

Forth Valley CHSWG minutes

Forth Valley Children's Hearing Services Working Group		
Date: 27.10.2021	Time: 10-12pm	Teams
Meeting called by	Amanda Walker	
Type of meeting	Quarterly Children's Workgroup	
Chairperson	Amanda Walker	
Note taker	Catherine Cameron	
Attendees	<p>Amanda Walker, Falkirk Council Head Teacher/Educational Audiologist Windsor Park School and Sensory Service Bantaskine Road Falkirk Patricia Butkowska, ToD, Clackmannanshire Council Marie Cafferky, Children and Families Support Officer, The National Deaf Children's Society Catherine Cameron, ToD, Stirling Council</p>	
Apologies	<p>Leza Munro, Audiology Services, NHS Forth Valley Katie Clark, SLT Deafness Service, NHS Forth Valley Jacquie Winning, Manager Forth Valley Sensory Centre Martin Ramsay, SLT, Advanced Rehabilitation Advisor, Crosshouse Hospital Samantha Welham, Consultant Pediatrician, NHS Forth Valley Allan Simpson, Rehabilitation Officer, Social Work Sammy Sneddon, parent representative</p>	
Last minutes: The minutes of the last meeting on 03.12.20 were accepted as a correct record.		
BSL Draft Plans		
Discussion	<p>Stirling - There is no update regarding the Stirling BSL Draft plan.</p> <p>Falkirk – The Steering Group for the BSL Draft plan will start soon. The plan is currently being updated.</p> <p>Clackmannanshire – Patricia has made suggestions to update parts of the BSL Draft Plan.</p> <p>Forth Valley BSL Proposals: Claire Canton's (BSL(Scotland) Act Information & Engagement Officer for the NDCS) project has finished. Marie will see if there was a report summarizing the completion of the project.</p>	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Keep enquiring about any updates.	Marie, Amanda and Catherine	Next meeting

Updates

Amanda Walker (Falkirk)	<p>Lauren continues as Acting DHT at Windsor Park.</p> <p>In the High Schools, face coverings must still be worn which continue to be a challenge for our Deaf pupils. The Base is available for pupils if they need it.</p> <p>The primary pupils are now able to rejoin their peers in Bantaskin Primary for their learning.</p> <p>Covid is still presenting problems with regard to staffing.</p> <p>All pupils from P5 up attended a residential trip to Dalguise for 4 days. This went very well and the pupils enjoyed being part of such an inclusive Deaf community. Windsor Park plans on offering this on an annual basis.</p> <p>The peripatetic Teachers of the Deaf are now visiting three educational establishments in a day.</p> <p>Windsor Park no longer be use the term “hearing impaired” due to its negative connotations and are consistently using the term “deaf”.</p>
Catherine Cameron (Stirling)	<p>Teachers of the Deaf are still working from home, but they can visit two educational establishments a day. Masks continue to be a challenge for Deaf pupils.</p>
Patricia Butkowska (Clackmannanshire)	<p>The Teachers of the Deaf are no longer working from home. They can visit two educational establishments a day, but no more than four in a week. Patricia will be leaving her role in the next week. We wish her all the best in her new ToD job.</p>
Katie Clark	<p>Katie has taken over the specialist Speech and Language Therapist for Deafness Advisory Role for Forth Valley. This will be for two days a week.</p>
FVSS	<p>No one was available at the meeting to give an update.</p>

Local Sensory Impairment Strategy update	Falkirk See Hear group will be meeting on Tuesday 9 th November at 3-4pm on Zoom. Contact Jacquie Winning if you'd like to attend. See attached document.
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NDCS Update

Marie Cafferky	<p>Marie's line manager, Heather Young, has left. The new Advice and Guidance Manager for NI and Scotland is Lindsay McDowall.</p> <p>The NDCS are currently advertising for a Head of Policy and Influencing role. The job will also encompass Deputy Director for Devolved Nations for Scotland and NI.</p> <p>There are five Advice and Guidance Officers in Scotland – Glasgow, Edinburgh, Lothian and Borders, Aberdeen City and Highlands, and Marie's area of Forth Valley and Fife. Please continue to refer any families to us who need support.</p> <p>The benefits system is changing from DLA and PIP payments to Child Disability Payments. Marie is conducting a six week trial of online Zoom meetings to support families. Marie can also signpost people to support if required.</p> <p>Senior Local Campaign Lead, Hazel Badgie, has been in touch and intends to join Forth Valley CHSWG. She has been invited to the next meeting.</p> <p>The NDCS Roadshow are now doing in person sessions, but without the bus. Look online to book.</p> <p>Marie is now back to doing in person visits, but following strict COVID guidelines</p> <p>Testdrive loan equipment is starting back up again.</p> <p>The Glasgow NDCS office remains closed.</p>
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CHSWG Members/Minutes List

Discussion	<p>Jennifer Pow has taken early retirement.</p> <p>Sandy Gardiner has retired.</p> <p>Leza Munro is now our Audiology member.</p>
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UNHS		
Discussion	No one from Audiology was able to attend today's meeting to provide an update.	
Action Items	Person responsible	Deadline
Ask Leza for an update	Amanda	Next meeting
Chairperson role		
Discussion	This will be discussed at the next meeting when more members are present.	
Action Items:	Person responsible	Deadline
Add to next Agenda	Amanda	Next meeting
Focus for future meetings		
Discussion	If anyone has anything that they would like us to discuss at the following meetings then please let us know.	
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AOCB		
Amanda shared that she had attended a Webinar on 4 th October called "Hear Glue". It shared a solution to helping children with glue ear / conductive loss. A piece of equipment costing £50 which appeared to consist of a pair of headphones, similar to cycling headphones and an app, which has really helped many children. The app won app of the year award and was produced by Raspberry Pi.		
Action Items:	Person responsible	Deadline
Next Meeting	8 th December at 10am online.	