

## **Haringey and Enfield CHSWG**

### **Minutes of the CHSWG Meeting Held Virtually via Zoom On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 9.30am**

#### **ATTENDEES**

Ms. Chloe Khan (CK) – Chair (QTOD)  
 Ms. Bharti Solanki (BS) – Sensory Support Team Manager  
 Ms. Laura Kimmons (LK) – Specialist Speech and Language Therapist  
 Ms. Sabrina Batchelor (SB) – Parent  
 Ms. Ruth Fitzell (RF) - Parent  
 Ms. Gillian Seiles (GS) – Service Manager Audiology and Vestibular Medicine (NHSP)  
 Ms. Hita Mamtara (HM) – Chief Paediatric Audiologist (Barnet and Enfield)  
 Ms. Louise Vinney (LV) – NDCS  
 Ms. Kathryn McCarthy (KM) – Deputy Head at Blanche Nevile  
 Ms. Caroline Clarke (CC) - QToD  
 Ms. Anita DeBiswas (ADB) – Head of Highlands Resource Base

#### **APOLOGIES**

Dr. Radha Narayan – Consultant Audiovestibular Medicine  
 Dr. Lorraine Everett – Consultant Audiovestibular Medicine  
 Ms. Meera Sebastianpillai – Clinical Scientist Team Leader Paediatric Audiology  
 Ms. Zibby Loakthar - Parent  
 Ms. Liz Jones – Educational Psychologist  
 Ms. Caroline Fanning - Commissioning Manager – Enfield SEND

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- CK – Thanked Deborah Israel for Chairing CHSWG for the past two years and doing such a good job.
- Farwell to Karin Schamroth (SALT) on behalf of the parents.
- Introduction of all attending the meeting.
- Need to review membership to make sure all services are represented
- Review of minutes. Most actions to be addressed within this meeting.  
 KM – Visits to BN - offer still stands. Need to support and look after deaf school to avoid drop in numbers which could result in closure. Desperately need numbers to increase. Recently had a visit from the head of another school who said BN was a centre of excellence  
 CK – invitation stands for all to visit not just to show families.

#### **SERVICE SUMMARIES**

- Service updates to be sent/received in advance. All agreed with the suggestion to have written updates in advance and then only questions about these at meetings.
- CK invited any highlights and questions from the service summaries.
- BS- changes to the SST mainly involves staffing:  
 New pre-school deaf instructor – Seval Ordek Vasant  
 Martine Monksfield is currently on maternity leave. Chloe, Deborah, and Bharti will be covering the children on her case list.

Recent new referrals – 3 newborn screening – 6 school age pupils.

Restructuring of SEND – still appointing staff and recruiting managers.

- LV – asked if there was any knowledge or news of the Catch-up Funding.
- ADB – Had a summer scheme – 2 Yr7 students attended for 2 weeks
- CK – suggested this is a good question to raise in our team meetings.
- BS – need to highlight to schools not to forget the children there. Hard to unpick – more generic intervention as opposed to individual. Agreed to the need for a discussion in our team meetings. Difficulty as an LA to have an influence on how the money is spent.
- LV – needs to be kept at the forefront. Deaf peers get one grade lower than their hearing peers. Need to get the message to parents and not always rely on teachers to get the message across.

#### **Action BS, CK, CC**

**QTOD team to discuss seeking information about the use of catch-up funding**

**Update at next meeting**

- KM – spoke of the National Tuition Funding & Covid Recovery Funding. Covid Recovery Funding – used to appoint Deaf Play Therapist – send staff on Health Deaf Minds training – employed more staff to teach BSL classes.
- Possible discussion for professionals to have when visiting parents and schools.
- RF – asked if BSL classes are only open to families of children attending Blanche Nevile School.
- KM – confirmed the classes were extended to the families of the children attending Blanche Nevile and suggested the new deaf tutor in the Sensory Support team, Seval, may be able to offer support with this.
- CK -clarified that Seval's role is not a BSL teacher
- BS – confirmed Seval's role is broader -it is to promote communication. Cannot offer her as a tutor to teach sign language.
- LK – mentioned signing at Brimsdown resource base and will check if it is open to all.
- SB – asked if there were any other groups available for older children after school. RF suggested the North London Deaf Children Society.
- ADB - REMARK offering summer schemes and youth clubs for secondary school aged children in Haringey and Enfield

#### **Action KM**

**Email info about REMARK to CHSWG.**

- Louise asked about the school entry screening.
- HM – there are 3 school screening programmes in Enfield and will be recruiting a new school screening.
- GS - there were no commissioned school screening programme in Haringey Council Ongoing conversations with Public Health Service about school screening.
- Haringey continue to have referrals coming through despite not having the school screening programme.
- CK asked about the fitting of the new Marvel hearing aid and when can we expect an update and training for our team.
- GS – training scheduled for this week – Meera will give an update.
- BS – mentioned being in touch with TIM from Phonak. Plan to call him in to offer training – need to identify one of our CPD dates for training to take place before fitting commences.
- CK – suggested this is an area we need to keep on the agenda.
- LV – feedback from a parent - losing a few background sounds. Asked if support will continue for those children who are fitted with the Marvel, when they are transferred to adult services.

