

**65<sup>th</sup> Barnet CHSWG Meeting**  
**Children's Services Working Group**  
**Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<b>Time</b>	14:00-15:30	<b>Chair</b>	Anita Biswas
<b>Venue</b>	Teams	<b>Minutes</b>	Deborah Tetstill

<b>Item</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Action(s)</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<p><b>Attendees:</b>  Anita Biswas, Kerry White, Lisa Mansell, Vibha Mistry, Joanna Wanmer, Karishma, Nadia Campbell (trainee teacher of the Deaf for Summerside PDC)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>  Lisa Nash, El Ashun Essif, Yetty Meadows, Kalpna Patel, Rachael Blowes, Tina Kemp, Tara Boyle</p>	
<b>Service Updates:</b>	<hr/> <p><b>Kalpna Patel</b>  <b>Specialism: TOD/Head of Provision at Hendon School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No staffing changes for this term</li> <li>• Lots of school activities- sports day, enrichment week, work experience, PSHEE week</li> <li>• PDS trip to Kenwood- opportunity for our CYPs to enjoy each other's company and be immersed in History and art. Our ex staff member works there so she gave us a personal tour and aware of the students' needs.</li> <li>• Y6 transition went well (3 events) and after school events. Summer school offer.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y11 public exams smooth process. Other years have had mocks and end of year exams.</li> <li>• Visit to Summerside to deliver language lessons to PDC and hearing children by Hendon MFL teachers. Enjoyed by all.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kerry White</b></p> <p><b>Lead ToD at Summerside PDC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saying a sad farewell to Karishma who will be greatly missed but we wish her all the luck as she furthers her carer in a peri role in Brent.</li> <li>• Nadia Campbell, an experienced Summerside teacher and speech and language therapist will be joining the PDC 5 days a week while training as a ToD on the Mary Hare course.</li> <li>• I am continuing to lead the provision but am dropping back to 3 days a week, the other 2 days to be covered.</li> <li>• One CSW continues to be long term sick and is being covered by agency staff</li> <li>• PDC numbers remain around the 10 or 11 mark, Barnet have changed the funding structure and now only top up the number of children we actually have rather than giving us a set number of children we are resourced for so budgeting is challenging especially with variable numbers</li> <li>• We are getting higher than usual numbers of Deaf children that do not have an EHCP and do not meet provision criteria in the mainstream. We are working closely with the Borough Peri team to manage this and include the mainstream children in morning audiology checks and where appropriate in our withdrawn sessions for specialist</li> </ul>	
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	<p>teaching, deaf studies and mental health groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budgetary constraints mean that we are starting to be unable to financially support our Level 1 BSL courses so tough decisions may need to be made about their ongoing viability.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lisa York</b> <b>Newborn Hearing Screening</b></p> <p>Our KPI for babies screened by 4 weeks in Q4 was 97.2% for Barnet, which was below target, however this was by current site, so includes the babies who are for outpatients. If we look at creating site i.e. babies born at Barnet we achieved 99.0%, which shows that it is the number of outpatients we are receiving from other sites that is having an impact on this.</p> <p>The number of outpatients had improved since the three new part-time screeners started at Camden and Islington, however due to sickness/staffing issues across C&amp;I they have remained significant and therefore this is still having an impact on Barnet babies.</p> <p>We still have a part-time band 3 screening post to advertise for Barnet and hope to do this soon but posts in other hospitals have become more of a priority. It is having very little impact on our inpatient screening.</p> <p>27/27 babies who required an immediate referral to audiology, were offered an appointment within the required timescales (standard 4), which means that we met the acceptable level and achievable level, we achieved 100%.</p> <p>There were 26/27 babies who required an immediate referral and who were brought for an audiological assessment appointment in the required timescale. (NH2), so again we met the acceptable and the achievable level, we achieved 96.3%. The one baby who was not seen in the required timescale was due to family not attending 2 appointments, they attended on the third appointment.</p>	
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	We are still in the process of developing and updating our SOP's across NCL, especially for our outpatients, with a view to improving the way that we appoint and improve the attendance at clinics.	
<b>Previous Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving on survey from Joanna Wanmer.</li> <li>• NDCS Education Survey (Posters for Deaf Education shared by Joanna via NDCS)</li> </ul>	
<b>Transitions</b>	Julia is the pathway Lead for transitions, interested in finding out how Barnet is doing with their work on transitions compared to a national standard.	
<b>Survey</b>	NDCS Survey regarding deaf awareness. Key points read out by Joanna Wanmer. Some goals that we could target going forward.	
<p>Future Dates and rolling chair and minute taker</p> <p>(Anita to facilitate all meetings)</p>	<p><b>Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 13:30-15:00</b></p> <p><b>Deborah Tetstill to chair, Joanna Wanmer to minute. Moving on Survey as a starting point to generate our goals as a CHSWG</b></p> <p><b>Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 16:00-17:00</b></p> <p><b>Yetty to chair, El to minute</b></p>	
<p>Consultation for Transport for Early Years</p>	<p>We were not aware of this consultation. There are positive suggestions and some that may be problematic such as children being dropped off by parents at a centralised point.</p> <p>We have until the 25<sup>th</sup> of July to respond.</p> <p>Please read through the document and send to parents to make sure that we can all have our say.</p>	
<b>AOB</b>	Summerside used to provide BSL courses for parents and deaf children, and for school staff working with deaf children which was discounted. For the past 25 years this has been running. Finance has been restructured and the mainstream school can no longer support this	

	<p>financially. This discounted course will no longer be available.</p> <p>This used to be the role of a Deaf Adult working at Summerside but recently has been given to an outside tutor.</p> <p>Summerside are still looking for a Deaf Tutor/Deaf Adult for 2 days a week.</p> <p>Anita to talk to Kim Miller, head of Service about this as it would have a negative impact if we cannot have sign language classes.</p> <p>Charlotte Trew and Dominic from REACH2 would need to be part of these meetings moving forward to find a solution for this.</p> <p>Joanna to talk to her colleague Martin, at the NDCS. He is on the BSL Advisory board and may be able to provide some suggestions.</p>	
Service Updates	Please send our service updates in advance of meetings so we can see what the most pressing items are and be ready to discuss at the meeting.	