



Southern Area Children's Services Planning

Wraparound/ CSP Working Group on Needs of Disabled Children and Young People

Notes of a meeting held on Wednesday 3 December 2008 at 10.30 am in the Boardroom, Southern Health and Social Services Board Headquarters.

Present

Dr Bríd Farrell, Convenor, Southern Health & Social Services Board (SHSSB)

Ms Anne Ross, SHSCT

Ms Geraldine Maguire, SHSCT

Ms Kate Courtenay, SHSCT

Mr Kieran McShane, SHSCT

Ms Laura Fagan, Young Persons Advocacy Worker, (DCYPPP)

Ms Liz Osborne Sargent Cancer Care for Children/CLICK,

Ms Marie Summerville, Parents' Council

Ms Mary Duffin, Parents' Council

Ms Rosaleen Dempsey, RNIB

Ms Rosemary Murray, Barnardo's Disabled Children & Young People Participation Project (DCYPPP)

Mr Sam Gibson, Young Person, Sixth Sense

Ms Teresa Stewart, Young Person, Sixth Sense

Ms Ursula Nugent, Barnardo's

Ms Ann Godfrey, Children's Services Planning (CSP)

Apologies

Mr David Petticrew, SHSCT

Mr Liam Burns, MENCAP

Ms Marian Cully, SHSCT

Mr Maurice Leeson, Barnardo's

Not Present

Ms Barbara Bell, SHSCT

Ms Noreen McComiskey, SHSCT

Ms Patricia Blackburn, Southern Health & Social Services Board, representing Allied Health Professionals

Mr Peadar White, SHSCT

Item	Notes	Action
Introduction and Apologies.	-Apologies as above.	
Notes of the meeting on 24 September 2008	The minutes were agreed	
Matters Arising	<p>1 Transition</p> <p>Dr Brid Farrell asked the Trust representatives present for an update on the Transition Working Group. Kate Courtenay noted that Gillian Douglas is to be the education representative on this group and that the Trust transition workers are currently working with their educational colleagues. Kate Courtenay also noted that a database is being set up regarding children in special schools. Dr Farrell asked for information on the added value of this database beyond module five. Kate Courtenay said that she thought the database would be able to record the destinations of disabled young people as they move into adult services.</p> <p>Kieran McShane noted that the SHSSB and SHSCT are working together on transition regarding autism in relation to supporting staff working from a 0-25 age group. Mary Duffin noted that this relates to the piece of work done by Lord Maginnis. There was discussion on the merits of a cradle to grave service and reservations were expressed but Kieran McShane noted the need to remember that transition is a system that should start at age zero in order to prepare services to address the needs of children at different age ranges.</p> <p>Dr Farrell noted that the Children and Young People's Committee had discussed the transition issue at its last meeting on 2 December and had asked for a presentation on transition at the next CYPC in March. She noted that there is an expectation that the transition working group will be up and running by then.</p> <p>Geraldine Maguire noted that the Trust will have set this group up by then and would be happy to provide the presentation for the CYPC.</p>	

	<p>2 Assistive Technology Geraldine Maguire will ensure that the speech and language manager at Musgrave Park will visit Sixth Sense. Mary Duffin also noted that a speech and language expert from England is coming over in the new year.</p> <p>3 Communication Brid Farrell circulated an email from final year students at Queen's University, Belfast, who are wishing to work on the communication barriers between teachers and parents of special needs students. It was agreed that the Parent's Council will contact the Queen's University students in relation to this.</p> <p>ACTION: Mary Duffin</p>	<p>Mary Duffin</p>
<p>Update of Outcome on Family Support Funding</p>	<p>The detailed feedback on the allocations of family support and parent education and support funding was provided. It was agreed that the Women and Family Health Initiative would be asked to link to the Wraparound Stakeholder Forum and this has been included in the contract for the Women and Family Health Initiative. It was also noted that the Trust Community Nursing Team is working with the Parent's Council in relation to their funded project. In general it was noted that the funds had been used well and spread wisely across a wide range of agencies in the southern area relating to children and young people with disabilities and it was also welcomed that a higher proportion of the funding had gone to children and parents regarding disabled than had previously been envisaged.</p>	
<p>Feedback from Wraparound Stakeholder Forum</p>	<p>Mary Duffin feedback that the parents had noted that there were less staff from the Trust present than previously for the second time. Geraldine Maguire noted that there were 10-12 people from the Trust present. Rosemary Murray said that from the young people's perspective they are hoping that there will be the same commitment from the Trust as previously. Mary Duffin noted that there is a better working relationship with the Trust now, but was concerned about less people coming to the Wraparound Stakeholder Forum. Geraldine Maguire noted that at the last time the Trust had tried to have a representative from each area but did not open up an</p>	

