

MINUTES OF THE TRANSITION FORUM
Held on the 1st July 2010 at Downs View Link College

Present: Jenny Brickell, Head of Child Development & Disability Services, Seaside View CDC (Chair)
Maureen Pasmore, Service Manager, Supported Employment
Jennifer Chapman, Consultant Community Paediatrician, Seaside Vice CDC
Naomi Cox, Manager Integrated Learning Disability Services (Adults)
Karen Kingsland, Project Development Worker, Integrated Disability Services & Partnership Board
Adrian Carver, Head Teacher, Downs View Link College
Sue Winter, Transitions Development Worker, aMaze
Rosie Chapple, Manager, Connexions
Clair Peligry, Parent Representative
David Cooper, SEN Lead re LSC Transfer
Suzy John, Specialist Advocate, YAP
Natalie Winterton, Health Facilitator, Community Learning Disability Team
Mark Hendriks, Project Officer, Commissioning Team (Learning Disabilities)
Sue Beck, Office Manager (Minutes)

Apologies: Peter Wheatly-Crowe, Mainstream Schools & SENCO/INCO Group

An error on the Agenda was corrected, under Item 5 – name should read Natalie Winterton and not Trentham.

1 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTER ARISING

Actions:

Naomi had contacted Mental Health Services for the name of a representative to join the Forum but had been unsuccessful. They are currently re-structuring and it appears there is a problem with Adult Social Care being unable to attend meetings.

Update to Forum by Rosie Chapple – Item on Agenda

Jenny Brickell to contact Peter Joyce re representation on Forum – Similar issue as above, but Peter will identify a representative if he cannot attend.

Forming a small group to look at both sets of funding. – Item on Agenda

LSC update Chantal Homan will chase information – not present at meeting.

Discussion on issues from summary and shared action sheets – Clarification of action required.

LSC not on Agenda. Jacqueline Coe to produce a summary detailing what is happening with the LSC. Jacqueline not present at the meeting. Sue Winter had written in the October Newsletter that Jacqueline has kindly said that if parents are worried they can contact her to talk about it. – No further action.

Quality Audit - David Cooper and Rosie Chapple have yet to meet. Co-ordination of small group to review recommendations in detail required. Rosie Chapple is to report back to next forum, Sue Winter to be included.

Transition Work Plan and Transition Protocol – Item on Agenda.

Valuing People Now Transition Workshops

Maureen Pasmore attended the Planning for Jobs and Careers workshop.

Difficulties in releasing/identifying the most appropriate people for the learning forums was raised and the inability to attend them all.

Jenny Brickell to check she has the date in her diary for the Planning for Good Health workshop.

There was concern that although actions are agreed within the Minutes, that there is little commitment from the group to undertake these. It was noted that the minutes are late going out, but also acknowledged that this is due to work pressures and part-time working of Jenny Brickell's PA. The importance was emphasised that actions from the minutes are undertaken.

Quality Audit – Annual Reviews is to be discussed under item 9 on the Agenda.

ITEM 5 HEALTH TRANSITIONS IN BRIGHTON & HOVE

Natalie Winterton had distributed the paper. Natalie read to a summary she had prepared – copy attached.

It was noted that the Council Charter had not been updated and requires review. Through the Next Maze will possibly be updated next year and will include Health Transitions. The difficulties were recognised of obtaining the right information for insertion into the publications. The Health Transitions document, when agreed can be published on the Council's Website to ensure there is good local specific information.

ACTION: Jenny Brickell and Naomi Cox to take responsibility for the next update

It was suggested that Health to be contacted to find out additional information in relation to the disabled population. This document is developing a pathway

setting out clearly the responsibilities of health service and other professionals.

A half day Health Transition workshop was suggested for attendees to discuss the key recommendations to consider what needs to be done, what is and what is not currently working well. It is an opportunity for professionals to consider the way forward.

It is crucial to have the Therapies involved alongside Paediatricians and possibly GPs.

