

**47th Barnet CHSWG meeting  
(Children's Hearing Services Working Group)  
7 November 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            Lisa York, NHSP            Keren Greene, parent</p> <p><b><u>Attendance:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sebastian Hendricks (SH), Consultant Paediatric Audiovestibular Medicine, RFL (Chair)</li> <li>• Ann East, Lead Advisory ToD, Barnet Specialist Team (Minutes)</li> <li>• Sharon Webb, parent</li> <li>• Kerry White, Lead ToD Summerside PDC</li> <li>• Laura Kimmons, Speech &amp; Language Therapist</li> <li>• Stephanie Halder (SHa), Lead TOD, RNENT</li> <li>• Majella Williams, Specialist TOD, RNENT</li> <li>• Todorina Hammond, Local Engagement Officer, NDCS</li> <li>• Roksana Ilkow-Siuda, Advisory TOD, Barnet</li> <li>• Ryan Brewer, Advisory TOD, Barnet</li> <li>• El Assif-Eshun, Speech &amp; Language Therapist</li> </ul> <p>Introduction with names and roles of those present at the meeting.</p>
2.	<b>Notes from 46<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>  <b>Matters Arising</b>	<p>Minutes from 46<sup>th</sup> meeting accepted as correct and agreed.</p>
3.	<b>Structure of the group</b>	


<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Service User update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parents / NLDCS</b></li> <li>• <b>NDCS</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Sharon Webb</b></p> <p>Updated response received since last meeting from Helen Phelan.</p> <p>Background (KW): Borough had decided to cut all provision funding. Summerside was due to lose £36k. Parents held meetings with the borough. Summerside staff also held meeting with borough. Made series of appts for borough to come to school but these did not happen. Hazel Badje came to support. Staff and parents responded. HB met with borough. Data sent to borough to demonstrate accelerated progress of pupils. July – response that funding would not be cut.</p> <p>Update: KW to attend further meetings re. funding. Summerside PDC is underfunded re children places and equipment. Borrowing from the mainstream school. Some suggestion that parents of children with additional needs over and above deafness would have to apply for extra funding. First meeting on 25 November and two more in new year.</p> <p>Don't have adequate staffing to meet expected ratios.</p> <p>No increase in funding is in effect a decrease in funding per pupil.</p> <p>Need to 'apply to grow' to accommodate more children otherwise no additional funding/staffing for any children over numbers.</p> <p>HB has taken the case and will take legal advice. Response to be circulated when available.</p> <p>Education Select Committee on SEND reforms – SH suggested having a look at this. HB had advised the school.</p> <p>PDC went through the process of 'applying to grow'. Someone came to look around but then nothing happened. Now waiting for next round of funding consultations.</p> <p>Can CHSWG produce a statement regarding the funding. SH will do this as chair of CHSWG. Any notes re thoughts/wording to be sent to SH within the next 2 weeks. To be copied to Helen Phelan and Linda Orr.</p> <p><b>NDCS</b></p> <p>FOI: SHa suggested that FOIs be sent to health as well as LAs. TH will take that back to NDCS.</p>
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5.	<b>Barnet social care – children with disabilities team</b>	<p>SH - Equipment in the home – visual/vibrating alarms. There is funding for adults.</p> <p>Request that could be sent in (SH had the form).</p> <p>Summerside: Listening Bus/fire services.</p> <p>SHa – disparity amongst LAs re holding a budget for this type of equipment. Health could have leaflets etc. to inform parents and also share info with local TODs.</p> <p>KW- parent workshop for equipment would be useful. Listening Bus cannot access school any more.</p> <p>AE- parent evening – could be a topic.</p>
