

CHSWG – 15 February 2022

MINUTES

Minute Taker: LL

**Action
by**

Those attending:

Ginny Parker	Pip Harrison
Judith Cook	Katie Cook
Elaine Grant	Vicki Graham
Louise Viney	Lindsay Short
Carly Duffield	Leigh Smyth

1 **Apologies:** Kate Johnson, Jade Neal, Deborah Baker, Mollie Elliott, Allison Cox

2 **Welcome:**

. Introductions

3 **Katie Cook (young person previously supported by Sensory Support) Q&A Session about her experiences:**

Katie and Judith agreed to the session being recorded.

Katie said she is currently working in Morrisons as a customer assistant on the self service

tills. She is very much interested in her Art, she does drawings and painting of animals, she would like to start her own business and sell her art and maybe do some tattooing. You can follow her on Instagram at "KSC art".

Katie said her greatest achievement was passing her GCSE's and A levels and getting a job and working. She did a world challenge a few years back, she has passed her driving test, she learned Spanish with Ginny.

Katie was asked what advice you would give families: She said just be yourself, don't be embarrassed and don't be afraid. Do not let your deafness hold you back, she said to mention to people straight away that you are deaf, you are no different to anyone else.

Katie said that Sensory Support Service should keep doing what they are doing.

Judith said that not to let your deafness overcome everything else, and do not let anyone treat them any different. She said schools could make things better by using script and subtitles and by teachers asking the child or young person if they need any more help.

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. **Updates from Services, Teams and Families:**

VG - Northumberland Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS):

No updates

EG - NERCIP (Cochlear Implant Programme):

2 x Keyworker vacancies 1fte and 1 part time. Appointed cochlear implant audiologist. Stock issues with Advanced Bionics.

New National lost processor policy – to follow when published.

PH – TOD Sensory Support Service:

Pip advised that Freeman hospital allocating 1 year supply of batteries to parents were not enough. If parent have any problems when ordering let TOD know and we will feedback to Freeman.

LV – NDCS:

Spring 2022 NDCS CHSWG update report was shared

CD – parent representative:

Nothing to add

GP – Lead Practitioner Hearing Impairment Northumberland:

Ginny said that the preschool group had restarted at a children's centre in Blyth. The group is really small, only about 3 or 4 families at the moment. It is open to VI and MSI children but only have HI at the moment. SSS have a closed parent Facebook group, where families can get information.

Developments for the next 12 months:

Action plan updated and will be shared with minutes

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24th May 2022 3.30 - 4.30pm

