



Local Area Partnership Minutes

Date and Time	02.07.2019	
Venue	Lantern Centre, Vicarage Lane, Preston PR2 8DW	
Attendees		
Name	Job Title	Organisation
Anne Hardman	Designated Clinical Officer	LCFT
Tim Grose	Locality Manager, Children & Families Wellbeing Service	LCC
Shamaila Iqbal	Primary Mental Health Worker	LCFT
Laura Friar	Team Manager, Children With Disabilities Team South	LCC
Claire Fox	Early Help Partnership Officer	LCC

1.	<p>Introduction and Roles</p> <p>Apologies received from Kirsteen Walmsley and Rachel Kay.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting and Action Matrix:</p> <p>All outstanding actions now completed.</p> <p>Minutes from the last meeting to be amended – page 2, to now read:</p>



	<p>However parents are choosing to attend standard parenting courses rather than diagnosis specific ones.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Local Issue briefings:</p> <p>Early Help Officers role introduced, 6 new positions based across Lancashire. Working to change culture around early help offers, to have a role between services with the posts to commence at the end of July.</p> <p>Anne outlined the meetings DCO service have attended to share what services are up to and collaborative working/networking. Alex Stokes to be invited to future meetings from complex needs team/LD service.</p> <p>Laura updated the previous problem raised with agency care, still only two or three agencies which currently offer a small hours care contracts. Anne to pass this to Sam Jones for parents/carers forum to ascertain if issue is across the area or specifically West Lancs.</p> <p>Social care issues discussed, all children within Laura's team have severe disabilities, therefore they are unable to access Early Help however some of the children receive small packages of support. Questioned if the low level packages, could be managed through EHCP process which wouldn't require an allocated social worker. Social workers are allocated children even on low level as they require support, Laura's team have one family support worker at present who has small low level cases on caseload. CAMHS no longer accepting referrals for children with complex needs/support with sleeping and parenting. Laura's team offer something similar to CAMHS through family support workers, 80 cases at low level direct payment package, rest are complex needs with numerous professionals involved of which there are over 200 cases.</p> <p>CWD team are seeing increasing numbers of level 4 children, and are currently completing a scoping exercise regarding this increase. Increasing numbers of pre-teens whose parents are struggling to keep the child within family home, child will often be assessed as 2:1 at school or community, but are then at home with single parent, struggling to maintain this. Looking at how to change things with the current 7,</p>



8 and 9 year olds who will be in a similar situation in a few years and aim to keep them at home.

Parents have issues with social care agencies, consistency and reliability of staff, different shift times, and strangers in the house all of this impacts on families, standard agencies used who are on the preferred provider list. Short term break strategy, only one agency available to provide overnight respite in the South area which is within a residential home.

Five extra social workers recruited into the team South CWD reducing caseloads, currently twenty cases for each social worker. Criteria for referral is a severe LD and assessment by educational psychologist. Aim is to skill up mainstream for complex cases and to run direct package, PMLD or complex health conditions, unmet social care needs and parents requiring a package of support for assistance with parenting, reviewing criteria currently. Looking at multi agency training – what to do at early help level for mainstream social care.

SI informed meeting of the Team Life programme from Key Youth Charity and National Autistic Charity offers a free course covering transitions into high school, parenting workshops, work books, no ASD diagnosis required and no child engagement required. Referral form available for direct referrals onto the course and on CAMHS directory. LF to add this information onto the weekly brief which is distributed to all teams within social care.

Anxiety and school refusal raised as issues from DCO service, issues compounded over last 5/6 years. Large part of work continues on EHCP's, training packages are available for what good health looks like and the DCO's are regularly providing training to teams. Social care are now attending county moderating panel with good feedback from parents, social care assessment offered if there are unmet needs, identify these at panel and then make contact with parent post panel. These are mainly mainstream cases with most parents saying no but will consider in future, discussions with parents to offer advice for EHCP. DCO to work with SENDO's when plan writing to ensure health advice is included and guidance for health professionals is available.



4.

Project Work

Transition surveys discussed, parental and education survey available and amendments have been made since last meeting. Social care have transition team currently although this is under review due to changes in Deprivation of Liberty and court of protection legislation relating to children, transition starts at age fourteen and a first visit for children transitioning into adult services starts at sixteen and a half.

Pass surveys back to education and Diane Booth for workshops and working group.

CAMHS suggestion to add in joint visit for the child transitioning.

CFWB service do not assist with specifically SEND transitions. Some SEND groups are held for children 11-16 yrs. at the zone, South Ribble, on a Friday afternoon after school, meeting level 2 need of families who have been identified through case work, child with additional needs, group supports social skills of children, confidence building and socialising outside of mainstream schools. Open invitation given to parents/families to attend.

Future project opportunities

AH would like to raise awareness of SEND, mainstream services are still lacking awareness of SEND, what reasonable adjustments can be made/expected, scope how much services know about SEND.

What training is available for staff in the community with children and SEND?

CAMHS offer generic training for school staff and a digital thrive offer is available on healthier minds website along with signposting people to other services. CAMHS also offer awareness sessions for schools. Richard Slinger (Clinical Psychologist) based at Lancaster University also offers training for ASD and ADHD for schools. ADHD training is currently offered by Greater Preston CAMHS. AH to ask Sam Jones to see if parent carer forum feel that this is required. Neurodevelopmental pathway changes are expected involving a wider reaching organisation of services which should resolve some awareness issues.



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Future dates and venues

Future venues offered - Duke Street and Highfield neighbourhood centres highlighted as Chorley venues, Ribbleton /Preston East Children's Centre, Burscough CC and The Grove all suggested. Special school offer of hosting from Mayfield. Tim to contact Catherine Howson re offer of dates and venues for future meetings. Mid to late September for next meeting and all agreed meeting change to Tuesday afternoons depending on room availability.

Different parent to be invited for each meeting from the parent carer forum, Sam Jones to action this. Shamaila to ask at Sir Tom Finney for child representation, Mainstream social care rep to be invited.



Action Matrix

Date Discussed	Agenda Item	Action	Action to be taken by	Completion Date.
02/07/19	3	AH to invited Alex Stokes to future meetings	AH	Oct meeting
02/07/19	3	AH to discuss with Sam Jones issues with West Lancs care packages/agencies. Sam to take to Parent Carer Forum	AH/SJ	Oct meeting
02/07/19	4	AH to speak to Sam Jones regarding training and SEND awareness. Parent Carer Forum feedback welcomed for this issue.	AH/SJ	Oct meeting
02/07/19	4	CH to arrange future meeting dates and venues and circulate as soon as possible	CH	ASAP
02/07/19	4	SJ to ask different parent to represent Parent Carer Forum at forthcoming meetings	SJ	Ongoing
02/07/19	4	SI to seek young person representative for future meetings possibly through Sir Tom Finney School	SI	Ongoing
02/07/19	4	AH to extend invite to mainstream social care representative for future meetings.	AH	Oct Meeting