



Parent Carers Together Feedback Form

Name: Louise Middleton & Nikki Jacques

Meeting description: PfA Operational Group

Where was meeting held: via Teams

Date of meeting: 2nd March 2021

Start & finish time: 2pm-4pm

Any future meeting dates, if known: April 27th 2021

Feedback can be in any format; it should contain important points that came out of the meeting, your opinions, any related work that you think overlaps, action points that you might be involved with, any areas of concern. This will be shared with all PCT reps and committee.

Please email to bethcallis@parentcarerstogether.org.uk within 2 weeks of meeting

FEEDBACK & COMMENTS *(please use further pages if necessary)*

Attendees: Lyndsey Sloan (BCP PfA Co-ordinator); Karen Taylor (Director CHI Post-19, Linwood); Christine Rainsford (Service Manager, Paed. SLCN, Dorset Healthcare, NHS); Adrian Gunner (MD SWARAC); Sarah-Jayne Lee (SEN Funding & Planning Co-ordinator, BCP College); Catherine Beater (Snr Enterprise Co-ordinator, CEC); Leonore (Chatterboxes); Gary Billen (Head of Ch & Adult LD NHS Foundation Trust); Cecily Pearson (BCP Asst. Mngr EHCPs); Poppy Sergeant (Chatterboxes); Mary Diffey (BCP SEND Manager); Simon McKenzie (BCP SEND Improvement Lead); Tracy Miller (Team Mngr Dorset Health); Geoff Cherrill (HT Winchelsea School); Louise Middleton & Nikki Jacques (Parent Carers Together)

Inspection Readiness: SM gave an overview from his perspective of what Ofsted Inspectors would look at: NEETs, Supported Internships/Apprenticeships, transfers from childrens to adults services. There will also be a focus on Covid-19 and the impact on children and young people's mental health. There are changes coming to the Mental Capacity Act. Ofsted inspectors will also visit a local college. He then had to leave for another meeting.

AG stated that SWARAC have volunteered to be inspected.

Voice of the young person: How can this be carried out – it was suggested that if group identify issues for young people to engage with then PCT, SENDiass, Schools and Youth Groups could facilitate these discussions. The group suggested that information on issues or agenda items from young people be directed via PCT.

PfA Guidance Document: this was circulated a couple of months ago – feedback received from PCT and Chatterboxes. Lindsey and Louise Childes will circulate a draft template document that give brief info on what is offered. How does your team or organisation prepare young people for PfA.

Transitions Navigator: only received 1 internal application. Post now advertised externally.

Spotlight Session from SIB: it was agreed there should be a strategic board for PfA – to bring Education, Health & Care together. First exploratory meeting will be in next 4 weeks.



Terms of Reference: for this group – will be amended to include our full name, not PCT.

There followed a discussion about Inspection Readiness, looking at themes – where are the strengths and weaknesses.

Bespoke offers – need to be innovative; not a tickbox exercise. Are skills for independence embedded in education curriculums pre & post-16. How often is the quality and quantity of these provisions checked, this also needs to include work placements, careers advice, supported internships/traineeships/apprenticeships – how many of these placements are currently offered, how are young people finding out about them and engaging with them. How many young people go on to paid employment from these. How is employability being evidenced. What is being done to re-engage NEETs with education. Is need being met locally.

GB – need to link with the All-Age Autism Review & the Development & Behaviour Pathway (which now falls under the AAAR).

CR – need to be mindful that SALT work with Young Offenders may end in April 2021.

Currently 85% of Young Offenders have unmet SLC needs. Difficult for SALT to work in Secondary school environment, schools need to identify need for support prior to referral.

NJ: SALT not quantified on EHC Plans. Also lack of support post-diagnosis – need to ensure support available for parents.

GB: big caveat – need to upskill whole system. If we get to situation we think only professionals can deliver support we will fail as we don't have enough staff.

CR: Another county has brought together Youth Offending Service and CAMHS to ensure access to CAMHS.

TM: spoke about offer at Brockenhurt College. Also their Employability Hub.

GB – suggested Lindsey attend SEND Health Forum – lindsey will liaise with Steve Clarke.

LS – will contact Dorset for any good practice they can share.

LM - PCT raising awareness of Annual Health Checks, also language being used Learning Disability is an adult terms not used in children's services where focus is more holistic.

Also stated that PfA work has to include housing – we would welcome any opportunity for this to be included in PfA work.

PfA needs to be an interactive document – hyperlinks for courses, need to map what is currently available.

Also a Directory – what support is available, when, where etc.

Template document being developed – Sections could be age related or interest related.