

Group Advisory Board

Venue: Lighthorne Heath Children's Centre

Date/Time: 25th January 2017

ITEM	ACTION
<p>Welcome/Introductions/Actions</p> <p>Manjit welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Apologies given and noted that several people had not replied to the invite.</p> <p>The previous meetings minutes were agreed and Rachel's name corrected</p> <p>Sarah has now left Parenting Project</p> <p>Children Centre managers have been rearranged and now manage two centres each</p> <p>Chris agreed to chair</p> <p>Children's Centre Data</p> <p>Data discussed. The population has been updated which shows slightly lower results. 100% registrations are an issue in rural areas due to distance to travel and boundaries. Vic J wanted to push for 100% registrations but accepted depleting funds make it harder to reach all families but if families are not registered they don't know what support is available.</p> <p>Parent suggested Health professionals could use centres for appointments. Working with Health makes a big difference to registrations as parents are already familiar with the building and what is on offer. Midwives have tight schedules and have to fit it as many appointments as possible which may restrict using centres. Evenings may be suitable but lone working needs to be considered maybe can double up when schools are open with other sessions and therefore other people around.</p> <p>Future issues include number of new houses being built, therefore increased families in area but also need to recognise more Mothers are returning to work than ever before.</p> <p>Children's Centre Group Update</p> <p>Need decision for future, valued staff are leaving and hard to recruit new staff because of uncertainty. Meeting to take place in February 2017 to set budgets, looking for re-design of services. Need to increase volunteers in centres</p> <p>Supported families have access to E Wheels to help with transport issues</p> <p>We have 6 parent mentors available and the closure form is being redesigned to help decide if referral may be suitable.</p> <p>Shipston are working alongside the food bank, who can identify families requiring extra support.</p>	

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<p>Parent asked if the centres could be used for external groups who could pay to hire a room and then we could use their attendance. These users then can see what is on offer. Need to consider staffing in centres and might put off poorer families.</p> <p>Starting to use Ecins.</p> <p>Henry programme is starting to be rolled out.</p> <p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Clinical supervision is available for all staff Staff have access to Health Matters MASH and LADO discussed</p> <p>Parent Feedback</p> <p>All sessions have evaluations which parents are requested to fill in. Previous positive comments could be used to help sell courses on Facebook etc. When parents fail to finish a course, we need to contact them to establish reason. Survey Monkey could be useful as it is private. Maybe offer incentive to fill in evaluation.</p> <p>Information Sharing</p> <p>Health is undergoing a re-design. Strategy board is looking at electric records. Henry programme, funded by Smart Start has begun with some groups struggling for numbers, this can effect EYFW who are tied up in the crèche. Rachel Wareham can be emailed for dates.</p> <p>Graham Lowther is looking at services for Dad’s, including ‘Dad’s in the womb’ and 1001 days</p>	
<p>Date for Next Meeting – Tuesday 25th April 2017 1pm at Wellesbourne Children’s Centre</p>	