p><i>Online survey produced to gather feedback on when and where parent carers would like to have training delivered <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R2ZSKQC">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R2ZSKQC</a> The Participation report from the PACC AGM detailing feedback on how to improve parental contributions to reviews and assessments has also been distributed to members <a href="https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/23373615/AGM%202016%20participation%20report.pdf">https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/23373615/AGM%202016%20participation%20report.pdf</a> It was agreed that ST would go ahead and plan an initial training session for Shrewsbury so that this work can progress.</i></p> <p>Shropshire SEND Participation Network – 9th March</p> <p><i>ST and NH drafting invites and sending out to the list of organisations that have been identified – 16 in total. Sue North has confirmed that she can facilitate this meeting.</i></p> <p>Spring Conference 2017</p> <p><i>Discussed proposal to plan conference around introducing the work on the graduated support pathway currently being carried out. This will include an opportunity for the Early Help team to introduce their services and processes since PACC has had some feedback suggesting that there is confusion about this. Jane Friswell agreed to provide Key note presentation. Two workshops proposed re improving parent carer participation in schools and development of graduated support pathway. ST to co-ordinate discussions around finalising date – will be at the beginning of May.</i></p>
<p><b>6. Feedback Received</b></p> <p><i>Discussion on Post 16 Facebook group re difficulties in finding information about planning for adulthood – particularly once left education. Families struggling to find information on Supported Independent Living options in particular – ST to follow up on meeting request with Adult Services and to raise these concerns</i></p> <p><i>Concerns about lack of information about the proposed new Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> May – particularly about how this will impact support for young people aged 18 this year – ST to follow up</i></p> <p><i>Mixed feedback being received from families about their experience of requesting social care support. Some families reporting improved experience, while others are still facing challenges. ST to meet with parents to collect case studies to inform ongoing discussions with social care.</i></p>
<p><b>7. AOB – Nothing raised</b></p>
<p><b>8. End of closed meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>9. 11.30am – NDTi join meeting</b></p> <p><i>Julie Pointer and Linda Jordan join meeting- Board discussed current issues, areas that they felt were working / not working.</i></p>

## **Open Participation Session – 1pm – 2pm**

The National Development Team for Inclusion is supporting Shropshire to prepare for these inspections and would like to hear your feedback on how children and young people with SEND and their families, are being supported in Shropshire. The meeting will take the following format;

- Welcome and introductions
- What NDTi have been commissioned to do
- Inspections so far – learning from the evidence

- What's working and Not working in Shropshire? - feedback requested on; Local Offer, assessments and plans, SEN Support, pathways and provision, Preparing For Adulthood, and participation – parent/carers and young people

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*One parent carers and two IASS team members joined this open session at 1pm. There was a wide ranging discussion about what was working or not working in terms of supporting young people with SEND in Shropshire.*

*Julie Pointer requested that any further comments were sent to her by email - [julie.Pointer@ndti.org.uk](mailto:julie.Pointer@ndti.org.uk)*