	<p>invitation to all staff as previously and she suggested that the Trust would go back to opening out the invitation to staff widely and hoped that this would enable more staff to attend the Stakeholder Forum in the future. It was also noted that at the last Stakeholder Forum Colm Donaghy, as the Chief Executive of the Trust, has given a very strong commitment in working with the Wraparound ethos. Geraldine Maguire suggested that the Trust should provide an update at the Wraparound Forum and this was agreed</p> <p>ACTION: Geraldine Maguire</p> <p>Mary Duffin feedback from the meeting in England which showed that partnership working here in the Southern Area with parents and young people is ahead of practice that she had heard about in England. Kate Courtenay noted that it would be better if the Stakeholder Forum was not on a Friday, this was agreed. There was also feedback on the future of the Board and the CSP Wraparound Forum and that both Children’s Services Planning and Wraparound will still exist under the new regional Board arrangements.</p> <p>Ann Godfrey feed in information on the proposals for the strengthening of Children’s Services Planning which if accepted will mean that the process is strengthened by a joint statutory duty across agencies to cooperate.</p>	<p>Geraldine Maguire</p>
<p>Taking Forward the Emotional Well-Being Theme</p>	<p>Geraldine Maguire noted that emotional well-being was a big issue for the young people and Rosemary Murray noted that the causes of emotional well-being are what is needing to be addressed. A reference was made to the pamphlet “Mind Your Head”. Dr Farrell noted that there are generic messages in this pamphlet that are relevant to staff, parents and young people. Rosemary Murray talked about the limitations that lead to mental health problems for young people with disabilities. Teresa Stewart noted that there will be a post within CAMHS regarding prevention of mental health issues for disabled children and young people including facilitating mentoring schemes. Rosemary Murray noted that disabled young people want the same things as other young people, they want to go to whatever activities they are interested in</p>	

	<p>and that the lack of these opportunities leads to depression and mental health problems. Maria Somerville totally agreed and said that young people going to the activities that they are interested in is respite for parents in addition. Rosemary Murray noted the value of a support worker to enable the young person to go out and become part of their community. Mary Duffin agreed and noted the need for parents to let go. It was agreed that direct payments was very important and that they need to be developed as the young people need them. Brid Farrell concluded this item by saying that work needed to be done on</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. looking after the mental health and well-being of young disabled people 2. how we ensure particularly that the practical support that is needed for young people to fully engage in the lives that they wish needs to be available 3. direct payments are important in achieving 2 above <p>Rosemary Murray noted that the young people have feed in to a BBC Children in Need discussion and are assisting Children in Need to ring fence funding for young people to have access to fun activities. Brid Farrell reminded the group that item 1 of the Wraparound manifesto addressed this and noted that this has not yet been achieved but that we are working on it. Liz Osborne noted that CLIC can offer support in this area.</p>	
<p>Planning next Stakeholder Forum</p>	<p>It was agreed the next Stakeholder Forum will be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. on emotional support for children and young people with disabilities 2. examples for participation/mentoring <p>It was agreed that a small planning group would need to plan the next meeting and that the date of the next Wraparound Stakeholder Forum will be 25 March, hopefully with an Armagh venue</p> <p>ACTION: Brid Farrell to secure finalised venue</p>	<p>Brid Farrell</p>
<p>10 The legacy of Wraparound/CSP Working</p>	<p>It was again noted that Children's Services Planning and Wraparound will be in existence after 1st April 2009. Brid Farrell suggested a newsletter to describe what has been achieved since the start of</p>	

	<p>Wraparound in 2001, this was agreed. Items for the newsletter will be discussed at the small meeting which will be set up to discuss the next Wraparound Stakeholder Forum.</p>	
Any Other Business	<p>The Hospice at Home DVD was viewed and it was agreed that the DVD was an excellent way of demonstrating the value of hospice at home and participation</p>	
Date of Next Meetings	<p>The Sub-group for the newsletter and planning the next Stakeholder Forum will take place on 14 January at 2pm and members of the working group are invited to self nominate themselves to this. ACTION: Gillian Clarke to book venue</p> <p>The next Wraparound Stakeholder Forum will be on 25 March 2009</p> <p>The next meeting of this group will be on 11 February the pre-meeting will be at 9.30am in Milford Conference Room, SHSSB and the full meeting at 10.30am in Grange Conference Room</p>	Gillian Clarke

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