

Wheelchair Steering Group Meeting Feedback -20th September

Terri's Notes

Attendees:

Paediatric Team Manager
Dorset CCG
Dorset Health care NHS
OT Children's Therapy Team - BCP
Parent Carers Together - BCP
CHAD
ID CAMHS
Wheelchair Service
OT team manager - Dorset Council
Parent Carers Together - Dorset

Purpose of these meetings is to establish why wheelchairs are only given to those with mobility issues or with comorbid diagnoses. Those with either a learning or behavioural need aren't meeting the criteria and signposting to relevant organisations is inadequate. Hoping to create a smaller group to progress forwards with supporting those who don't meet the criteria for a wheelchair/buggy. If it's a safety need (not behavioural) then it's not covered under health but indeed as access to the community. If it's behavioural then more support needs to be given, other areas have a support team specific for this.

Discussing whether we have the right people at this meeting. Suggesting reaching out to Health visitors and early support network, school nurses for their input and opinions.

Still need suitable name for the group.

Discussed feedback from survey. Only 44 responses back. 21 met the criteria out of the 44. 13 from Dorset and 8 from BCP

There were 8 that didn't meet the criteria who then self-funded and only 5 who continued to regular have their chairs/buggies serviced.

There were 15 that needed extra assistance, with 9 being supported by ID CAMHS, 8 by SWIFTS and 2 from behavioural support.

Meetings are usually scheduled for around every 6 weeks.