

pinpoint Network Meeting – 14th March 2014 – Ely

The meeting was held at the Garage, Lighthouse Centre in Ely and was attended by 11 parents and 8 providers.

It ran from 10 – 1.30 pm and had two sessions.

Session 1 Summary

The session focus was on the support parent carers need from pinpoint currently and in the future.

Questions

What are the biggest challenges facing you as a parent carer ?

- Flexibility of DP Plan
- Respite care
- Social care package
- Access to activities
- Access to indoor active activities in winter
- Time
- Juggling time
- Confusing systems
- Isolation
- Behaviour management
- Lack of identified lead professional

What support would be helpful from pinpoint to help you overcome these challenges ?

- More informal meetings to share experiences with other parents
- Continued support
- Publication of knowledge
- Feeding back about lack of activities

Existing Services which were identified to meet Parents Needs

- pinpoint website
- Actz for Kidz
- Sports club 10-12 in Cambridge on Saturday mornings
- Home-Start Empowering Parents Course

Actions Noted

- pinpoint to consider coffee morning sessions for parents for informal knowledge sharing which may then become parent led – these could encompass a creche and also may have occasional service provider input

- pinpoint to feedback issues and look at future focus on lack of activities
- pinpoint to feedback and look at future focus on direct payments

Session 2

8 service providers joined the session and worked in groups with parents looking at the implementation of the single plan in Cambridgeshire. The group work was led by the STAR Team and a report will be produced on this work.

Service providers and parents were facilitated to have some time to discuss individual issues.