**SEND Local Area Partnership meeting - North**

**DATE:** Tuesday 30th April 2019  
**TIME:** 1-3pm  
**ADDRESS:** Great Arley School, Thornton-Cleveleys

**Present:** Chair: Kathleen Freear – Designated Clinical Officer North  
Diane Booth - SEND Senior Manager Lancashire  
Peter Higham – Head teacher, Great Arley School  
Andrea Sandiford – Senior Manager, LCC Inclusion Service  
David Middleton, Senior Manager, LCC Inclusion Service  
Alison May, Children and Maternity Commissioner, Morecambe Bay CCG  
Emma Bonney – Lancashire Parent Carer Forum  
Katie Diver – Mainstream SENCO  
Gareth Jenkins, SEND Partnership

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| 1. | Apologies Received:  
Jan Burrows  
Marion Moore |
| 2. | Welcome, Introductions and General Discussion  
- AS stated there is a big gap in F&W area that is not replicated. Equity - We need to look at what is in the North area  
- AS - Footprint explained for KF. SEND working smarter (Fleetwood) - massive gap around SEND and LD. GJ mentioned re Fleetwood event around SEND improvement to be held on 1.5.19. Grey areas and holiday provision to plug.  
- KF – BAMBOO coffee and cake event held. PH – big gap in provision in Garstang/Thornton. Work to be done on mapping these. EB mentioned there will be parent issues – C&C event x 2 parents (St Annes?) KF&EB discussed sub-groups – Blackpool Tiggers (F&W). Informed all of Facebook ‘Wyre and Fylde Parents/Carers’ group which has 1,000 parents joined  
- KF discussed transfer of individuals who are attending. EB - There is a course at County Hall to get other participants in the near future planned. 5 Fylde and Wyre parents are attending ‘Participation for Life’ training. DB mentioned there is a parent in Lancaster  
- GJ discussed MyLife with the group- Caroline Tomlinson is the creator and chair of this  
- AS – Unheard parent voice – DB suggested KF approach participants from the past engagement events. Look at listening in a different way and working together. EB and all discussed about how far we have come since the 1970s re Autism  
- Re Replication or alternate meetings discussion- |

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Replicate meetings across areas. DM - KF to ask all heads. KF - All discussed with are keen to participate. It has to be easily accessible. Morecambe Bay Primary, for example are keen for an LAP meeting to be held there. Lune Park? Alternate months? EB - once a month is too much.

- **Coffee and Cake** – GJ stated summer events planned for mid-late June–DB suggested having another before this time. Discussion re where we are best holding these. White Cross, Lancaster – 25/30 people. Fleetwood - in AM. Schools – 9:30am would be more attended in appropriate place. To promote these across all areas. AS: Pear Tree? EB: it is felt from parents that they have little to do with the school. PH: Parents are well engaged in certain events. Some events not so much. DB – after school club in Cleveleys for parents and children. EB – swimming. PH - Schools to help capture engagement. Places of these meetings discussed: –
  - St Annes – Childrens Centre?
  - Lune Park, Lancaster?
  - Fleetwood - Zone?
  - Garstang – Garstang High?
  - 1-3 and 5-7pm for times suggested from both EB and GJ.
- AS stated parents awareness is key. CAMHS CASTER service (John Stainton) have drop in services. These are held at Fleetwood, The Grange and drop in at Blackpool Victoria Hospital at weekends
- DB – Links in the Local Offer to these with regards to access of services
- KF – Links – Lucy Ellis at Cygnet for training to attend next LAP meeting

3. **Representation of Young People:**
- PH – POWAR – GJ: How can they support – come into schools? Council meetings?
- KD – to work with schools re information gathering
- GJ – transitions – hopes and expectations
- DM – people who have gone through it – small groups that don’t go to council meetings – engage these small groups
- AM – feedback from these events required. DB: to go out with minutes

4. **New ASD and Neurodevelopmental pathway:**
- Denise Lightly to outline the pathway to all at next meeting. Parent friendly – to go out with April meeting’s minutes.
- EB – leaflets/information and awareness and the referral for ND process to be massively improved upon
- Changes in the pathway. Communication with consultants. Leaflet explaining what the pathway is. EB speak to parents regarding the right questions to ask and the early stages of referral process.
- DB – clarification of who can refer e.g. school or GP – EB touched upon the fact that not every school will agree to do this
- KF – member of healthcare (e.g. SALT) attending the panel
- AS – training of what is needed for referral. DB – DL to look at who is best to refer. EB – avoid GP route
### 5. North transitions service:
- DM – Sally Richardson and Charlotte Hammond discussing this. Can’t do all functions in the North due to being shortage of staff and sickness currently
- DB – event in June – across ICS. Transitions strategy which includes all 4 authorities, more on ‘preparing for adulthood’.
- Working together 1. Bids, 2. All similar problems
- AS – this is really important why has this worked well – learn from these
- GJ – POWAR Tuesday PM
- DM – Year 11 transition – where from there? Some work has been done on Cheshire East – what could we learn from this model.
- Work on mapping pathways required – DM and PH?

### 6. Autism access to Children’s With Disabilities team:
- DM – Clarity required re accessing services and entitlements – payments without the CWD team – what do they give you? The CWD team is a small team who are easily swamped with requests. It is not 100% clear on the eligibility – this is to be looked at.
- EB discussed concerns that there is an academic divide which is unfair at present. There are access issues regarding who to speak to.
- AS – routes clarification – other service to GAP? – New Pathway?
- DM – what else is available so they are not left alone? EB – not specialist enough and therefore they are not meeting their needs
- EB – the general feeling from parents is that they don’t ‘tick boxes’ so therefore cannot access services
- DM – Fiona Harris-Hilton at CWD team is looking at clarifying pathways about judgement – which service?

### 7. Any other business:
Nil

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

### 8. Next Meeting:
Tuesday 21st May 2019
1-3pm
Great Arley School