- CK suggested having this as a focus group.
- BS – lots of positive feedback about the Marvel. Is there scope to commission them differently?
- LV – Good to have pupils views – need to include them in the focus group.
- SB & CC– happy to be part of the focus group.

#### **Action SB, CC and representative from audiology tbc Marvel working group**

- CK – RNTNE as a service is not represented in CHSWG – will speak with Stef Halder about possible involvement in CHSWG.
- CK asked if parents have been contributing to the service summary.
- RF – Parents have not been contributing – service summary should be shared weeks in advance – need to find a way of setting up a forum for parents to update and contribute.
- RF is happy to move this forward and be the main person leading with this.

#### **Action RF**

##### **Parents group lead. Set up forum for reaching parents and gathering views.**

- CK – we need to think about how many parents we need to be represented in the group.
- LV – not easy to achieve. Supportive of the idea from RF – need to look beyond parents and include young people's views – give young people a platform where they can contribute freely.
- BS – appreciative from our service. We need to think of the platform being used – make sure it will include the hard-to-reach families. We need to signpost parents to the local offer.
- CK – need to take this to the managers in Haringey to include that in the local offer.
- CK – asked if there has ever been representation of Social Services.
- LV - this has been patchy across all CHSWG groups.
- CK will speak with managers re who we could target and invite.
- BS suggested sending the minutes to management of each service.
- CK – currently only sent to the group but will look into sending it to management of other services.

#### **Action CK**

##### **Contact unrepresented services to CHSWG**

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- CK – need to move it forward for an updated version.
- See updates to the following – Subgroups – Membership – Representatives - Roles/Responsibilities – Minute Taking.
- Proposed an agreed number of people to work on updating the ToR away from the group.
- RF – there has been no accountability for the subgroups in the past – so the same conversations are being repeated each time we meet.
- CK – definition needed for each service in an accessible language.
- Use of 'deafness' and 'hearing loss' as opposed to 'hearing impairment'.
- CK is part of a working group looking at the way we use language from the point of diagnosis.
- RF – asked if CAMHS should be represented at CHSWG – mental health must be an issue for those children who are supported by the service.
- BS – if Deaf CAMHS is not able to be a member of CHSWG maybe they could be invited to attend as a guest and talk about what they provide as a service.

**Action CK**

Contact Deaf CAMHS as part of action above  
Complete draft ToR and email to all members

- Roles within CHSWG:
- All agreed for the term for the Chair of CHSWG to be a year
- CK – role of the secretary to be reviewed.
- CK – happy to distribute the minutes – everyone to read and agree the updates to the ToR before finalising.
- CK to look the NDCS model for confidentiality.
- CK to update and send out by email
- LV asked where the minutes will be published.
- CK – sent to commissioners to be included in the local offer for both Haringey and Enfield.

**ACTION PLAN**

- CK – CHSWG action plan to be completed by each service.
- Proposed timescale to run over two years
- Services to think of priorities to go in the draft plan.
- BS- suggested looking at it in each service team and bring back to the meeting
- Should be looked at jointly by topic rather than service
- CK – use the minutes to make up a draft plan of what we need to look at next.
- LK – has been recruited to be part of the Ordinarily Available Provision project working group and asked if this could be one of the subgroups.
- ADB & CC to be part of this subgroup.

**Action CK**

Populate CHSWG Action Plan with items discussed today and send out draft for amendments, additions, and agreement.

**Action LK, CC, ADB**

OAP working group

**AOB**

- RF – parents are getting different advice re cochlear implanted children receiving the flu vaccination nasal spray. GOSH is saying yes to this and RNTNE is saying no. Hospitals should reach out to parents proactively to inform parents and avoid the mixed advice they have been given.
- BS – we will find out from the implant centres what advice is being given to parents.

**Next Meetings**

Spring Term – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 on Zoom – 9:30 – 11:30

Summer Term – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June on Zoom – 9:30 – 11:30