

Group Advisory Board

Venue: Alcester Children's Centre
Date/Time: 9th May 2017 – 10:00am – 12.30pm

ITEM	ACTION
<p>Welcome/Introductions/Actions</p> <p>Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Apologies given and noted.</p> <p>The previous meetings minutes were agreed and Vic said that there was no more news regarding funding beyond March 2018. There is a Purdah Extension until after the General Election.</p> <p>Children's Centre Targets & Data</p> <p>CJ handed out our latest quarterly data report from Softsmart and explained what each category was and how we work within that category, how we can look behind each data category and what each colour coding represented. GL has written a report using our data collated by NG for Warwickshire County Council. We need to look at trends, what we can do about them, plus the quality of our groups. CJ talked about how our Evaluations forms have now been standardized so that all Centre's are using the same forms which will make it easier when compiling data. GL said that there were one or two Data short falls due to our Data being retrospective. There was more green, 1 or 2 red. Welford Clinic is very quiet, not sure if it's sustainable, not just a blip and perhaps concentrate on more disadvantage areas. CM asked how we identify target groups. Jo Farrand from the Over 5's asked if they can get data as it would be good to know.</p> <p>Children's Centre Group Update</p> <p>Clopton:- CJ said that there has been a change in staffing, Becky has moved to Stratford, Mary the new person has been doing training, Becky will continue to do Baby</p>	

Massage on her day off. They are now running 2 sessions of Chatter Matters & Baby Massage due to high demand. Tyler House outreach moved from Ken Kennett and is getting between 50-60 people per week. Family Support was quiet but picking up now. They have moved over to Ecins after a staged approach. As backdated files now also need to go onto Ecins CJ asked to close Centre's over the summer to be able to do this. They are doing some high level family support, CIN and breastfeeding support.

Stratford:-

NG said that Jo has left the organization and gone to work for Adult and Community Learning, Becky has moved Clopton, Baby Massage is very popular. The Rosebird clinic is a very busy clinic. REAL is starting in a few weeks. Baby Resus is well supported. The clinic at Stratford is very busy and Introducing Solid Foods will be tagged on at the end of the clinic. BabyPlay – lots of other agencies are coming in to support group. Physio is very popular hosted at the Centre. Cook Together, based on the "Change for Life" 6 weeks programme is very popular with very good feedback. The Midwife Clinic is slow, the figures are not good.

Emma the Counselling Coordinator now has 22 Counsellors across all the Centre's, is based at the Centre on Fridays, with a Nurturing Programme for 0-19 years, Anxiety workshop as well as running 3 sessions of Wellbeing per week. NG has attended a Loss & Bereavement course and feels that there is a lot we can do, she will be sharing it everyone.

Alcester:-

GL has been in discussion with health visitors and in recognition of the growth of Bidford, we are looking at developing a 'hub' at Bidford which would provide a more sustained approach to outreach than currently provided. A suitable venue to replace the existing venues may need to be found so that all services on one day a week can be delivered from that site. Family Support cases have currently dropped and GL has met with leads in Health and Stratford Children's Team to raise this issue and to look for new ways to ensure that referrals are forthcoming. REAL has been a commitment to services for 2-5 year olds in support of literacy and school readiness. It is also being delivered again in quarter 4. REAM (Maths) is being delivered at Alcester in June/July. The data for Alcester as a whole is improved for quarter 4. There are some exceptions in some SOAs such as Salford Priors and Dunnington. Work is now being developed to address this. A new Children and Families Network meeting has been set up to meet quarterly with a range of providers across the reach area. The first meeting was attended by some of the local providers. The next

meeting is on May 16th. Jane is no longer working at Alcester CC having transferred to the Counselling Team.

Studley:-

GL said that all regular groups and courses are going well. A new Children and Families Network meeting has been set up to meet quarterly with a range of providers across the reach area. The first meeting was supported by some of the local providers in February. The next meeting is on May 17th. Family Support cases have currently dropped and GL has met with leads in Health and Stratford Children's Team to raise this issue and to look for new ways to ensure that referrals are forthcoming. A very successful HENRY programme ran from Studley from 1st March 2017. This programme addresses health, food and lifestyle issues. A total of 9 attended. Unfortunately this programme has now been suspended for the moment. Studley and Henley are now closed on a Monday. The new Stay and Play group is now on a Wednesday morning at Henley alongside the Health Clinic. As well as providing this, we have 'handed over' the Monday group to the parents who wanted the group to continue and this is now supported by Henley Hub. The data for Studley in terms of registrations has dropped again during Quarter 4. There will be follow up on the new births directly with the health visitors at each Family Matters to see where the shortfall in registrations might be. REAL has been a commitment to services for 2-5 year olds in support of literacy and school readiness. It is also being delivered again in quarter 4. REAM (Maths) is being delivered at Studley in June/July. Alison is no longer working at Studley and Ailsa has transferred from Stratford to Studley.

Father Engagement

GL updated the Advisory Board on progress with the fathers' engagement. There have been a number of completed 'Dads in the Womb' questionnaires which contributed to 2 workshop presentations at the end of March and the creation of Fathers' Champions across the organisation. The workshops covered a range of issues from recent Fatherhood research, fears and prejudices, media images and masculinity and findings from Dads in the Womb questionnaires. Fathers would like greater access to the children's centres, free antenatal classes and opportunities to come together as dads. With this in mind, the concept of Dadweek has been created from 12-17th June (in the run up to Fathers' Day) so that each children's centre can provide some specific dad related activities. Further work to share findings and work with colleagues in Health and Social Care will be developed.

Reimagining Children's Centre:-

ES explained what her role was within the Parenting Project. A separate sheet will be sent out the minutes.

Stratford CAB:-

The name has been changed to Citizen's Advice, there is 2 bases, Stratford & Leamington covering 377 square miles with 1 Chief Executive, re-jigging some outreach. They have had some "Big Lottery Funding" and are going into the homes of the most vulnerable. The work load is very high since the introduction of Universal Credits and the 20% Council Tax, they are also getting more complex issues. She feels things are not going to get better in the short or long term.

Refuge:-

They have a single point of contact with the same telephone number and can be referred to by self or agencies. They are open 6 days a week Monday-Saturday. Their website has lot of information.

IRIS (Identification and Referral to Improve Safety) transfers from G.P.'s, hospitals and health professionals. Identification and referral of anxiety and depression to help improve safety. The referral data is very good. IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocates), offer the best possible support, client led, drop in. Group work when moving forward, but can't be referred into. Clients have to agree to work with them, RS read out their care structure. They don't work with perpetrators only victims. Once they get a referral they have to make contact within 24 hours. Refuges are not free there are associated costs, rent, gas, electricity etc. This helps them to manage their finances when they leave the Refuge. RD will send out Refuge models.

Stratford Children's Services:-

EF explained about MASH and the Duty Team in Leamington and how they deal with assessments, and how she is integrating into the team as she's only been with them for 2 weeks. She is based with Stratford Children's Team and it is hoped she will provide a link between the children's centres and the Stratford Children's Team. She will be spending sometime initially at Alcester and then provided opportunities to work from the other CCs. There will also be opportunities for EYFWs to spend some time at SCT if they are interested in a family support/social work career.

MINUTES



Date for Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th August – Stratford Children’s Centre – 10:00 am	
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