

# Forth Valley CHSWG minutes

Forth Valley Children's Hearing Services Working Group		
Date: 31.8.2016	Time: 9.30 am	Conference Centre, Stirling Community Hospital
Meeting called by	Frances McMenemy	
Type of meeting	Quarterly Children's Workgroup	
Chairperson	Frances McMenemy	
Note taker	Jennifer Pow	
Attendees	Frances McMenemy (SLT) Jennifer Pow (Head of Audiology) Sandy Gardiner (Deputy Head of Audiology) Alison Schulga (Specialty Doctor, Child Health) Patrycia Butkowska (ToD Clacks) Jane Irvine Robertson (ToD, Stirling) Amanda Walker (Ed Audiologist, Falkirk) Fiona MacDonald (ToD Stirling) Marie Cafferky (NDCS Children and Families Support Officer) Jacquie Winning (Manager of FV Sensory Centre) Obaid Rehman (Parent / FVDCS) ( arrived after presentation from SLT) Cathie Finestone ( Headteacher, Windsor Park School Falkirk) Helen Jones ( SLT Co ordinator) Morag MacKellar ( AHP Service Manager) Katie Clark ( SLT)	
Apologies	Rosie Glen (Parent Member) Jackie Lyons (NHSP Manager) Hugh Kelly (Parent Member) Elizabeth Bernstein (Ed Psychologist)	
Last minutes : The minutes of the last meeting from May 2016 were checked and agreed		
Presentation and Discussion		
SLT provision	An earlier start to CHSWG was to allow time for a presentation by SLT service regarding their intended changes to service delivery, and subsequent discussion by all present.  In summary ;  When a request for assistance is received by SLT, they	

will triage this, seeking additional information as appropriate to determine what the impact is for the child and whether there is a clinical need for intervention from SLT.

All requests will be triaged by Specialist SLTs for the Deaf. A decision will be made as to whether the case will go forward for investigation and further input if appropriate. If this is the case an active duty of care will be opened (Targeted)

**or** family given advice & strategies, reassurance and/or signposted to Universal Services (Universal level 2)

A child will only continue on the SLT caseload if an active duty of care for SLT can be demonstrated. When a child is discharged from SLT (i.e. impact for the child reduced and no active duty of care for SLT), strategies and advice will be given to the family and professionals on how to continue to facilitate speech, language and communication development, if appropriate, plus information on how to access further advice and input if required in the future. This may mean that a child will have several SLT duties of care throughout their life.

All ( non SLT team members) in attendance have expressed concerns regarding this method of working as it is felt that this does not;

- Prevent SLT difficulties from developing in a hearing impaired child,
- promote multi agency interaction leading to optimum learning outcome for a hearing impaired child.

And

- Is dependent on any other professionals associated with the child recognizing a developing difficulty

While no agreement was reached providing a pathway which it was mutually felt to be in the best interests of the child , there was interim agreement that ;

-Audiology will use their new IMP form which is as the original but with an added box for a summary of communication difficulties. This in most cases will only contain an acknowledgement that child is deaf, and

		<p>therefore at risk of developing speech and language difficulties.</p> <p>The Audiology IMP will contain details of the child's hearing , and amplification as currently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLT will liaise with family and other professionals if further information is required, and to discuss level of service to be provided.</li> <li>-Audiology will continue to do as currently, forwarding all IMPs for children with hearing impairment ( when it is likely that there will be an impact on child's speech and language development). In this way, SLT will be able to monitor and advise accordingly, and MASP meetings will appropriately involve the input of SLT.</li> <li>- Other involved professionals ( HV, TOD, Community Paediatrician etc) will likewise be able to request assistance from SLT using the form produced by SLT or by using the appropriate GIRFEC paperwork.</li> </ul> <p>Further discussions may take place at future CHSWG meetings, with the GIRFEC presentation planned for the December meeting being of use in decision making regarding use of documentation, and agreeing patients pathways.</p>
<p><b>Forth Valley Deaf Children and Families Support Day</b></p>		
<p>This was held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August, and was very successful, attracting &gt; 100 visitors from almost 30 families.</p> <p>It is intended that it may be possible to host this annually again , centering around the availability of the NDCS Technology Roadshow</p>	<p>Jenn</p>	<p>When NDCS Tech Roadshow timetable is available</p>
<p><b>NDCS / FVDCS Update</b></p>		
<p>Marie Cafferky confirmed that Angela Bonomy had taken over from Heather Gray</p>		

<p>in an acting capacity currently as Director of NDCS</p> <p>Obaid / Jenn confirmed that FVDCS activities are ongoing although it is proving difficult to attract new members to share the work involved in fundraising and hosting events. All were asked to continue to promote the group wherever possible.</p> <p>As well as the Childrens Day in August, the group also had a trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park in June which was well attended.</p>		
<b>Local Sensory Impairment Strategy</b>		
Nothing further has happened recently in relation to this.		
<b>Cued Articulation</b>		
Noted by ASN Outreach Team that Catherine Graham has been using cued articulation and has found this to be useful		
<b>Psychological Services</b>		
Frances has received an email from Elizabeth Bernstein advising that she will no longer be able to attend CHSWG meetings unless there was to be a specifically relevant agenda item.		
<b>Chair and Vice chair roles</b>		
These roles should be due to rotate and will be discussed at the December meeting.		
<b>GIRFEC</b>		
Helen Bauld is invited to the next meeting to explain developments in GIRFEC within the NHS	<b>Frances</b>	Confirm Helen's availability for next meeting.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	7 <sup>TH</sup> December, Forth Valley Sensory Centre	