



Parent Carers Together Feedback Form

Name: Louie Middleton

Meeting description: PfA Operational Group

Where was meeting held: virtually

Date of meeting: 1st February 2022

Start & finish time: 14:00-15:30

Any future meeting dates, if known: 29th March 2022 14:00

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)*

Lindsey Sloan (PfA Co-ordinator BCP)-Chairing; Cat McMillan (Head of Community Engagement & Safety, BCP); Siobhan Hain (Commissioning Manager LD Adults, BCP); Dana Leake (Youth Services – Access Point, BCP); Gary Billen (Head of Service Dorset Healthcare-NHS); Sarah Jayne Lee (BCP College); Sarah Rice (Curriculum & Quality Manager, Skills & Learning Adult Education); Karen Taylor (CHI-Linwood)

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting was set to review PfA processes, provision and transition into work against items in WSoA

Key Issues:

Lindsey Sloan has developed a spreadsheet of 'Perceived Strengths' as of January 2022.

A national employment report indicates that employment of young people with SEND in BCP is low compared to national average. There was an internal report on Supported Internships in BCP 2 years ago, but this wasn't acted on.

Significant budget is tied up in Tricuro & Coast, but difficulties are that young people get stuck on Supported Internship (SI) with Coast and never move on. SI is supposed to last for 6 months and lead to paid employment, some people have been on SI with Coast for years and have come to believe it is their 'job'.

There is a lack of strategic planning across the board. Young people with complex needs require bespoke support but this is lacking. Everyone says 'they are a high priority' but nothing ever happens.

BCP College are looking at how they can offer more targeted support for specific courses.

Key Issues raised by PCT:

What signposting and support is available for those who are NEET or the Home Education sector.

Likewise if young person finishes college course (at what ever point) what signposting and support is available if they do not go into employment or further training.

Outcomes/Decisions:

There will be a mapping consultation happening later in the year (hopefully acted on this time), but this needs to include a wider groups of people and organisations – DWP, Police, Community Services, Social Care, Mental Health Teams, Dorset LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership).

Actions for forum rep:

I spoke about recent NDTi Employment Conference and will send infor and resources to Lindsey.