

# Forth Valley CHSWG minutes

| Forth Valley Children's Hearing Services Working Group   |  |                   |
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| Date:7/12/16   | Time: 10-12  | FV Sensory Centre |
| Meeting called by  | Frances McMenemy   |                   |
| Type of meeting  | Quarterly Children's Workgroup   |                   |
| Chairperson  | Frances McMenemy   |                   |
| Note taker   | Amanda Walker  |                   |
| Attendees  | Frances McMenemy (SLT)<br>Sandy Gardiner (Deputy Head of Audiology)<br>Alison Schulga (Specialty Doctor, Child Health)<br>Patrycia Butkowska (ToD Clacks)<br>Christine Stones (ASN Co-ordinator, Stirling)<br>Jane Irvine Robertson (ToD, Stirling)<br>Amanda Walker (Ed Audiologist, Falkirk)<br>Marie Cafferky (NDCS) Children and Families Support Officer)<br>Rosie Glen (parent)<br>Helen Bauld (11-12) Lead Nurse in Paediatrics |                   |
| Apologies  | Jennifer Pow (Head of Audiology)<br>Fiona MacDonald (ToD Stirling)<br>Jacquie Winning (Manager of FV Sensory Centre)<br>Obaid Rehman (Parent / FVDCS)<br>Jackie Lyons (NHSP manager)   |                   |
| <p>Last minutes : The minutes of the last meeting on 31/8/16 were accepted as a correct record, with the following amendments.</p> <p>Frances has rewritten some of the summary of the SLT from the previous meeting. There were no objections from CHSWG members and these changes will be altered accordingly on the minutes.</p>  |  |                   |
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| <p><b>SLT</b></p> <p>Frances confirmed that SLT will be supporting all babies with a confirmed hearing loss initially. SLT will then triage each case and support will continue to be provided if deemed relevant.</p> <p>The changes in SLT procedures are now in place. Frances stated that the most obvious difference to professionals/families will be the increased movement in and out of the SLT caseload.</p> |  |                   |

| Action Items  | Person responsible                        | Deadline             |
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| Paediatric Audiology Services will continue to request support from SLT for all babies/very young children with a confirmed hearing loss. | Forth Valley Paediatric Audiology Service | As and when relevant |

### Topic

#### **Forth Valley Deaf Children and Families Support Day 2017**

Marie suggested submitting a request for the Technology Roadshow to NDCS as soon as possible and the event can then be planned around this.

| Action Items   | Person responsible | Deadline     |
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| Frances will ask Jennifer Pow to submit a request to NDCS. | Jennifer Pow       | January 2017 |

### Topic

#### **NDCS Update**

Angela Bonomy is now Director of NDCS Scotland and Northern Ireland. Pauline Boyce has been replaced by Susan Campbell.

Marie is now the NDCS Children and Families Support Officer for Fife, Stirling, Clacks and Falkirk. Margaret Barclay is responsible for Edinburgh and Lothian.

Marie provided details of the following NDCS events:

*Early Years Event (0-2) on the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 in Glasgow*

*Raising Deaf Children (0-8) on 25<sup>th</sup> March/22 April in Stirling.*

Marie also asked that if parents/families have a particular need they should ask for specific input and workshops will be arranged where appropriate.

Marie has not been receiving emails from the NDCS local group. Frances agreed to rectify this.

Marie also enquired as to how families without internet access could join the group as the application is done electronically at present. Frances will get the details of these families and address this issue.

Alison suggested that the CHSWG group send a Thank You card to Alan McQueen in recognition of his involvement with the group over the years. All were in agreement.

Marie is aware that families are struggling with PIPS applications and is keen to help any families in need of her support.

The NDCS local group will have a Christmas party on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

The local group are struggling to attract committee members.

Marie was interviewed on hospital radio at Forth Valley Royal Hospital and spoke about the local NDCS group.

| Action Items   | Person responsible              | Deadline              |
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| Marie's email will be added to the NDCS local group's contact list.  | Frances McMenemy                | ASAP                  |
| Marie will notify Frances of families without internet access who wish to join the local group.                  | Marie Cafferky/Frances McMenemy | ASAP                  |
| A card will be sent to Allan McQueen from Forth Valley CHSWG, thanking him for his contributions over the years. | Frances McMenemy                | ASAP                  |
| Members will direct families to Marie for support with PIPS applications.  | All relevant CHSWG members      | As and when required. |

## Topic

### Local Sensory Impairment Strategy

There is no update from previous meetings. Frances agreed to contact Maria Dick regarding this.

Christine reported that a sum of money has been ring-fenced in Stirling but there was no clarification on when the money would be allocated. Elaine Murray would seek more information regarding this in the new year.

| Action Items   | Person responsible | Deadline |
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| Contact Maria Dick for an update on the Local sensory Impairment Strategy. | Frances Mcmenemy   | Feb 2016 |

## Topic

### Chair/Vice Chair

Frances confirmed that she will be stepping aside as Chair of CHSWG in May 2017. All members were asked to consider becoming Chair/Vice Chair.

| Action Items                           | Person responsible | Deadline |
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| Consider the role of Chair/Vice Chair. | All CHSWG members  | May 2017 |

## Topic

### GIRFEC

Helen Bauld spoke to the group about GIRFEC and in particular, the issues surrounding the Named Person that were challenged in the Supreme Court. Despite the challenge, it is anticipated that suitable changes will be applied and the legislation will be in place in the near future (possibly August 2017)

Helen stressed that GIRFEC is not about Child Protection. GIRFEC is about wellbeing and the child must always be placed at the centre. We must always consider why we are sharing information.

Named Person is a service available to every child/family. Not all children/families will require this service however.

Helen explained the role of Family Nurse Practitioners and if members require more information regarding this they should contact Lorraine Newbigging.

New pathways have been introduced for Health Visitors and children will now be seen approx. 24 times between the ages of 0-5.

If the current CHSWG paperwork serves it's purpose there is nothing in the legislation to say that it must be changed. It should however have some reference to the wellbeing of the child. Members can review this at a later date.

Alison (on behalf of Jennifer) asked if Jennifer must comply with requests regarding families' attendance/non-attendance at clinics. Helen confirmed that this information need only be shared if the request is as a result of Child Protection concerns.

| Action Items                              | Person responsible        | Deadline |
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| Review the paperwork currently been used. | All members of the group. | TBC      |

## AOB

### Transitions Day

Ross Grant is hoping to organize an event focusing on transitions for school leavers. He has some interested parties who are willing to support the event and an update will be provided in 2017. Rosie was particularly interested in what detail should be included on application forms as regards an individual's hearing loss.

### Future Topics

Members suggested revisiting Early Intervention

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|   | pathways in light of the recent changes to SLT.   |
| <b>Retirees</b>                                 | <p>Mae Williamson will retire from her DHT post at Windsor Park at the end of the term. Lauren Maley will then be Acting DHT.</p> <p>Christine Stones will retire from her post in Stirling at the end of the term. She should be removed from the mailing list and be replaced by Fiona Edward-Smith, acting ASN Co-ordinator<br/> <a href="mailto:edwardsmithf60s@glowmail.org.uk">edwardsmithf60s@glowmail.org.uk</a></p> <p>The group wish both Mae and Christine a long, healthy and happy retirement.</p> |
| <b>CI Processors</b>                            | Rosie highlighted the new KANZO CI processor.   |
| <b>Crosshouse CI Centre Rehabilitation Team</b> | Carolyn McMillan has now left her post and Janette Joyce will now oversee her caseload.   |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>                             | <b>February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Raploch Community Campus</b>   |