The attendance of parents was discussed and it was decided that a specific session could be arranged for parents to attend. It was suggested that parents be included who have just experienced the Transition process with young people of 20 years who would be able to contribute, whether the process went well or whether it was difficult/problematic.

Adrian Carver considered that a large amount of work is required focussing on the young people's transition from children's to adult health. He gave an example of his experience of taking a young person to A&E and attitudes of professionals encountered.

Natalie Winterton explained that the role is one of providing support and advice when people use hospital services and there are areas of concern in relation to 'capacity and consent'. This is the beginning of the process and if people are experiencing these issues, a small working group could look at current issues. Provision of service, support issues around attitudes and judgement calls would be included in the pathway.

It was recognised that a change in culture is required and these issues are being addressed through Valuing People at a higher level in the Council. Disability has a high profile nationally and the medical profession are more aware of these issues than they were.

It was not considered appropriate to involve the Parent/Carer's Council at this stage as their focus is currently on Education and the organisation would not have any additional resources.

The suggestion of working with mainstream young people who have medical/health needs was discussed. It was noted that parents of children in special schools have different needs to those within the mainstream environment.

Clarity is required for membership of the focus group, for young people who do not fall within the Transition plan. 10 members or less was suggested.

ACTION: Sue Winter to take to aMaze as parent led organisation and agree an independent venue. Sue Winter to circulate information asking parents for their experiences, what would be helpful and suggestions that could make the

process better. To feedback to the 16th September Transition Forum

**It was agreed to hold the workshop in October/November 2010 to be organised through Naomi Cox. Need to agree date by the end of next week
Natalie Winterton to delete the word 'Draft' from the document.**

Health protocol to be developed to incorporate in existing protocol at the workshop. AHA group to be included and possibly 18+/Speakout.

ACTION: Suzy John to let Natalie Winterton know the lead for AHA group in order to consult with young people.

Jenny Chapman discussed two cases brought to her attention by another paediatrician colleague querying young people in inappropriate accommodation and learning situations after leaving College. She had questioned whether Transition workers who were involved in the case had enough time to get to know the young person due to pressure of work and also whether they had enough experience of severe autism and learning difficulties. She feels the Transition project is quite linear and if the young people are linked to the right people the process will run more smoothly. She feels this is a systemic problem. Regular and final year meetings would be of benefit. Any specific problems ie not knowing the professionals involved should be raised with the nominated Transition Worker or operational managers.

The list of pupils in Transition year is sent to schools but only provides current contact.

Life planning for young people at the workshop could include how information is shared.

ACTION: Jenny Brickell to liaise with Paediatrician to take forward any issues.

3 SE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN/EMPLOYMENT PROJECT WORK UPDATE

Recent meeting held with SE Regional Support Workers, updated within the work plan, employment is one priority, Naomi distributed a paper. £25,000 available and members of Chantal's team are exploring ways to improve opportunities for young people to be employed. Awareness/research/training is required for staff working with the young people to move this forward. Questions had been sent out to members of the meeting and responses are required.

Discussed Transition/Person Centred Planning paper already sent out and outcome is that the voice of the young people needs to be heard. Responses required by mid July, and to invite Jacqueline Coe to next arranged meeting. Research undertaken from 'Getting a Life and training plan required. A trial session has been held with a group of young people and aspirations raised around wanting to work and being supported to achieve this. The target is professionals working with young people.

Adrian Carver queried whether it is necessary to divert resources as this falls within the schools remit of careers and education guidance for young people, together with the work experience programmes.

The competitiveness within the work-place in Brighton & Hove was recognised, acknowledging that expectations for young people/parents differ and a more creative way of thinking from the workforce is required to potentially produce a different outcome for people with disabilities. It was noted that the mainstream is not well represented and professionals working with the more moderate group of young people need to be included to maximise the opportunities for employment. It was also recognised that the current political situation will cause difficulties for young people to obtain work.

Employment is a key issue to address in the Action Plan

ACTION: All to fill out questionnaire in order for Maureen to arrange a meeting to take forward to the next step. To feedback to the next Transition Forum.

