Brighton and Hove Children’s Hearing Services Working Group (CHSWG)



 

**Meeting 30th January 2020**

**10am - 12noon**

**Venue: Hollingbury Learning Centre, County Oak Avenue, Brighton, BN1 8DJ**

**Present-** Chair-Naomi Austin; Alison Davies; Ange Ward; Emma Gupta; Ruth Loska; Jo Wanmer-NDCS; Sul Regan.

**Apologies-** Rob Low, Rachel Bowman, Anna Jenkins, Janine Blundell, Katy Liriano

* Apologies
* Matters arising from previous minutes
* Service updates
* Feedback from parents reps
* AOB

**Service Updates:**

Naomi Austin – (BSUH Audiology)

Starting on a Phonak pilot to fit Marvel hearing aids. Issues been discussed with radio aid receivers and have had a meeting with Phonak to address this. Phonak intend on rolling out the hearing aids nationally in May. The issues with tamper proofing the hearing aids for toddlers are being discussed with Phonak.

cCMV-pathways working well for all departments involved and looking to liaise with other audiology services. Looking to implement a direct booking following the NHSP to speed up diagnosis and therefore access to appropriate treatment.

ENT-extra clinics being done to reduce waiting lists.

Sul Regan – (SNS)

Bevendean Hearing Support Facility- interviewing for a TA. Currently they have 2 children with tracheostomies and 2 BSL users. Discussing the impact of BSUH fitting the new hearing aids.

Ruth Loska - (NHSP Screening Lead)

Staffing levels are stable. Screeners are looking to do CPD and attend targeted NHSP audiology follow up appointments. Ruth is doing a 50/50 job split with her skills between NHSP and midwifery.

Emma Gupta – (Paediatrician)

Official hand over is April 2020. Aetiology hours will be 3 days/month for Brighton/Hove and Mid Sussex children. Emma also works at Crawley CDC and does LAC assessments.

Ange Ward - (Sussex Community Audiology)

Vanessa Sharp has left and Rachel Bowman is now the service lead.

We are advertising for a Band 7 Audiologist part-time or fulltime.

Alison Davies - (Parent Reps)

Website update-have used PACC (Parent and Carer Council) money to obtain a domain name.

Parents ‘Whats App’ group has approx. 50 participants.

Anna is on the PACC employability sub group and was asking what is available from SNT for the 14-25yr.

AOB

CHSWG Update Report- discussed our accountability and ‘terms of reference’ which was updated 2 years ago but will need to be looked at again to include PACC and the website.

Discussed how information sharing and how things were escalated to the decision makers and commissioners. Should minutes be shared with commissioners, ‘health and wellbeing’ board?

Future meetings- ? Invite council member. If members can’t attend would it be good to ask them to send a report/feedback from their team.

Implement doing an Annual Report (Jo from NDCS said she will look for a template) which can reflect on previous 12 months and our focus for the next 12 months.

Agreed that the focus for the CHSWG in the next 12 months campaigning to get BSUH Audiology moved to the Royal Alex Children’s Hospital -Sul has offered to draft a letter highlighting the impact on the children and families. Position statement written form PACC.

The frequency of the meetings was discussed. It was agreed that 4 meetings a year is ideal (i.e. 3 monthly) to allow for guest speakers and still have enough sessions to discuss all topics. Also consider alternating between Tuesday and Thursday to enable everyone to be able to attend.

**Next meeting scheduled for 31st March 2020 at 10am – 12pm**

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