

## **Parent Network Meeting – SEND Reforms**

**Huntingdon, 18 March 2016 (daytime)**

**Medway Community Centre, Huntingdon**

### **Attendees**

Parents: 4

Service Providers: Jane Crittenden, Maxine Crouch, Victoria Bartle, Liz Graham, Donna Sparrow.

Pinpoint: Eve Redgrave, Lenja Bell, Carole Darlow, Judith Middleton

### **Overview**

The topic for these network meetings was SEND reforms,. Parents worked in groups with providers from each service to .... After the group work, each provider fed back the key points which had been captured on flip chart paper and are recorded below. The parents had a chance to talk individually with each other and service providers over lunch.

### **Feedback from group work**

Parents and service providers worked in groups to answer....

#### SEN Support

Communication:

- Poor communication / information provided by schools re: SEN support and what schools are doing, reluctant to share
- Special interventions in place – not shared with parents
- Parents not aware of requirement for schools to offer three meeting per year
- Parents would like a name for 'SEN Support' Plan so clear for parent what has been put in place – the Assess, Plan, Do, Review – what is it called, give it a name

#### EHC Plans

- Emotional well-being missed, not felt to be adequate in plans
- Early intervention from the YP worker – not available to SEND YP (yp workers do work with mainstream SEND for yp with low level needs, it's special schools and high need cases which show the gap)

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- Transfer annual review document confusing. Not clear as questions asked of parents don't reflect on first part of form
- It would be helpful to have needs number to give a follow through with outcomes and provision

### Local Offer

School Information Report:

- Raising awareness of report
- Better communication
- Accessible information
- Building trust
- Manage difficult conversations – respect depends on individual rather than system

Strengths / weaknesses:

- Use Cambs.net – info on support groups / activities
- Feedback – difficult to give, couldn't find button
- Add info on signatures on email to raise awareness
- No awareness of info / support available
- When a few parents have contacted police etc. in crisis can we not provide intensive 1 or 2 day programme on ad hoc basis dependent on need rather than have to wait for next parenting support course which is long winded and over time, people can book 1 or 2 day of ?
- No awareness of local offer
- Looked initially but little info available

What would you like on Local Offer:

- Publicise info at diagnosis / when in contact with parents
- Local support groups
- Inclusive sport / clubs and activities
- Information on who to contact if have concerns / worries
- Info re: school responsibilities e.g. SEN support
- Information for parents – help and support available, parental well-being
- More info re: EHC and school responsibilities

### **Next Steps**

The feedback from the group work will be collected and analysed across the five network meetings and shared with **education, health and social service managers and frontline staff**. **Pinpoint will update parents on how this work is taken forward.**