

CWDL Partnership Forum MINUTES

Wednesday 9 March 2010 – 6.30pm

York House, Twickenham

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Apologies & Introductions	
	<p>Apologies: Sue Ritson, Cllr Howard; Stella Mabb; Mary Mullix; Stewart Jones</p> <p>Attendees: Colin Herrick, SEN Project Manager; Tony Bower, Parent Rep (special needs); Rachel Turner (on behalf of Sue Ritson) Cllr Eady. Cllr Howard, Becky Powell, Michelle Williams, Mark Gilbert, John Doherty, Simon Evans, Anna Sergi, Jan Tellick, Keith Tysoe, Geraldine Herage; Paul Leonard.</p> <p>Welcome to Michelle Williams</p>	
2.	Minutes of the last meeting & Matters Arising	
	<p>Minutes of the last meeting agreed and signed.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u> Aiming High: Draft Policy – Becky Powell (BP) is working on publishing this currently it is with the legal section to double check.</p>	
3.	SEN Update and Primary/Secondary Consultation	
	<p>Geraldine Herage (GH) updated the group on this item.</p> <p>The consultations closed in February 2010. Phase 1: Overview and Scrutiny agreed to go forward and re-designate Darrell School and to reduce numbers at Russell School and Oldfield House to be developed with enhanced primary facilities and Jigsaw increased five days am & pm.</p> <p>Phase 2: Stanley Infant and Junior – rebuild Autistic Spectrum to be increased in 2011 development plan. No changes for Buckingham and Heathfield. St Mary's to meet the increase in need dependant on the data presented.</p> <p>Launch of Secondary proposal and this is more radical as low base of consultation at the moment – end of March deadline.</p> <p>The aim is to; give parents more choice, encourage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbours and partnership working and in the long term • re-build Strathmore and Clarendon schools 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase regional support. <p>This is the most radical change this authority has chosen</p> <p>The group asked questions of GH on consultation category and how they could further help. Concerns were raised by some members and GH asked for these to be raised as part of the consultation process.</p>	
4.	Aiming High	
	<p>Becky Powell, (BP) updated the group on Aiming High” Delivery Plan and progress made she also a circulated “Aiming High for Disabled Children (AHDC) achievement report and NHS “Children and Young People with Disabilities, Complex and Palliative Care” statement.</p> <p>BP highlighted the achievements to date and remaining challenges.</p> <p>BP explained the Small Grants Scheme that is available and the process for accessing this under Transition Support Programme.</p> <p>Aiming High shortbreaks group is running well and there is literature available at this meeting for people to take e.g. “Aiming High Short breaks newsletter Issue 1”</p> <p>GH expressed concern regarding the availability of the grant money in the future. She further explained the legal process for tendering emphasising that parents will see a difference in the long term (12 – 18 months)</p> <p>BP’s post will be funded to Sept 2010. Money will be diverted to parent’s small grant (£500) for short breaks or a service. The voluntary sector partners e.g. Three wings trust are engaged in working with the council in this area.</p> <p>Joint Children’s Commissioner has been recruited now.</p> <p>Cllr Eady emphasised the positive role this post will have in the future and an improvement in areas such as Speech and Language. A Cabinet paper by Nick Whitfield, Director of CSC will be presented detailing how the PCT and the council will work together.</p>	
5.	Update & Feedback from Richmond Parents Carers Action Group	
	<p>RPCAG feedback on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership – this seems to have reached a plateau and will be reviewed. • Planned 19 March pm Popes Grotto session <p>GH noted that the half-term event in February went well.</p>	

	<p>Mark Gilbert (Three Wings Trust) emphasised that it was important for PAG to remain a vibrant group which has potential to generate income. It was stated that it is important for all organisations in the voluntary sector to support each other.</p> <p>It was recognised that the group had just developed and now needs a more structured approach and it is planned in April to map out future work. Me too and co will help with hosting the event and support PAG however, it does rely on volunteers and so is limited in capacity where development work is concerned.</p>	
6.	Any Other Business	
	<p>There was a discussion on the Consultation document regarding Physically Challenged Children and out of borough placements. GH responded that there is a need to look at a holistic approach and review special provision. Keith Tysoe also mentioned the effect of the Lamb enquiry with a need to discuss this further.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 8.30pm</p>	
7.	Date of Next Meetings	
	Tuesday 20 July 2010, York House, Twickenham	
	Signed	
	Date	