

CWDL Partnership Forum MINUTES

Wednesday 11 November 2009 – 6.30pm

York House, Twickenham

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Apologies & Introductions	
	<p>Apologies: Sue Ritson, Cllr Piers Allen; Geraldine Herage; Rachel Robinson; Paul Leonard; Caroline Grozaid</p> <p>Attendees: Stewart Jones, Cllr Eady. Cllr Howard, Becky Powell, Michelle Williams, Mark Gilbert, John Doherty, Simon Evans, Anna Sergi, Jan Tellick.</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> None</p>	
3.	SEN Update	
	<p>Stewart Jones (SJ) on behalf of Geraldine Herage (GH) updated the meeting on the process of consultations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary consultation 13 December 2009 • Secondary consultation in the New Year. GH is still in negotiations with Head teachers • Overview and Scrutiny Committee 24 January <p>Implementation will be phased. When the report is on website CWDL members will be notified</p>	
4.	Aiming High	
	<p>Becky Powell, (BP) updated the group on the “Aiming High” Communication Strategy and Delivery Plan and circulated “Aiming High for Disabled Children (AHDC) update report.</p> <p>BP highlighted the achievements to date and remaining challenges.</p> <p>Relevant parties were consulted over the proposals document and their views requested.</p> <p>Parents Action Group (PAG) to publish article in newsletter regarding this area.</p> <p>BP explained the Small Grants Scheme that is available and the process for accessing this.</p>	BP/PAG

	<p>Eligibility for the disability register. The group discussed this in detail covering concerns regarding the Register process/criteria. Changes to the system will mean that users in addition to what they receive now will receive regular updates and access to 'Aiming High'. The group recognised that communication was going to be an issue and re-branding should be considered. It was agreed that the signing off of the reviewed criteria was a local matter for disability services but that the final policy would need to come to the CWDLD for information.</p> <p>BP agreed to circulate the Draft Policy to the group for comments and consultation.</p> <p>BP highlighted the issue that there the children's commissioner post is vacant in the Primary Care Trust (PCT) which means we have not been able to plan or jointly commission services for aiming high with the PCT.</p> <p>BP updated everyone about progress with the Transition Support Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social enterprise coordinator will soon be in post • The easy guide on how to pool individual budgets is in final draft • The Self assessment Questionnaire for Transition services will be complete and returned on 30th November we need to complete return to show what is happening around transition locally. Everyone was asked to contact BP with any comments or information they want included 	<p>BP</p> <p>ALL</p>
5.	Update & Feedback from Richmond Parents Carers Action Group	
	<p>RPCAG gave feedback on the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning to have a double paged article in the Richmond and Twickenham Times • Family fun day was very positive and well attended • Workshop taking Place November 2009 • Staff and Information Day planned 	
6.	Any Other Business	
	<p>Group discussed the exit strategy for after 2011 when we do not know if there will be additional Aiming High funding and how best to communicate that this will not continue. Three wings Trust mentioned that they were keen to support high quality effective services and may take this up when it finishes.</p> <p>Impact of forthcoming election mentioned.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 8.30pm</p>	
7.	Date of Next Meetings	

	Tuesday 9 March 2010, York House, Twickenham	
	Signed	
	Date	