

Parent Carers Together Feedback Form

Name: Louise Middleton

Meeting description: LD & Autism Programme catch-up

Where was meeting held: via teams

Date of meeting: 25th February 2021

Start & finish time: 09:30 – 11:30

Any future meeting dates, if known: tbc

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.

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

Attending: Laura White (CCG); Elaine Okopski (DPCC); Louise (PCT) & Nikki (PCT – joined at about 10:20)

Laura gave an update on the Keyworker programme. CCG were going to put a bid in for Wave 2 this year. However, there is still a lot of work to be done to get ready for this. So it was decided to delay the bid till next year when we are in a better place. We had previously asked Devon & Cornwall for information on how their programmes were running (they were both involved in Wave 1 pilot). They have both admitted to struggling to get this up and running.

Laura has identified people in children's services (both health and social care, but may ask if others from BCP and Dorset are interested). Stacey Harvey from BCP and Claire Shields from Dorset Council interested in being involved in the project. We want to take the necessary time to ensure that there is a robust team in place to take this forward. We also briefly discussed the terminology – we don't really like the term Keyworker for this work, we would prefer the term Navigator as we think that gives a more useful indication of the role.

This work also links to the Dynamic Support Register (previously called Dynamic Risk Register – terminology). Laura would like the register to be more robust than it currently is. CCG are in the process of developing a guidance document for staff to aid understanding of the register and roles etc.

They have looked at Cheshire CCG who have developed a scoring tool. At present a RAG system is used, but there is no clear cut indicators for placing a child or young person on Red, Amber or Green. The scoring tool is a questionnaire type tool that will be completed with the young person and family – this information would then better identify the RAG rating for the individual. If red = CETR (Care, Education & Treatment Review), Amber = MDT meeting would be held and a crisis plan would be put in place.

There would be monthly meeting to consider whether these were working well etc., however, Laura acknowledged that training would be required for people (professionals) to understand this process to stop this becoming just another CCG spreadsheet.

It is hoped that the robustness of the process should reduce the need for CETRs as children and young people should be identified and supported at an earlier stage.

Elaine asked how this would work where a child or young person was in a residential setting in Dorset but home address was in another LA. Laura informed us that it would be the home CCG commissioners that would be responsible for the provision of the support.

Catherine has already drafted training to be delivered to colleagues to aid their understanding of CETRs and DSR, there could also be a parentla element to this training – explaining the family experience, why the process is valuable. SW forums secured some funding and have produced a booklet to explain these (reducing hospital admissions).

Autism Review – lots happening behind the scenes. There is lots of data and insights. A report has been written and there is a good picture of servies for children, young people & adults with Autism in Dorset. Laura spoke of the possibility of have a small group of people – between Mar & July – to meet and come up with new ideas on how things can be done differently.

There are some sub-groups from the Autism Review – Workforce Development (Elaine currently on this) – they are looking at potentially commissioning someone to deliver Autism training across Dorset.

BCP are leading on use of Assisive Technology – they have been looking at Brain in Hand

Annual Health Checks – potensially looking at a Task & Finish Group to raise awareness of the Health Checks among parents (& young people) Chatterboxes have already done some work on this. Developing a Good Practice Toolkit, this could go on the Local Offers (we could even host it on our website). Laura is looking at some funding for this work, in the region of £1-2,000 per forum (it would be ringfenced for this work).