

Parent Network Meeting – SEND Reforms

Fenland, 2 March 2015

Oasis Community Centre, Wisbech

Attendees

Parents: 8

Service Providers: Bob Wilson, Donna Sparrow, Jane Ryder-Richardson, Josie Lynn, Kathryn Inskip, Liz Graham, Freddy Bush (apologies STAR Team, Siobhan MacBean)

Pinpoint: Lenja Bell, Eve Redgrave, Judith Middleton

Overview

The topic for these network meetings was SEND Reforms. The County Council gave a presentation to parents on what is happening locally. This was followed by a live demonstration of the Local Offer. Parents then had time to speak individually to Core Assets regarding Independent Support, Social Care, SENDIASS (PPS), and SEND Services. A copy of the SEND Reform presentation can be found on the pinpoint website:

Parent issues raised / feedback given

The comments below were made by parents. Comment by professionals are given in italics.

- How can we feedback to the SEND workshop if we can't attend?
- No contact with STAR Team
- Can't get a hold of the STAR Team
- STAR Team case worker – very rarely available to return calls, very frustrating
- Local offer – would be helpful to know if an activity is appropriate for children with autism
- Parents need to know if adequate resources exist. If they don't, parents can fight for more.
- Having problems with Penderels Trust (*Speak to social care*)
- pinpoint Autistic Spectrum events leaflets – more please
- Local offer and other information – make eligibility criteria clear from the start (*will look at adding to Local Offer*)
- Age specific activities – physical age of child might be too old, but not mental age
- Service aren't equally spread across Cambridgeshire, often nothing in Fenland

pinpoint Cambridgeshire is a Registered Charity, No: 1156920

- Clarity on who gets social care help – need to meet criteria of severe or complex needs to get disability social worker, not for all disabilities
- My child's annual review was not minuted by anyone
- Treetops Ely Soft Play Centre – free admission to SEND kids first Wednesday monthly, 5 – 6:30pm, SEND only and siblings

Parent feedback on meeting

- Discovered useful information I didn't know
- pinpoint Events flyer was very helpful, can we have it back?