SEND Local Area Partnership meeting - North

DATE: Tuesday 18th June 2019

TIME: 1-3pm

ADDRESS: Great Arley School, Thornton-Cleveleys

Present: Chair: Kathleen Freear – Designated Clinical Officer North

Peter Higham – Head teacher, Great Arley School (PH)

David Middleton – Senior Manager, LCC Inclusion Service (DM)

Marion Moore – Team Manager, CWD, LCC Inclusion Service (MM)

Emma Bonney – Parent Rep, Lancashire Parent Carer Forum (EB)

Katie Diver – Mainstream SENCO (KD)

Sam Parker – Engagement Officer, LCC (SP)

Lucy Ellis - Parent Rep, CYGNET (LE)

Michelle McCabe - P.A. to DCO - Minute Taker (MMc)

Agenda Item	Topic	Action
1.	Apologies Received: Gareth Jenkins Diane Booth Denise Lightly	
2.	 Replication of meetings in Lancaster: All in agreement to cancel meetings for July and August and then as of September to hold an LAP meeting every 6 weeks for both Lancaster and Fylde and Wyre respectively Lancaster – discussion as to venue – Lune Park/Westgate/schools for September onwards More chance of parent engagement in September as more parents will have notice EB/LE: Garstang – Garstang parents want local within Garstang area. Promotion of event to be looked at with SP/GJ. Adverts on Local Offer and social media. Half of families fall within north Lancs and the other half fall within central Lancs – DCO South comms EB stated mainstream schools do not promote events for parents at all on social media. Development needs to go into promotion of these engagement events with plenty of notice MM leaving post shortly to go into different role so will not be able to attend future LAP meetings planned 	ALL

3. Transitions

- MM: No representation currently due to staffing crisis in the North team currently. Discussion currently ongoing re? mental capacity – social workers involvement targeting children in care.
- EB: Concerns re service for transitions 0-19. In EB's opinion access needs to be from Year 9 onwards for adult services and pre-assessment - look into what a child needs over the next 4 years before adulthood. MM: Our system is different to others - time limited intervention and direct payments - work in progress currently re this.
- DM: Local Offer 'per' child process to be done before need. Bring all together. MyLife? Capacity limited. Planning after college required. LE: Pathway at certain stages would be beneficial. MM: For example Beaumont College access strongly agree it needs to change. DM: SENDOs looking at Year 9 onwards as to how this will fit together. Meeting tomorrow to discuss this along with specialist college panels. Splitting up of services between 3 for alternative provisions to address this.

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4. Parent engagement events and Lucy from Cygnet:

MyLife -

- SP: Replication of MyLife events being looked at in terms of funding and venues for the North and the East along with DB.
- JB/SP/EB: More advance notice for both parents and professionals required in order to ensure good attendance. The latest 5 week programme held at County Hall was very successful and was well attended by parents but wasn't as well attended by professionals.

Cygnet -

Lucy Ellis, Parent Rep from Cygnet explained her role. This is a programme which is licensed from Barnardos and provides information, training and demystifies jargon for families, clarifying expectations and improves understanding for families and professionals involved with Autism. Lucy holds sessions in the North separately for both parents and professionals. As part of a license agreement North Lancs CCG pays for the courses for professionals and for parents the sessions are free.

- Her work includes SEN Drop Ins at primary schools and children's centres to meet other parents and carers and share local information and advice.
- Works alongside the Children and Family Wellbeing Service with the keyworkers, going out on joint visits and attending TAF meetings to support families and signposts them to services.
- She is the parent rep for Lancashire North Autism pathways
- Chairs the local National Autistic Society branch
- Has set up weekly additional needs climbing wall sessions and soft play exclusive sessions at the local sports centre and is currently working with Ludus Dance in Lancaster to set up some groups for children with disabilities and their siblings
- She co-delivers AOK, the parent peer support group for children aged 0-8 with additional needs
- Lucy has set up 2 websites 1 is for additional needs support and the other is for universal services.

SP/DB/KF

LE/DM/KF

	Additional needs: http://www.northlancsdirectionsgroup.com Lancaster and Morecambe Early Help Network: http://www.LMEarlyHelpNetwork.org • ? parent rep for Blackpool discussed. ? Great arley to hold Cygnet sessions	PH/KF/LE
5.	 Neurodevelopmental pathway: Dr Laycock is currently off sick who is the dedicated consultant paediatrician for ND Pathway not diagnostic EB: Christine Russell planned for this pathway. Concerns that it is not currently fully operational. SALT currently stretched to the limit. EB and KF discussed re dedicated SALT in each area OT sensory assessments not across board. KF currently awaiting OT feedback re this. Cygnet to collaborate with ND pathway 	DL/KF
6.	Any other business: If there are any items that you would like to be discussed at the next meeting please contact Michelle McCabe at: michelle.mccabe@nhs.net	ALL
7.	Next Meeting: September date TBC for both F&W and Lancaster regions Venues TBC	