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South West Group Advisory Board
Venue: Studley Children's Centre
Date/Time: 8th August 2017 10:00am – 12.30pm

ITEM	ACTION
<p>Welcome/Introductions/Actions</p> <p>Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Apologies given and noted.</p> <p>Introductions</p> <p>Minutes from Last Meeting- NG proposed and MP seconded</p> <p>Children's Centre Targets & Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NG talked through the current Under 5s and Under 2s data for the group from the Profile data and explained to everyone the current position and the areas where the data still needs to be improved. Overall around 82% are accessing the children's centres.• We have submitted our Quarterly report (PQR) to Warwickshire County Council which evidences the data and captures the soft data around these figures. This was submitted to WCC on the 31st July.• Questions were raised by the group about the fact we are reaching over 80% and it was felt by the majority of the board that this was a great achievement. Jenny explained that the Smart Start research demonstrated that 20 % of people they spoke to did not access Children's Centres and they feel the new proposals will hopefully address these issues. The board acknowledged that they maybe people within this 20% who are vulnerable there are also potentially many who do not require the service as have extended family or the resources to access the services they need.	

- Ian said that we should be commended for reaching 82% and MP also said that in most organisations, an 82% reach was impressive. It is acknowledged that there are populations in some areas who will never access any public service and in some places people find services more difficult to access. It is always a 'driver' for children's centres to continue to find innovative ways to reach families.
- Jenny suggested that the work over the last 2 years with Smartstart had informed the consultation process as well as further knowledge over the consultation period which runs until 11th September)

Children's Centre Group Update

Timetable for summer specials were available on the website, Facebook and at each of the children's centres.

Clopton

In Caroline's absence, it was reported that the Summer Specials were well attended and that the programme was continuing to provide to families. The last quarter's data whilst disappointing in some areas was still in most cases well above the expected targets.

Stratford

Our program of Summer Specials has attracted a reasonable amount of families. The main time table remains the same over the summer. We are currently supporting 19 families and the majority of these are now recorded on our new electronic system ECINS.

Alcester

Since the last meeting the key addition to the programme has been 'Cook Together' which was run for the first time at Bidford and was well received. The planned Triple P group programme was cancelled due to expected parents not attending on the pre session and week 1. Referrals continue to be low so other ways to gain IRS forms will be pursued so that families in Alcester can receive additional support if required. We can now offer Baby Yoga and also have strengthened the speech and language training in

the team.

Studley

The team at Studley changed at the end of March with AG leaving and AB arriving. The programme, despite the change of staff, has remained constant. We are now able to offer Baby Yoga as well as more Baby Massage, having 2 staff trained in this work. We have also been offering more 1-1 Triple P and in September we will be offering group Triple P.

Father Engagement

Dadweek in June was varied across the Group with some CCs able to attract dads and others offering a welcome but not able to reach dads during this week. Further 'training sessions' were delivered by GL during Dadweek and this included health visitors, social workers, library staff and some of the Parenting Project who had not had the opportunity to date to attend the Dads in the Womb awareness sessions. Ongoing development of the Fathers Champions is taking place and GL is working with each champion on a 1-1 basis to see what local issues and programmes are relevant. There are also some proposed developments with Midwifery to deliver an antenatal course at Studley from the Autumn with the possibility of also offering dads an additional session at Alcester.

Children's Centre Consultation

- Much of the meeting was taken up with a discussion around the Children's Centre Consultation and questions were raised. It was very helpful having Jenny in attendance so that some of the concerns and frustrations could be aired and overall there was more clarity about the future provided.
- There was a discussion about the 'family hubs' and 'community hubs' proposals and Jenny explained that the 2 programmes were running in parallel. The proposal for Alcester did include a 'community hub' which would be based at Globe House in Alcester. The building currently houses a library and museum.
- Ian stated that he thought this building would not really be suitable as there wasn't much room to house a 'hub. Jenny explained the notion of 'community hubs' and said that the 3 proposed across the County would each demonstrate a

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different style of 'hub' with the one in Alcester built on 'community networks'. The detail of this 'proof of concept' was not explained further.

- For the 27 children's centres which may be 'closed' the notion of 'spokes' was discussed and 'outreach' from the 'hubs' would be built on shared access to community venues e.g. existing CC sites, church halls, community centres etc. This 'spoke' development would have an impact on Studley as this may become an outreach site from Alcester?
- Issues of transport and travel for families was not discussed in great detail but recognised by Jenny in terms of how far families would be willing to travel to access services.
- The current Children's Centre providers were initially informed by WCC that no services would be commissioned. This information changed during the consultation period and it now appears that services may be commissioned. This will be confirmed following the outcome of the consultation in October.

Stratford CAB

Marilyn provided a brief update on the CAB and with the roll out of Universal Credit, it was felt a workshop in the Autumn might be useful for parents.

Date for Next Meeting – 7th November – Stratford Children's Centre – 10:00 am