

Southam Children’s Centre Advisory Board Meeting

The Grange Hall

Wednesday 2nd May 2018

12:30 – 2:30pm

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| <p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> | |
| <p>Margo welcomed everybody, EJ notified board of Apologies and expressed Manjit’s sincere apologies for being unable to attend.</p> | |
| <p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes were agreed and signed off by Margo. | |
| <p>2. Centre Update:</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EJ will on behalf of MKE give the Centre update for the Parenting Project. She relayed to the board Manjit’s amazing effort at merging the closed Centre’s and setting up the new team at Lighthorne Heath Children & Family Centre (LHC&FC). There are now 3 Family Centres, LHC&FC, Stratford and Alcester and they will deliver to our outreach sites. This has been difficult for some staff members, others have embraced the change, which has been expected by the Parenting Project. We have been operating in a very insecure environment for some time. EJ emphasised to the board that everybody is committed to the changes and by the end of March 2019 a provider who has been successful in tendering for the New Model will be in place from 1st April 2019. PP hoping to tender. In the meantime our EYFW’s are to make a choice if they would like to be TUPED into the Parenting team, who are based in other Children & Family Centre localities. At present their centre base is at Saltisford, Warwick. There is already a new structure in place with Social Care and Social Workers working alongside each other. This is very much Children Services led. This model will work well with the families, it will link worker with family. Very early intervention with family and support is missing. JB concerned that this is in fact not already working. Early help will move into CIN. JB stated that it was reassuring that EJ had highlighted this. He felt that schools directly should be asked if this model is working. GP relayed that early help is a bit of a joke, it is not early enough and not helping those families in need. • JB stated that we understand where the model is going so need to readdress the previous model. MB agreed this was the way to go forward. MB has put word around “If you don’t use it you will lose it”. MB stated that Southam Town Council would be happy to host a meeting at The Grange Hall. County Councillors need to see the importance that Outreach is prioritised. PP would not be tendering if | |

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| <p>Outreach is not a priority. Our model and focus is all about Early Intervention and based on providing services and support during the 1001 critical days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB posed the question is it possible to plan ahead for the prospect of not achieving the tender. Should we be planning for worst case scenario to protect services in Southam? MB was in full agreement and agreed with JB that we should look at the business plans and possibly go independent. EJ @ PP could provide the costs etc. and have a model to be the start of a business plan that would be specific to Southam and local parishes. JB agreed that this was a sensible option and was depressed that the current model is not working and is fundamentally flawed. MB not an enthusiast for an independent model. Highlighted there had been problems with VASA. However, money is available so need to go grab it. MB and GP highlighted anti-social behaviour being a problem and MB perceived not enough police but the real problem is people are just not reporting crime. This is giving the message to perpetrators they will get away with their crime (EJ). Catherine Morgan was praised for her efforts in working with young people and building up the connections in the local community. Services are being cut so need to find funding elsewhere. Maybe the new housing developments. This needs to start now as will take more than a couple of months. EJ asked MB what the next step is. MB will speak with Debbie Carro as the right people are needed. Proposed that the next Town Council meeting could be the first step next meeting 24th May and MB will put on the agenda. GP posed, Do we need a Survey? She would be happy to do that on Social Media. JB questioned are we going to do the Early Years Model or more of a Family Model. This could be decided by local knowledge, possibility of a consultant to visit all the homes in Southam and pose these exact questions. Evidence needs to come from the ground. • The consultations conclusion was that parents needed services of Health Visitors and sessions like Stay and Play. Parents mainly only need these initially. GP stressed there should be more local services, be more responsive. They need to be more flexible and tailor to the need of the people. • MKE had provided EJ with a highlight of the Southam reach area profile. The final quarter between Jan – March 2018 was still under the previous monitoring system. All figures were in green, apart from the figures for the Under 5's with a first language apart from English. EJ praised MKE's efforts to keep figures high during the difficult period as the centre was closing. The smaller target groups had been more difficult to keep the figures in the green under the previous system of a least four contacts in that quarter. Overall data has been maintained. There is a pattern at all centres that lone parents go back to work more quickly and then do not register with PP. The contact with under 5's affected by disability is actually the figure of the children themselves and quite often it can take until the child is 5, or even 6-8 yrs. old before being diagnosed with a disability. Very few children are diagnosed at birth, more so as they are developing. • JB requested that if Southam were to become an independent group we will still need figures as a guidance. | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EJ showed new briefing note, interim data collection and reporting (19/04/18). Integrated relationship, all teams from Health, Midwifery and Disability services will be centred on the child. Joined up thinking approach. • There will be a new registration form soon for Families, PP have added an insert in the meantime. This will comply with Data protection guidelines. • PP will continue to record referrals. Many coming from our partners the Health Visitors. • PP will soon be using a new monitoring system that is based on the 5 Every Child Matters Outcomes. • There will be a Fun Day at 10-12pm on 30/05/18 at The Grange Hall. Flyers to be distributed. Will email out and post on FB. JB would like it to be emailed to the school and GP will hand out at the May Day Carnival as the NCT have a stall. A similar fun day will take place at LHF&CC on 04/06/18. Sadly not at Wellesbourne Library. PP have had to move everything out of the premises and we do not have the same access. EJ expressed her thanks to The Grange Hall for being so accommodating. MKE wanted to thank all the board for their continued support and all were in agreement to return thanks to MKE and MG expressed it to be documented what a good lady MKE is. | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">3. Safeguarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All PP Staff to undertake GDPR training as a new law is in place. • Staff have also been on Child Protection training this week and next week. | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">4. Parent Feedback – Evaluations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP are collecting feedback and Evaluations. MKE updated that the Centre needs to get in to the routine of collecting. Staff have tablets and parents can use a Google form, so parents have a quick way. • Numbers attending the sessions are down because of the move. PP are to host Open Days at the three new centres to raise awareness and emphasize that we are still open. Families to get back in to a routine after the Easter holidays. The move has impacted on that groove. Advisory board will be notified when we have dates for the Southam Open Day. • EJ advised the PP are looking into a bid with The Big Lottery. • EJ shared with the board that we have a Mental Health programme in place. • CAMS is now known as RISE • EJ explained we have Wellbeing for parents only at the moment but the Charity would very much like to work with children. PP are looking at a model to work with post graduate students who have qualifications in working with children. | |

