

**46th Barnet CHSWG meeting  
(Children's Hearing Services Working Group)  
11 July 2019**

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**Time**        **12:30h – 15:00h**  
**Venue:**     **Summerside School**  
                 Crossway, Finchley, London N12 0QU  
**Chair:**     Sebastian Hendricks

**Agenda**

ITEM		LEAD
1.	<b>Introduction &amp; Apologies</b>	<p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b>  Saiqa Khan – Joint Children’s Commissioner  NDCS – Hazel Badje, Senior Engagement Advisor, NDCS  Louise Whitaker, Hendon PDS  Todorina Hammond, Local Engagement Advisor, NDCS</p> <p><b><u>Attendance:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sebastian Hendricks, Consultant Paediatric Audiovestibular Medicine, RFL (Chair)</li> <li>• Ann East, Lead Advisory ToD, Barnet Specialist Team (Minutes)</li> <li>• Kanwaljit Makram, parent</li> <li>• Kerry White, Lead ToD Summerside PDC</li> <li>• Laura Jabbit, Speech &amp; Language Therapist</li> <li>• Keren Greene, Parent</li> <li>• Hita Mamtora-Mistry, Chief Paediatric Audiologist, RFL</li> <li>• Lisa York, NHSP</li> <li>• Stephanie Halder, Lead TOD, RNTNE</li> </ul> <p>Introduction with names and roles of those present at the meeting.</p>
2.	<b>Notes from 44<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>  <b>Matters Arising</b>	Minutes from 45 <sup>th</sup> meeting agreed.
3.	<b>Structure of the group</b>	

4.	<b>Service User update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parents / NLDCS</b></li> <li>• <b>NDCS</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Kam</b></p> <p>NLDCS: arranging activities over the summer and into next year. Focus on teenage children as CYP have expressed an interest in meeting others. Children have been referred to NLDCS by local TODs.</p> <p>Summerside: issues around restructuring/potential cuts have been resolved.</p> <p>ARPs across Barnet – parents at Summerside have consulted re cuts with Asst Director, Helen Phelan – including Summerside PDC. Formal response not yet received. NDCS were involved with the consultation: Hazel B met with parents and Helen Phelan and also wrote a response.</p> <p>Kam and Mina Makram – working with NDCS on raising funds, as parents, for a media campaign.</p> <p><b>Keren</b></p> <p>3 schools have been acoustically panelled. Looking for someone to conduct a study to prove effectiveness. Suggestions: contact Ear Institute or DCAL. Perhaps panelling companies could sponsor research. Steph will share with contacts at DCAL.</p> <p>Also, planning Loud and Proud day with deaf awareness etc.</p> <p>Secondary schools – JFS and JCoSS – are acoustically panelled already.</p>
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5.	<b>Barnet social care – children with disabilities team</b>	No update
6.	<b>Commissioning update</b>  <b>Barnet      local      offer update</b>	<p>New commissioner, Saiqa Khan, has taken an interest in what we are doing, especially as RFL has been given notice for the audiology service. Previously, Saiqa worked in Tower Hamlets. SK is setting up an engagement event with families and CYP. The goal is to provide information and listen to users. Suggestion to hold it at the Arts Depot or JDA rather than NLBP and to hold it in early September.</p> <p>Creche for children?</p> <p>Twilight session in early September? Possibly INSET day in the afternoon?</p> <p>Food to encourage teenagers to come!</p>

7.	<p><b>Update Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Peripatetic team</b></li> <li>• <b>Summerside Primary School</b></li> <li>• <b>Hendon School</b></li> <li>• <b>Educational Psychology Team</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Advisory Team</b></p> <p>Education &amp; Skills moved to Colindale, mid-June.</p> <p>Roksana Ilkow-Siuda, started end of April, is covering Lucy Payne's maternity leave – 3 days.</p> <p>Ryan Brewer started end of May; 2 days currently moving to full-time in September.</p> <p>Deborah Tetstill is leaving end of August.</p> <p>Barley Birney, Head of Specialist Inclusion Services &amp; Eps - starting September.</p> <p>Suggestions of Ovingdean Hall and Birkdale Trust for funding for BSL tutor for families with young children.</p> <p><b>Summerside</b></p> <p>Helen Phelan came to visit (after consultation closed). Staff explained that cuts were not tenable as school is already shoring up the budget. Already over number and not funded for this. Explained that Summerside would like to expand and is serving borough children.</p> <p>Issues around technology explained to HP and having to keep up with advances in technology but funding does not match it.</p> <p>Karishma is leaving at the end of term. Interviewing for September.</p> <p>No year 6 leavers; child in year 4 is leaving. New child in reception = 13 children.</p> <p>Results – 11 children have met national expectation or are at greater depth; 2 have complex needs and on special curriculum.</p> <p>Deaf Celebration week recently. Deaf children presented assembly to school and parents. Very successful. Events through the week including celebration picnic from Blanche Neville and Kingsbury Green.</p> <p>No staff lost through recent restructure. One staff member moved to a different pay scale but on same pay etc. Cut in hours for deaf tutor = one less BSL class.</p> <p>Barbara's BSL classes - information given to the group.</p>
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Kerry will be on a government inclusion panel for inclusion in exams. Phonics screening, KS1 and KS2 SATs, included in the process.

