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South West Warwickshire - Group Advisory Board

Venue: Stratford Children's Centre
Date/Time: Tuesday 5th July 2016 - 10.00 - 11.30

ITEM	ACTION
<p>Welcome & apologies</p> <p>ET chaired the meeting and welcomed all. Introductions were made.</p> <p>The previous minutes were agreed</p> <p>Nominations for Vice-Chair were asked for. No parents present were able to commit to this as they were returning to work in September. ET is happy to chair meetings until a parent is available for this role. Possibility of ES returning to role of Chair at future meetings.</p>	
<p>Children's Centre Targets & Data</p> <p>All information regarding Targets & Data is available on email from SH. The Parenting Project targets are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under 5's in families experiencing or affected by emotional and mental health including substance misuse.• Under 5's in families experiencing economic and social disadvantage .• Under 5's in families affected by Domestic Abuse. <p>Domestic Abuse is a key area for all our groups, we have strengthened links with Stonham. Discussed the possibility of Parenting Project staff to train in delivering the Freedom Programme.</p> <p>CJ said that we have worked with these targets for a whole year and they are embedded in our practise. We can be confident in moving forward with these targets.</p> <p>There are no changes to the geographical areas. No change to rationales.</p> <p>Our engagement with targeted families has increased, Sustained contact is 4 or more contacts.</p> <p>As part of the working partnership children's centres can provide</p>	

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<p>representatives or packs for nursery Open Evenings.</p> <p>VJ questioned that as there are so many areas marked in green because we are meeting these targets, should we be concentrating on other areas ?</p> <p>The baseline figure from 2014 is not a true reflection of numbers of population is out of date.</p> <p>CAB informed us that our targets areas are coming up are coming up all the time with families coming through the doors of the Children's Centres.</p> <p>Children's Centres are part of social services toolkit for support in these areas. LD said that these same groups came into the CAB doors.</p> <p>There is little provision for mental health support, particularly children's mental health. CCs cannot always provide support as they are unskilled in all areas.</p> <p>SH gave feedback from the PMF (Performance Management Framework) from Mary Pettitt. Positive outcomes have been evidenced and an excellent partnership with Stonham.</p> <p>Discussion on obesity. Fitter Futures are coming into centres to run sessions. KG asked if we were signed up to the Free Fruit Scheme for nurseries and schools.</p> <p>Discussion on families with English as a second language.</p>	
<p>Centre Updates</p> <p>CCC (Clopton) - Supporting 15 families with 2 on a waiting list 1 CP (Child Protection) ! C I N (Child in Need) 3 CAFs (Common Assessment Framework)</p> <p>CJ shared timetable of their summer specials.</p> <p>The move from the Ken Kennett Centre to Tyler House has gone well but supports a very different group of families. Those attending from Ken Kennett have not returned after their first visit, possibly because it is too far to walk. A lot of families attending the new group have English as a second language. It is hoped Ken Kennett will re-open and CCC can provide a service there using the equipment on site. Perhaps a cooking group or music and movement as resources can be shared. CAB to do a drop-in at Tyler House on Thursday from 10.00 - 11.30</p>	

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ACC (Alcester) - Supporting 13 families

1 CP

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They now have 4 Early Years Family Workers (EYFW)

DS said that one mother experiencing severe mental health issues and intense work is going on with the family.

SH added that MARAC numbers were produced each month and that the PP were working with 11 out of the 21 families.

Counselling sessions are available at ACC

Summer specials will be extra to the usual sessions and have a theme based around children's books. They will also have a mini olympics.

DS will be leaving on 21st July and GL is new to the role. Thank you Debbie for all your hard work.

SCC - (Stratford)Supporting 17 families

2 CP

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One EYFS has been on long term sick leave but is now back.

Mental health issues particularly with new babies is the main focus of family support.

Counselling sessions are now three times a week.

The Cook Together group is on its 3rd cohort and has been very successful.

Jo Parvez's good practice has been shared with STCC so that they can run a group over the summer.

Summer timetable includes the core offer sessions

Issues with numbers at outreach groups. Rosebird is packed for clinic days but only has 3 - 6 families for Stay & Play. Stay & Play cannot continue if numbers are low. With new build housing going up around Stratford we need to tap into these numbers.

A clinic is run at Welford once a month funded by the PP. We are now halfway through this funding. Numbers are low at the moment but figures for registrations for this area are under our target. Welford families do not see why they need to register with the children's centre.

There is more competition in the Stratford area for families to go to.

There is an outdoor area at Rosebird that could be utilised to encourage families to come to Stay & Play.

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<p>Picnics in the park and buggy walks from Rosebird would be an idea to increase registrations. There is concern that parks/councils are now trying to charge for using parks for group activities.</p> <p>STCC (Studley) - supporting 17 families with 3 support workers</p> <p>The summer programme to include Cook Together and Transition to School workshops.</p> <p>Henley in Arden numbers are lower so a summer special will take place at Henley and one will take place in Earlswood for the first time.</p> <p>Lots of families attended the Queen's Birthday Celebration event at StCC.</p> <p>Friday is a very busy morning.</p>	
<p>Centre Charges</p> <p>We are having to change our culture of encouraging donations for courses and sessions so a more structured approach to donations will start in September. Parents have been informed and are mostly supportive of this.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding methods of fundraising.</p> <p>It was suggested that a separate meeting be organised for brainstorming fundraising ideas.</p>	<p>We need to be more creative as a project to fundraising & a separate meeting to be organised to discuss this.</p>
<p>Partner Service Update</p> <p>CAB - The Reach Out & Help project is ready to go with 3 staff. It has Lottery funding for 3 years. CAB will have a drop in at Tyler House and can bring interpreters for those with English as a second language.</p> <p>Polkadots Nursery - Polkadots have put in 2 bids for capital funding. One for Seedlings in Wellesbourne and one for Buntings on the Bishopton School site. Out of 74 bids both reached the shortlist of 15 and the bid for Seedlings has now reached the final 6. This does not guarantee that funding will be forthcoming. Nearly 100 children will be leaving the Polkadot group to start school in September so they are looking to increase their numbers.</p> <p>SH has done PREVENT training in Polkadots.</p> <p>The Forest School at Buntings will be used one day a week over the summer but SCC are welcome to use it too. It is hoped that SCC can advertise sessions to the parents attending Forest School.</p>	
<p>LD from CAB left the meeting at 11.15am</p>	
<p>Smart Start - Smart Start information is on it's website. Areas need to be developed collectively. Pages 4 - 5 of the booklet can be photocopied and made into a pdf to send out to parents. There is positive feedback re: Children's Centres. Significant savings need to be made. £60 million to be saved in the next County council budget. Less focus on designated children's</p>	

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<p>centres. Philosophy for moving forward 0 - 5 bring health visitors and children's centre services together. Ante natal is high on the agenda and South Warks is better served for ante natal care.</p> <p>2nd parent workshop to be held in Rugby next Tuesday 12th July. EJ will attend from the PP. There is also a full manager's meeting that day so a decision will be made as to who else should attend.</p>	
<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>KG asked if there was a possibility of one off workshops for Potty Training. NG responded that due to capacity and the fact that this was not in their performance target indicators the health visiting team were unable to provide this. KG informed that there were more children than ever before going into Reception class at school who are not toilet trained.</p> <p>Volunteering - KG informed that there is a lot of funding for science based activities. She herself is EYFS and science based.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 5th November 2016 at Studley Children's Centre</p>	<p>SH to speak to EJ re: fundraising meeting. TBA</p>