

Group Advisory Board

Venue: Arundel House
Date/Time: Wed 4th May 2016 12:30pm

Welcome & Apologies	Action
<p>MF welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies read out.</p> <p>MKE congratulated JB on his Ofsted result.</p>	
<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>MF - the gate leading to the carpark is owned by Stratford District Council and the license fee to open this must be paid by the landlord. This has been passed to the landlord and the Parenting Project have offered a contribution to the fee so that we can have it open in case of a fire.</p> <p>DA confirmed that they had been no more complaints re the heating in the Centre at Clinics.</p> <p>Amanda Startup from Southam Primary will email MKE after the Year 6 SATs about the starting school project.</p> <p>The last meeting minutes were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Children's Centre Update</p> <p>MKE shared Southam's Profile - the areas all show 'green' which means all targets are being met. Having the Clinics here at the Centre has increased the sustained contact figures too. The Centre is now getting more referrals through as the new Health Visitor has started.</p> <p>MKE ran through her detailed analysis of the figures that make-up the Profile. Copies of this were shared at the meeting and further copies can be emailed on request.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding increasing engagement and sustained engagement. MKE stated that there was no staff capacity to provide any more sessions or send staff into the toddler groups. GP suggested that we trained-up parent volunteers then they could go into the toddler groups. MKE explained that we have a Parent Mentor Programme at the Parenting Project. JB said</p>	<p>MKE to look into how to access the toddler groups</p>

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that he was happy to go into Napton Toddlers once a term to speak to parents. He is hoping to bring the toddler group back into the school once his new building project is complete. MF said that she could go as part of Tesco to offer healthy food sessions and take Children's Centre information and registration forms. GP suggested that an incentive was offered to the toddler groups e.g. mini training sessions to help them feel supported in some way and then they may be more willing for the Children's Centre to attend sessions. GP also suggested that it would be better if someone went into the toddler groups that was already known to them. MKE advised that she already offered training and support to the Early Years settings in the area through the Cluster meetings and would look at this for the toddler groups.

MKE is trying to have a greater focus on healthy lifestyles within Stay & Play and various activities have taken place. MF is also going into the Nurture Nursery to do some healthy eating activities. Change Makers from Rugby Borough Council will also be attending sessions over the summer.

The current programme was shared with members. MKE is hoping to get a group running every Friday during the summer holidays for young parents and their children, Nurture Nursery children and their parents and families who are receiving Family Support. This will be run by a creative practitioner.

MKE has been trying to get funds to develop the garden area into a sensory area. Unfortunately she was not eligible for the Tesco funding that MF suggested. MKE was offered a fund but had to match it with £4000, so this will not be taken up. MKE will be applying to the Heart of England now.

MKE is hoping to complete the Children's Centre SEF within the next 2 weeks.

The Parenting Project Smartstart bid was unsuccessful and MKE shared the feedback regarding this bid. However, Barnardos were successful and the Parenting Project may be involved in their project regarding Children's Centres.

Nurture Nursery

There are currently six children in the Nursery; one leaves at Whitsun and two in July. We have received three applications for September and one for January.

One to one support is now being provided for one child in the Nursery due to IDS funding.

The Nurture Nursery SEF has been sent to Ofsted today.

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<p>There are 19 open family support files and the referrals have increased due to the new Health Visitor.</p> <p>Little Acorns MJ gave out her report regarding this group. The group has reached seven target children, mainly by self-referral, and there are regular volunteers at each session. All children have made progress and the first term evaluations were all favourable.</p> <p>MJ stated that referral rates to the group were disappointingly slow but she has been in-touch with IDS again. JB suggested that word of mouth from existing parents will mean the group will grow, even if this is slow.</p> <p>MJ invited everyone to visit the group and handed around her folder with pictures from the first term.</p> <p>MJ informed the Board that there was a new support group in Warwick called Understanding Uniqueness which offer play sessions and coffee mornings for parents of autistic children and she would like to offer something similar here in Southam.</p> <p>MJ is hoping to undertake a Makaton training course that she can offer to parents and hopes to turn the group into a social enterprise later in the year.</p> <p>MJ thanked the support of Councillor John Appleton and the Parenting Project (especially Zoe and Manjit). MJ is very grateful to Councillor John Appleton for the funding she has received for the group.</p>	
<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) is now live and referrals need to be made to this team, rather than Children's Services.</p> <p>Adrian O, Education Safeguarding Manager is on extended leave and staff have been informed about who to contact in his absence.</p> <p>Safeguarding scenarios continue to be completed during staff meetings and staff continue to log concerns using the 'green forms'.</p>	
<p>Parent Feedback</p> <p>The session evaluations were shared with the Board. Copies were emailed out to members too. All were favourably.</p>	

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<p>Information Sharing</p> <p>SC - She will be starting a new job at Southam Clinic in June, but will continue to work at the Parenting Project in the afternoons.</p> <p>JB - he has a new building project and has some Cemex funding to help pay for this.</p> <p>GP - The NCT are at a bidding stage for funding for a project to train peer supporters to provide Post-natal depression and other mental health issues support. The NCT are also hoping to offer a sling library in partnership with the Health Visitors. Breastfeeding support is still provided at Southam weigh-in Clinics and the Bumps and Babies group is still continuing to support families.</p> <p>DA - the Health Visiting team are now fully staffed with Paddi and Gemma joining the team.</p>	
<p>Date of next meetings</p> <p>Wednesday 7th September 12:30 -2:30pm Wednesday 7th December 12:30 -2:30pm</p>	

Summary of Actions

Item	Action	To be actioned by
1.	Look into access to toddler groups	MKE
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