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| <p>Emma T of our Wellbeing team is corresponding with a systemic dynamic therapist in London.</p> <p>** CH expressed apologies for having to leave. Wanted to clarify if the PP were sending an EYFW to the clinic @ Bishops Itching ton. First Clinic was held in our moving week but no help at the last one. Will it be just Stay and Play?</p> <p>JB talked some more about Southam a hybrid and tailoring more services to meet Southam’s needs. MB highlighted the need for more funding. If families need help from specialists they may have to travel further afield. More initial services locally.</p> | <p>EJ to speak with MKE</p> |
| <p>5. Information Sharing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EJ talked about Strong Start (a steering group). EJ is working with a retired, expertise in Early Years and Early Intervention. The purpose is to roll out in England with funding. Government to roll out alongside the manifesto. At present nothing has happened. Commissioning group is being set up, will be a long project, possibly a year. There was a meeting last week with Nadir Zahawi, Stratford MP who for the past 5 months has been the Minister for Children. GP suggested to be in touch with NCT. EJ informed the board that PP are applying for funding for PIP (Parent Infant Psychotherapy Project). The aim is to support parents at risk with poor attachment issues, such as care leavers who become young parents and mothers that have been traumatised. Normally mothers are identified in pregnancy or just after by their midwife. There is an umbrella organisation called PIP UK but they have frozen their funding and a new criteria is in place. This will be Warwickshire wide or possibly Coventry/Warwickshire wide. Low numbers of parents in need so will not be localized. PP need to know what the new criteria is and apply in September when the funding is available. JB posed the question to EJ, “Have you found today useful to PP”, and EJ confirmed it is. Now we need to concentrate on the Southam Outreach now. MG suggested we go on as we are and expressed it is an exciting future and an opportunity to not miss. MG thanked EJ. GP representing NCT talked about Jenny Bevan and the Parent voice. Informed the board that they are still having meetings on line, virtual. Highlighting the various services they see. Informed all that they and EL had attended the consultation. Very much trying to listen to the parent voice. | |
| <p>6. Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>4th July @ The Grange Hall</p> | |