



SHROPSHIRE Parent  
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Council

DATE & TIME	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 10am – 2pm
LOCATION	Central Baptist Church, Shrewsbury
TYPE OF MEETING	Board & Open Participation Meeting
ATTENDEES	Angela Price, Natalie Hughes, Zara Bowden, Sarah Thomas – visitor Tracey Newell from Enable
APOLOGIES	Anne Lanham, Mike Thomas, Chris Thomas, Julie Davenport

AGENDA ITEM
<b>1. Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>
<b>2. Minutes &amp; Actions</b> No Outstanding actions from the minutes of the previous meeting <b>Financial Update</b>
<b>3. Update reports;</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Health</b> ST met with new commissioner for the EHWS, along with representation from PODS Telford. Both areas raised concerns about the lack of progress on Learning Disability and Neurodevelopmental pathways. Shared parent carer experiences of overdue medication reviews. Commissioner will take concerns to service provider, further meeting planned for November.</li><li><b>Short Breaks (Children's Social Care)</b> Shropshire Children's social Care services were recently inspected by Ofsted. PACC contacted Ofsted to request an opportunity to contribute to this review and were given a chance to speak to the lead inspector. Key feedback highlighted; Concerns over lack of Early Help process for families of children and young people with SEND. Lack of clear and transparent information about processes and decision making PACC has been working with the Shropshire Children's Commissioner to provide effective support to families who will transfer from the Action For Children Services delivered via the Willows, to the new service that will be delivered by Mencap. A meeting for this group of parent carers was held with Commissioners on the 12<sup>th</sup> October.</li><li><b>Adult Social Care</b> Following PACC sharing feedback about difficulties parent carers were having in completing the Social Care financial declaration form during transition, it has been agreed that this document will be reviewed, with a view to make it more reflective of young people's lives. The first meeting to look at the form will take place in November. PACC has been invited to be part of the new 'Making It Real' Board. This board will provide advice and feedback on the effectiveness of adult social care support. As part of the work of the new Transition Lead there is work being done to identify the full range of options available for young people post 18, to support transition planning.</li></ul>

- **SEND Reforms Implementation (visit by DfE adviser, Outcomes work with Severndale, Early Years,)**

Currently PACC is working with Shropshire Council and Severndale School to agree an outcomes framework for EHCP's that reflects the preparing for adulthood outcomes.

The Early Years group meet recently and was updated on the role of Health Visitors in early identification and looked at the Early years SEN Pathways. PACC participated in meeting with the Department For Education SEND Adviser, who was visiting to review SEND reforms implementation in Shropshire.

- **IPSEA Training**

This training was attended by ST and NH

#### **4. Communications work;**

- **Website**

New website is proving easy to maintain and update. Receiving regular new membership sign ups via website. Discussed how to develop website further as an example of how to effectively provide information and support for families.

- **Newsletter**

Hope to send out first week of November. This edition has a post 16 focus – still waiting for a few articles to come in.

#### **Monthly Updates**

October update to go out week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

#### **5. Upcoming work / events;**

- **AGM and Open Meeting 2018 – 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Invited Tracey from Enable to present about preparing young people for employment. ST to set up Eventbrite link and promote

- **NNPCF Annual Conference – 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Manchester**

ST and AP attending

- **Working with Parents Supporting Parents**

ST to promote Cerebra Workshop on the 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

#### **6. Feedback Received**

Concerns about lack of CAMHS medication reviews and lack of availability of consultants, especially for LD service

Families who currently use the Willows concerned that there has been insufficient information about the transfer of service to Mencap.

#### **7. AOB – 12.30pm**

##### **Joined by Tracey Newell – Enable**

Enable offer a range of services to support people with SEND into employment, this includes; independent travel training, supported internships, job coaches, traineeships and supporting access to inclusive apprentices.

Currently Tracey is working on developing Supported Internships in Shropshire, they are being promoted to SENCO's so that they can be considered as part of transition planning. Supported Internships currently offered via SCAT and TCAT where young people are capable of studying at Level 1 or above, and at Futures, for those young people working below Level 1.

If a young person is on a Supported Internship they are still registered as at college but the course that they follow will focus on employability and workplace skills, plus maths and English skills as appropriate. This will be supplemented by a work placement that reflects their interests and strengths.

Tracey shared that it was key when preparing for a Supported Internship that everyone is clear about what interests the young person and what they want to do. It is also important to understand what barriers and challenges the young person might face in the work place, so that adjustments can be planned. Every effort will be made to find a work placement near to home to make sure travel is not a barrier. If a young person needs to do some preparation for being in a work place before starting a placement this can also be arranged. When a placement starts a job coach can be provided, but the possibility of gradually reducing the support provided will be explored.

Ideally a Supported Internship will lead to a paid role, including apprentices, but if further support is needed then a traineeship might be appropriate.

Currently 13 Supported Internships are being delivered by SCAT and placements have been secured for all the young people. Details are available in the SCAT Prospectus.

## **8. End of closed meeting.**

## **9. Open Participation Meeting – What can Enable offer?**

See notes above

NB: no parent carers attended.