

Parent Network Meeting – SEND Reforms

Cambridge, 4 March 2015

St Andrew Hall, Histon

Attendees

Parents: 15

Service Providers: Bob Wilson, Kate Papageorgiou, Eloise Riches, Anita Hewson, Jane Ryder-Richardson, Kathryn Inskip, Simon Adams

Pinpoint: Lenja Bell, Sue Platt, 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. Comments by professionals are given in italics.

- Knew something was wrong, nursery said so too, but school didn't listen
- Can we prioritise results in a search re: Local Offer Directory? *No, not yet*
- Need more accountability...had a private assessment, didn't get information / support, escalated to Head and Governors with no success
- If child has a statement, should I have had a letter re: transfer? *Yes*
- Need information or link to Contact a Family website for diagnosis information re: Local Offer
- EHC Plan for early diagnosis but no recognition for children that are missed. Could they be fast tracked?
- Can schools learn from each other, some are much better with SEND than others? *SENCo networks exist that share practice.*
- Yes, please, schools should share good practice.
- *School's Information Report – schools have duty to share, Early Years setting not yet*

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- *Information report needs to detail ways the school identifies needs and what support is in place*
- What does 'offer' mean?
- *Currently 3800 statements in Cambridgeshire*

Parent feedback on meeting

- Thanks very much – useful info and website demo.