4 TRANSITION TEAM DEVELOPMENT GOALS FOR INCLUSION IN OUR WORK PLAN

Rosie discussed the difficulties for the Transition Team within the last 6/12 months re staffing issues and the complexities of managing the situation. The viability of the experience of the project city wide is not clear nor any increase in funding for management. The Sheffield Model was discussed which included a commitment through Health, Education and Social Care for joint funding.

Andy Bradbury runs an organisation, Frameworks for Change which includes working around personalised transition work who produced the Sheffield model in terms of good practice to produce better outcomes for families.

Sue Winter had circulated the report and asked that members of the Transition Forum read this.

It was noted that currently there are no resources available to develop the Transition Team.

Andy Bradbury has met with the Transition Team Manager, Lynn Ley but the outcome of this meeting is not known. Lynn Ley does not attend the Transition Forum as she works part-time. Naomi Cox attends currently due to the departure of Steve Hook.

Jacqueline Coe had also submitted a bid for additional funding put in from Innovations & Outcomes Fund.

It was also noted that the Transition Manager does not attend the Transition Steering Group. It was acknowledged that the Team has been beset by difficulties and capacity issues. The Team are unable to spend time with the students in the schools/colleges due to work pressures to understand their needs and aspirations. The time limited work with the Transition Worker was discussed and the fact that this system does not appear to be working. Health Transition planning needs to be included

It was suggested that a full time manager is required and 2/3 additional Transition Workers.

Claire Peligry expressed that views of some parents are of a very difficult transitions experience.

**ACTION: Minutes of the Transition Team meetings to be distributed to Transition Forum.
Rosie Chapple to produce basic information and bring to next Transition Forum.**

A decision is required how to spend the £25,000 from the National Transition Support Team, available for one year only. £20,000 from LDF has been frozen and is not now available.

Sue Winter and other members of the meeting felt the Sheffield model was an appropriate way forward, has quite a radical overview, a different approach and people would need to be genuinely prepared to change.

ACTION: David Cooper to liaise with Jacqueline Coe in relation to the bid and report back before the next Transition Forum.

Jenny Brickell agreed to meet with Andy Bradbury as soon as possible

Suzy John's YAP report was tabled

ACTION: To be placed on next Agenda

8 TRANSITION WORK PLAN AND TRANSITION PROTOCOL

Copies distributed to those at the meeting. The money for Karen Kingsland's post has ceased. The Transition Work plan and Transition Protocol will be put on the Council Website and a responsible person required to look at it a couple of times a year and update once a year. Need to look at reducing the work plan items and pull together the 5 different work plans into one. There will be 500 copies of the protocol printed.

Terms of Reference for the Transition Forum produced and distributed which will also be available on the Website.

Jenny Brickell thanked Karen for all the hard work she had undertaken and expressed her sadness in losing her.

**ACTION:: To be placed on Agenda for 25th November 2010.
Jenny Brickell agreed to take responsibility to
update the work plan/protocol in July next year with
Lynne Berry**

**Karen to email Sue Winter so she can enable parents
to obtain copies of the document.**

**Terms of Reference to be an item on the September
Agenda**

**Review of the Transition Work Plan to be an item on
the December Agenda**

Sue Winter mentioned the Art show (to build young people's resilience re communication) in relation to working with families and 'Words are not enough' on now 10.00am-5.00pm and open Sunday 10.00am – 2.00pm. 70 people came to a private viewing. She is happy for a copy of the leaflet to go on the Learning Disability Partnership website. Thanks were given to David for distributing leaflets on time to parents where children are in main stream schools.

Clare Peligry is to join the Learning Disability Board and Juliette Teague is joining the Partnership Board.

Sue Winter mentioned the Sex Education work undertaken with Jo Whittick using the Leeds programme, also followed by Downs View. She is working with teenagers and parents still require more support with mental capacity. In

September work to be undertaken in how to support parents with sexual relationships work.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 16th September 2010 at Downs View Link College.