### **Hendon**

Advertising for Kalpna – 1 year position and another full-time permanent post.

Louise sent this report:


Big news is Kalpna and Michele leaving and the inability to appoint. I am really hoping kalpna will return after her sabbatical but must face the fact she may not want to. Everyone stepping up massively and we have been skilling up existing staff re SF management and audiology but it will impact our ability to give the students the full level of support to which they are entitled. Advert is live.... In addition, one member of staff who has been long term sick all year finally resigned mid-May. Have conveyed this info to Hazel Badje of NDCS who is leading the campaign to resist cuts in funding from the LA.

Our 3 year 11 boys completed their GCSE exams and our 2 year 12s and 1 year 13 their BTec exams and coursework. The year 13 hopes to go on to college in Hackney. The 12s intend to remain and take 1 3 Btecs. Of the 3 year 11s: 2 expect to transfer to college and 1 we hope will return for the 6<sup>th</sup> form. One of our year 10 students had a wonderful opportunity to do a week's work experience at UCLH on careers in health. Lucas has settled in well and is learning the guitar in school as well as attending the guitar ensemble group.

We are gaining 3 new year 7s next year from Islington and Kalpna and Andrea attended their Ars and they came in to school to do their CATS test and for a whole school induction day which they seemed to enjoy. Also today we have a fun day for prospective year 5 children in the hope it will allay some of their fears about applying to "Big School". We have had visits from the parents of other prospective students throughout the term. We hope some of them will apply.

As my line manager said it has been a challenging and unsettled year mainly due to the uncertainty around the staffing situation but I can't praise the team highly enough for stepping up to ensure the children do not miss out.

8.	<p><b>Update Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>S&amp;L therapy</b></li> <li>• <b>NHSP</b></li> <li>• <b>Paediatric Audiology</b></li> <li>• <b>Specialist Audiology Care providers</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>S&amp;L Therapy</b></p> <p>CIT – Children Integrated Therapies Cuts at all banding levels. Consultation has happened and outcome in terms of restructuring will be out next week. Jobs will need to be reapplied for.</p> <p>SH – concern that S&amp;LT in Barnet for deaf children could be cut when there isn't enough already.</p> <p>LJ – Hendon (.5 day every 2 weeks. One child on caseload from Barnet and some group work to include other (out of borough) children at Hendon. Summerside – every Tuesday and every other Wednesday; El Assif Eshun – Summerside on Wednesday and Friday to include Summerside and clinic time.</p> <p>LJ and El do not overlap at Summerside much. LJ has attended joint visits with Lisa Nash and Liz Cullen at RNTNE for shared children.</p> <p><b>NHSP</b></p> <p>Ongoing issues with staffing in Camden and Islington – has knock on impact on Barnet babies born there. Reports are difficult to use but there is catch-up needing to be done. New piece of equipment will be trialled in north-mid and Barnet. Some feedback about environmental noise. In north-mid the beds are further apart but in Barnet the rooms are smaller and beds are closer so noise can be a problem.</p> <p>Screeners are appointing within the 4 week requirement.</p> <p>Reports do not provide yearly stats (cumulative).</p> <p>Discussion about stats on deaf CYP that are held by various groups – NHS, NHSP, local authorities etc.</p> <p><b>Paediatric Audiology</b></p> <p>Service is likely to move to Whittington Health who runs paed aud in Camden, Haringey and Islington. Have been in consultation with Gillian Seiles.</p> <p>All will stay as it is for at least a year but management will be a different provider.</p> <p>Whittington Health already provides diagnostics and hearing aid provision/ear moulds at St. Ann's. They are looking to making that available for Barnet children as well. Families will need to voice their preferences. An online survey would be a good idea.</p> <p>2 locums and 3 senior audiologists plus Hita.</p>
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9.	<b>Terms of Reference</b>	 <p>Barnet CHSWG ToR - Terms of Reference 2.</p>
10.	<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>CHSWG website</b> requires updating. Mina previously offered to ask parents if anyone is interested in doing this. Kam will follow this up.</p>
11.	<b>Next meeting dates:</b>  <b>47<sup>th</sup> meeting:</b> <b>48<sup>th</sup> meeting:</b> <b>49<sup>th</sup> meeting:</b>	<p>7 November 12.30–3pm    Summerside School</p> <p>5 March 12.30-3pm        Summerside School</p> <p>9 July 12.30-3pm         Summerside School</p>