

CHSWG – 5th February 2019

MINUTES

Minute Taker: LL

**Action
by**

Those attending:

Isabel Russell	Dianne Tinnion
Ginny Parker	Pip Harrison
Kate Johnston	Claire Jackson
Judith Cook	Alison Bravey
Hannah Cobble	Jade Neal

1. **Apologies:** Alison Lawson, Nicola Bowman, Anna Williams, Anna Bradley, Jenni Donovan, Sara Morgan-Evans, Lindsay Short
2. **Welcome:**
Introductions
3. **Minutes and matters arising from 23rd October 2018**

Minutes are on Northumberland County Council public webpage - Sensory Support Service.

Parents slot added to agenda.

4. **Update mailing list:** Done
5. **Parent Representatives:**

JC - K, hopes to go to college after her 'A' levels

DT - since starting in Reception class, T's was behaving as she did when she was much younger

CJ - asked if other parents of HI children know about CHSWG. Isabel said that we could only have four parent representatives and Minutes are put on the website for all to access

CJ - raised concerns that C only has a visit once per fortnight and asked if he could have another teacher as well while he is revising for his GCSE's

Isabel offered to raise this with the team

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6. **Sensory Support Service update (IR)**

IR & AB Post secondment has been extended until September 2019,

Brendan Dowling Team lead for VI has reduced his working week to 3 days.
Rebecca Marshall QTVI and Helen Boyd QTMSI will pick up extra. Kate Addison TOD is currently in training to be a Teacher of VI as well; this will give her a dual qualification.

Sue Mobberley has met with "Smile through Sport" representatives and has secured a 20 week programme of activities. Flyers will be coming out over half term, there will also be information on our facebook page.

Sue Mobberley will be running a "Peer Mentoring" programme in the summer term.

SSS are running a conference on 26th March at West Hartford Fire Station, this is an insight into Sensory Impairment aimed at SENDCo's, Teachers, LSA's and Head Teachers.

There will be a parents evening in the summer term for parents of teenagers.

2018-2019 actions from the SSS Service Development plan shared with everyone

7. ***Audiology update (KJ)***

Changes to the pure tone audiometry (PTA) protocol - main changes are that they will not be testing bone conduction at 3 - 4K, due to the frequency of results showing a false air-bone gap. These changes will be implemented from 13th February.

Proposed changes for Cochlear Implant criteria - major change that could be passed is that hearing loss in the better ear thresholds changing from 90 to 80 decibels. This would mean a lot more children will become eligible for implants.

New contract for purchasing hearing aids is up for renewal in April. Freeman consulting with staff around future suppliers.

Staffing: Charlotte is going on maternity leave, we have cover for her. Currently training more assistant audiologists, who will be trained internally to do hearing aid repairs and admin duties.

8. ***Newborn Hearing Screen and Assessment***

KPI 1 data = 98.9%

1 decline

Referral rate is 6.5%

Number of babies found with hearing loss

- 9 found with PCHI
- 5 with unilateral conductive temporary
- 4 hearing loss still not determined

99.2% of babies referred to audiology were given an appointment within 4 weeks

9. ***AOB***

AB - In it Together Conference "Preparing for Adulthood", Alnwick Rugby Club on 19th March and Hexham Mart on 20th March, she will forward details

AB

KJ - asked us to encourage parents to use Cramlington, Morpeth, Alnwick and Berwick centres for audiology appointments

DT - raised concerns about T's ability to concentrate during tuning appointments due to the long journey to Stanley for audiology appointments and how tired T is before she gets there

KJ - is looking for ideas to regulate the use of hearing aid batteries. Should get 2-3 week's use with a battery. Isabel will mention this as a reminder to the team, to continue to incorporate this message into our training

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Date and time of next meeting:

Tuesday 21st May 2019, 4pm - 5.30pm Riverside Centre

