

## **Identify, Assess and Meet Need Workstream Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June- Peter's Notes**

Here are my notes from the meeting of the Identify, Assess and Meet Needs Workstream. I've highlighted in bold a few comments and questions that we might want to follow up on - but nothing startling from this meeting. I've also attached the monthly progress report if you want to delve into it.

Simon McKenzie

Geraint Griffiths

Jonathan Gilbert

Venessa Grizzle

Kelly Tilbury - project support on WSOA for NHS Dorset (Sam Best not available today)

Angie Hill - school admission and home-school transport. Representing fari access panel.

Apologies from Lindsay Sloan

Mel Hart PCF

Peter PCT

I asked Jonathan - could we have the actions themselves written in to the first column of the report - not just the action numbers.

### **Geraint Griffiths**

Children Missing out on Education - met with parent groups. Main issue is a need for better processes to make sure school have parental consent.

Alternative Provision, and QA of AP. Feedback - concerns around AP provision that are beyond Geraint's scope. [This was the feedback that I collated and sent]

Sarah Rempel consulting on AP - should be scope for parent involvement in a new review.

**I will aim to keep in contact with Sarah on this point.**

Simon - AP should be providing 25 hours - this wasn't happening when I arrived at BCP, and getting back to statutory guidelines has cost the budget a lot!

Simon thinks that the biggest issue is too many children in AP overall - most of them should be in either mainstream or Special schools

Mel -schools have relied too much on AP, instead of meeting need properly.

### **Angie Hill**

New schools admission code has restricted what the fair access protocol can / can't be.  
BCP new protocols are now available on-line  
Significant reduction in cases going to panel. 100 children per year, almost none in primary.  
Secondary panel meeting every 2 weeks, but only typically 2-3 cases each time.  
(There have also been significant new numbers of people moving into BCP seeking school admissions, inc Ukraine refugees.)

Angie would like parent input to the forms they provide to YP and parents.

**[I'm not sure now what forms these are. Does anyone want to follow up on this?]**

Transport policy went to overview and scrutiny board this week, will go to cabinet next week

1800 children using transport

Consultation had only 83 responses. Mainly about y10/11 changes (harmonisation between Poole/Bmth/Christchurch)

Some responses about post-16 EHCP transport (annual charge, min 3 mile distance). For 16-18 year old, they decided to keep the charge, but removed the 3-mile distance. Post-18 - after taking legal advice, they've removed the charge and distance limit.

[This last point was my own personal response to the consultation - it would have been illegal to assess parental income in order to charge for transport for post-18 YP, so I'm glad to hear they've apparently fixed this]

Ongoing - will review efficiencies/ route optimisation etc, because of budget overspend.

### **Vanessa Grizzle**

Graduated Response - audit of schools ongoing. Audit can be a useful tool, instead of another survey.

Worked with parents on survey - now issued by PCF and PCT and other groups.

Mel - most parents don't know what GR is, and saying that the timeline is all too slow.

Simon - are there enough SENCOs in our schools? Too many BCP SENCOs are part time?

Inclusion Quality Mark - looking for input on this (but I got a bit lost what she was saying!). Vanessa will resend, because she 'might have just sent it to a few people'

**[Is anyone of us involved in this? Or do you want to be?]**

Outreach Review - Geoff Cherrill has concluded this, but Vanessa doesn't know what the conclusions are yet!

**Kelly Tilbury**

Development & Behaviour pathway reconvening at end July. They have parent reps on this already.

All-age autism review - missed deadline but ongoing. No new timeline yet, although 'We're aware they they've expired' !

I asked about the issue of CDC requiring parenting courses. Kelly said there was a meeting yesterday that Chloe Morley led, including parent involvement - Kelly doesn't know the outcome of that. **Was PCT involved in this?**

**Simon McKenzie**

Leaving at end of June. Sarah will take over responsibility for this workstream, but most of the Simon's ongoing work will pass to Mary Diffey.

Recruitment in place for new head of SEND.

*Peter Phillips*