

Forth Valley CHSWG minutes

Forth Valley Children's Hearing Services Working Group		
Date 22.11.17	Time 10.00- 12.00	Forth Valley Sensory Centre
Meeting called by	Amanda Walker	
Type of meeting	Quarterly Children's Workgroup	
Chairperson	Amanda Walker	
Note taker	Fiona MacDonald	
Attendees	Amanda Walker Jenn Pow Pat Butkowska Jacqui Winning Frances McMenemy Marie McAfferky Samantha Welham 2 audiology students Chloe Salter and Eodain	
Apologies	Rosie Glen Hugh Kelly Jackie Lyons	
Last minutes: Minutes of (30.8.17) accepted as correct record of meeting (if there are any changes indicate here)		
(Ling Sounds Assessment)		
Discussion	Ling Sounds Assessment – all present agreed it would provide consistency to go with Crosshouse pictures for this assessment (Med-EL)	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Adapt pictures/toys	As required	
(Contacts)		
Discussion	Updated contact details were given	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Find out if Rosie Glen wishes to remain as	Fiona MacDonald	Next CHSWG meeting

CHSWG member Find out who the head of Educational Psychology is in Stirling and whether they should be on associates mailing list Update contact lists	Fiona MacDonald Amanda Walker	Next CHSWG meeting
(NDCS update)		
Discussion	<p>The Early Years weekend was full (12 families attended) and very successful. The next one will be in April or May. Marie asked members to let her know of families that may be interested in attending as she will add them to their database. The closing date for the Winter Event in February is closing soon. Advise any families that may be interested. The Everyone Together training for Health Visitors that has been rolled out in some areas has been very successful. Some DLA applications have been unsuccessful, this depends on the amount of support or care needed. Advice for professionals filling in this section on the DLA form can be found on the NDCS website. There will shortly be a new NDCS swimming officer (Eleanor Connolly) carrying out a 2 year project</p>	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Inform families of NDCS events as appropriate.	Anyone involved with families, as appropriate.	Ongoing.
(FVDCS)		
Discussion	<p>The FVDCS Christmas Party will be held on 16th December 12-2pm at the Sensory Centre and invitations have been sent out.</p>	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Inform families as appropriate.	Anyone involved with families, as appropriate.	Ongoing.
(BSL Act)		
Discussion	<p>There was discussion about how the BSL Act will affect</p>	

	<p>member groups. Amanda reported that there will be no real change in Falkirk as they have a Deaf BSL Tutor and their staff are trained in BSL to varying degrees. Marie reported that there was lots of work going on in NDCS. In Fife there is a CSW remit to support families with BSL. NDCS offer BSL lessons to families. Frances discusses communication needs with families early on when visiting after diagnosis. There are no BSL users or CSWs in Stirling or Clackmannanshire but families are welcome to go to any BSL family classes run at the Sensory Centre. Jaqui advised that the Sensory Centre could provide a venue for future classes. Jenn will raise this topic at the next FVDC meeting to see if there is a need.</p>	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Inform families as appropriate.	Anyone involved with families, as appropriate.	Ongoing.
(Speech and Language Therapy)		
Discussion	<p>A helpline has been set up because of the increase in universal work for anyone wishing advice on SLT. Stirling and Clackmannanshire's allotted time is on Tuesdays from 1-3pm Tel No. 01786 434 078 Falkirk's allotted time is Thursday 1-4pm Tel. 01324 673 585. Advice can be sought on any pediatric communication difficulty from parents, schools, nurseries etc. Other support is available through the NHS Forth Valley website and twitter account, (Chatty Tuesdays).</p>	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Inform families/other professionals as appropriate.	Anyone involved with families, as appropriate.	Ongoing.
(Early Intervention Pathway)		
Discussion	<p>Jenn shared information about the E.I.Pathway with the group. There was some discussion on when to pass on information about social teams. There was also discussion on whether to put social work details on the IMPs. Jenn will ask the social work team for advice.</p>	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Ask social work for advice.	Jenn.	Ongoing.

(Equipment)		
Discussion	<p>There was discussion around equipment provided by Education. In Falkirk Roger Radio Aid systems go home with pupils if felt appropriate. Parents of younger pupils are asked to sign a letter to say they will look after equipment. In other authorities equipment is kept in school.</p> <p>CIs are provided with a choice of one of three options: a CI mini-mic, a TV streamer or a phone lead.</p> <p>CI Integrated receiver 20 are now compatible with the Nucleus 7.</p> <p>Sky Q hearing aids are routinely used. Sky V however have the option for integrated receivers.</p>	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
None		
(Local SI Strategy)		
Discussion	<p>Locally not much has been happening due to staffing issues. A new national co-ordinator has been appointed and started this week, based in Glasgow. It is hoped the strategy will be re-launched and standardised across authorities. All have some new cash, the same as last year. Basic sensory checks are being piloted in Falkirk in care homes and it is hoped this will be rolled out in Stirling and Clacks. Caroline Cherry (Stirling) will collaborate to spend the money. It was thought this funding would just affect older people.</p>	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
(Chair of CHSWG)		
Discussion	<p>It was suggested that the Chair should rotate after this year with members taking a turn at each meeting.</p>	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Members to consider taking role of chair in rotation	All	Ongoing.
(Local Record of Deaf Children)		
Discussion	<p>Frances shared that a working group has been looking at audit groups, criteria for inclusion etc. The</p>	

	information will go to the Scottish Government. There were some problematic issues discussed about the difficulties in gathering this information accurately.	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Sharing any new information about the Local Record.	Frances	Ongoing.
(Playgroup for Children with a Sensory Loss)		
Discussion	Jaqui offered the possibility of a playgroup for children with a sensory loss at the Sensory Centre and suggested Thursday mornings, possibly fortnightly. There is a group at Windsor Park School on Wednesday afternoons. The group will get feedback from families whether this would be useful to them.	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Ask families.	Anyone involved with the families.	Ongoing.
Dates of future meetings		
Discussion	28 th February 2018 FVSC 23 rd May 2018 FVSC	