

# Forth Valley CHSWG minutes

Forth Valley Children's Hearing Services Working Group		
Date: 22/02/17	Time: 10-12	Raploch Community Campus
Meeting called by	Frances McMenemy	
Type of meeting	Quarterly Children's Workgroup	
Chairperson	Frances McMenemy	
Note taker	Alison Schulga	
Attendees	Frances McMenemy (SLT) Jennifer Pow (Head of Audiology) Alison Schulga (Specialty Doctor, Child Health) Jane Irvine Robertson (ToD, Stirling) Amanda Walker (Ed Audiologist, Falkirk) Marie Cafferky (NDCS Children and Families Support Officer) Joanne MacFarlane (NDCS Everyone Together Project Officer – Family Sign) Sophie Irvin (SLT student, Strathclyde Uni)	
Apologies	Sandy Gardiner (Deputy Head of Audiology) Patrycia Butkowska (ToD Clacks) Fiona MacDonald (ToD Stirling) Jacquie Winning (Manager of FV Sensory Centre) Jackie Lyons (NHSP manager) Rosie Glen (Parent) Obaid Rehman (Parent / FVDCS) Hugh Kelly (FVDCS)	
<p>Last minutes : The minutes of the last meeting on 7/12/16 were accepted as a correct record, with the following amendments –</p> <p>The meeting date was not on the minutes and will be added.            The local NDCS group wishes to be known as the Forth Valley Deaf Children's Society.</p>		
Topic		
<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>Jenn confirmed that the NDCS Roadshow is booked to be at FVSC in the autumn and the family support day will be organized for that date, Saturday 9/09/17.</p> <p>Marie has still not been receiving emails from FVDCS.</p>		
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Marie's email address	To be passed on to the group by Jenn	ASAP

## Topic

### NDCS Update

#### Everyone Together

Joanne MacFarlane told the group about the Family Sign Courses available and about Joanne O'Donnell's role with the Raising a Deaf Child workshops. See attached document for a summary of the information Joanne shared. She is keen that families are made aware of these opportunities.

#### NDCS events

Marie provided details of the following:

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

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

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Families to be made aware of events eg through FVDCS, clinics, toddler group at WPS	All	As appropriate

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### FVDCS update

Jenn updated the group.

A Christmas party on December 17<sup>th</sup> was well attended.

An Easter Egg hunt is being planned, date and venue tbc.

Marie said that in some areas, groups have joint activities, outings etc, organized by the area group, and inviting others to attend.

The group is struggling to attract committee members. Suggestions, some already tried, include varying the day of the meetings, the timing of the meetings and providing a crèche. The next meeting is on 13/03/17, venue tbc.

Alison asked about the relevance of parents' perceptions of their child as "deaf" or otherwise, if they have the provision of good technology and early intervention, to their decision to get involved or not.

Ingrid (NDCS) is no longer involved and Jenn will only be involved for a limited period to help the group get started. Further support from NDCS Scotland may be available.

Jenn and Hugh are the contacts for the group.

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Seek support from NDCS, Scotland.	Marie	May 2017
Encourage families to participate in activities and help with the group.	All	As appropriate

### Topic

#### Local Sensory Impairment Strategy

Frances has been told, by (Laura Taylor\*) a SW in Denny, that a paper is being prepared but Frances has heard nothing further.

\*Name provided after meeting

Jenn is aware of a project to do hearing checks on elderly people in residential homes. She advised on suitable kit but has heard nothing further.

Note – Maria Dick is currently off sick

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Contact SW in Denny, Laura Taylor*, for an update	Frances	May 2017
Look for further info on hearing check project	Jenn	May 2017

### Topic

#### GIRFEC

Helen Bauld, who spoke to the group at the last meeting, suggested Ann Marie King, Complex Care nurse, as a source of information on including Girfec Wellbeing Indicators in shared paperwork. Ann Marie provided Frances with "Complex Care Section 23 Assessment Part Two Assessment Form". This incorporates information which fits with the Girfec principles, and includes a section on the child's views.

It was agreed that a beginning will be made to adapting the Individual Management Plan templates accordingly.

Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Draft adapted IMP	Jenn	May 2017

<b>Topic</b>		
<b>Early Intervention Pathway</b>		
<p>Work started on this in May, but there was a delay as the input from SLT was further explored.</p> <p>Jenn had produced a draft pathway, and this will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>		
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Review draft pathway and bring to next CHSWG	Jenn	May 2017
<b>Topic</b>		
<b>Crosshouse Cochlear Implant Centre</b>		
<p>Janette Joyce is currently seeing children for rehab and the post has been advertised. It is planned that children may be seen in clinics rather than at home. CCHC and Camelon clinic have been suggested, with SLT rooms perhaps being a possibility. FVSC could be considered. The clinics would take place every 2 months.</p> <p>Amanda has been sent forms to complete – Pre implant (pre school), Pre implant (school) and an annual report. Information is currently sent, but not in this format, which is familiar to Frances.</p> <p>It was suggested it would be helpful to the group for the person responsible for rehab, once appointed, to come to update CHSWG.</p>		
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Pursue option of SLT room for clinic	Frances	When appropriate
Invite to CHSWG	Frances	When appointed
<b>Topic</b>		
<b>Chair/Vice Chair</b>		
<p>Frances confirmed that her last meeting as Chair of CHSWG will be in May 2017. She has chaired the meetings since February 2014. All members were asked to consider becoming Chair/Vice Chair. Those who have already been chair, Jenn and Ali, are excused!</p>		
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Consider posts of chair and vice chair	All	May 2017

<b>Topic</b>		
<p><b>Future topics</b>            Early Intervention – May meeting, as previously noted</p> <p>APD – there is a group looking at this in Scotland, regarding the challenges of diagnosis, and who is responsible for management. Dr Juan Mora, Audiovestibular Physician has a clinic in Glasgow.</p> <p>Non aided children – support varies between the 3 council areas in Forth Valley. It would be good to reach a consensus regarding what is appropriate.</p>		
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Information to be gathered re support of non aided children	TOD's	August 2017

<b>AOCB</b>	
<b>Fire Service</b>	The group was previously told about Stirling Fire Service wanting to list families with a deaf child. Ingrid (NDCS) carried out Deaf Awareness training, but there has been no further information on the Fire Service's plan. Marie will contact Ingrid for information. It was suggested that the availability of a free home fire safety visit be publicised at the Family Day in September.
<b>Retirees</b>	Jane Irvine Robertson is hoping to retire in June
<b>Next Meetings – Dates and venues tbc by Chair</b>	<b>2017</b> May 24 <sup>th</sup> Forth Valley Sensory Centre August 30 <sup>th</sup> Raploch Community Campus November 22 <sup>nd</sup> Forth Valley Sensory Centre  <b>2018</b> February 28 <sup>th</sup> Raploch Community Campus May 23 <sup>rd</sup> Forth Valley Sensory Centre