6.	<b>Commissioning update</b>  <b>Barnet      local      offer update</b>	<p>SH, RB and Hita attended an event run by Saiqa Khan and another commissioner which was not attended by parents. Not well publicised.</p> <p>Discussion about what would be needed in Barnet.</p> <p>Planning now to facilitate discussion of commissioning of our existing service and also what else needs to be done.</p> <p>Planning a further meeting and getting feedback through twitter or web-based feedback.</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>Barley Birney, Head of Specialist Inclusion Services &amp; Eps - starting September.</p> <p>Capacity – remains an ongoing issue.</p> <p>Funding for BSL - agreed but availability of BSL tutor is reduced.</p> <p>Aurical Hit – recent purchase</p> <p>Training – HI team has delivered numerous training sessions in schools and nurseries this term. Also, three centralised training sessions which have been well attended and well received.</p> <p>Parents' Evening – 10 parents attended. Positive feedback.</p> <p><b>Summerside</b></p> <p>13 children</p> <p>Karishma has started training at Mary Hare.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> year TOD student from Mary Hare; more after Christmas.</p> <p>Whole school inspection by Academy Trust to prepare for Ofsted. Interested in wider curriculum. Subjects for 'deep dive' and looking at every aspect. Maths, history and science. School Development Plan looked at and then books, marking etc looked at. Did not look at PDC in huge depth. Interviewed by SEND inspectors. School did very well. Judged as a good school now. Waiting for Ofsted.</p> <p>Reach 2 are aware of parents' feelings regarding the provision and are in support.</p> <p>Mindfulness training offered to other schools in the academy.</p> <p>Healthy Deaf Minds and NSPCC Safe.</p> <p>Jane Shann – moved on from Phoenix in Herts, Stevenage. Julie Bayford has now taken it on for 6 months. Been in charge of CYP from 11-25. Opening up to children outside of Herts. Youth group meets 1x 3 or 4 weeks, trips and weekends away. Provide family support and workshops for siblings, hearing aid refusers group, interview techniques. Lots of exciting outdoor activities for children. AE's, Hendon, NLDCS email to be given to Julie so info can be sent.</p> <p>SW – NLDCS tends to 'lose' children as they enter their teen years.</p> <p><b>Hendon</b></p> <p>Louise sent this update via email:</p>
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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>Restructuring ongoing. Deaf children to be moved to HI pathway so all deaf children will be known to the service. Any degree of HI to be known and then put on appropriate pathway - Speech, HI, Complex or ASD. Based on predominant need.</p> <p>Lots of meetings about the pathways. Talking to TODs about joint input. Provision children are getting more. Pathway is criteria based so children get equitable service.</p> <p>LJ – SMILE therapy: children have responded well to it.</p> <p><b>NHSP</b> No update</p> <p><b>Paediatric Audiology</b></p> <p>Chief Paed aud – Hita Mantora is going on mat leave til March 2021. Will have moved to Whittington Health by then which should provide additional staff to reduce waiting lists. Hoping for upgrade of existing equipment.</p> <p>RFL couldn't support locums any more so 2 staff down. The service is trying to do as much as it can. Trying to triage asap where there is significant need.</p> <p>No new updates on GOSH. SH there 1x afternoon/week. Locum position ends in March.</p> <p><b>Auditory Implant Centre/Nuffield</b></p> <p>Moved venue. Now called The Royal National Ear Nose &amp; Throat Eastman Dental Hospital. Not called Nuffield any more. All paed activity is on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and repairs are on ground. Lower levels for scans etc.</p> <p>Challenges with communication. Some families have struggled to make contact. Steph has sent round an email to heads of service re how to make best contact for parents. Admin and clinicians are in different buildings.</p> <p>Hearing aid fitting rooms – reduced to one now.</p> <p>No disabled parking available. There is a back entrance which is quieter. Would be a good idea to produce a video for children.</p> <p>Secure emails: SHa referred to NHS guidance issued in May. Still unclear about the</p>
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9.	<b>Terms of Reference</b>	 Barnet CHSWG ToR - Terms of Reference 2.		
10.	<b>AOB</b>			
11.	<b>Next meeting dates:</b>			
	<b>48<sup>th</sup> meeting:</b>	5 March 12.30-3pm	Summerside School	
	<b>49<sup>th</sup> meeting:</b>	9 July 12.30-3pm	Summerside School	