Meeting Notes from
Cambridgeshire Partners in Commissioning Group (SEND)
29 June 2017
St Ives Library, St Ives, Cambridgeshire

Present:
Lenja Bell, Pinpoint (Chair)
Carole Darlow, Pinpoint
Sharif Al-Rousi, Cambridgeshire County Council
Fay Dutton, Pinpoint Trustee & parent representative
Kari Payne – Pinpoint & parent representative
Bob Wilson – SENDIASS
Eve Redgrave – Pinpoint & parent representative
Lee Miller – CCG
Sandie Smith – Healthwatch CEO Cambridge & Peterborough
Tandy Harrison – Parent representative

Apologies:
Sian Turner-Gilbert, Jemma Neal, Meredith Teasdale, Bianca Cotterill, Jackie King, Becky Jones,
Liz Day, Anita Hewson, Helen Phelan, Janet Dullaghan

1. Welcome and Introductions
Lenja welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

2. Minutes and actions from last meeting (29 March 2017)
Minutes agreed. Follow up on actions:
AP1 – Anita Hewson to find out about PFA group for parent representatives to attend. (Anita Hewson) Actioned. PFA strategy group was planned but meeting cancelled and has not been rearranged. Appears to be a gap SFA, AH, LB outstanding

AP2 – Circulate SEN Support Action Plan (Lenja) Document still in draft stage.

AP3 – Follow up on tribunal work (Lenja) tribunal meeting tomorrow. 2 parents attending plus rep from CCC

AP4 – Get parent involvement in dyslexia guidance survey. (Fay and Bob) Bob - spoke to Kirsten, Parents to be included in feedback. Kirsten to work with fay. Outstanding.

AP5 – Update Terms of Reference with strategic boards to report to. (Lenja) completed. Only gap PFA to be circulated with minutes
AP6 – Circulate Lifelong SEND strategic priorities. (Lenja) to be discussed today

AP7 – Share co-production guide with Pinpoint. (Sandie) done – LB to share with commissioners at meeting.

3. Ofsted/CQC reforms area inspection results

LB - Congratulation on a on a very good inspection report. Lots of good aspects. At today’s meeting, we will focus on what’s happening now and areas for improvement. Following on from the publication of the report Pinpoint had an online survey for parents to give their feedback but the response was very low.

Main findings –

Pg3 point 2 - a high proportion of new EHCPs are completed within the 20-week timeframe. Targeted services provided by health and social care are not consistently included in EHCP Update – the CCG have employed a SEN coordinator which will address lack of health input into EHCP & also a part-time admin is also in post. LB to contact for further details.

Pg3 Point 4 – Specialist services provided by education, health and social care professionals are of high quality and are well regarded. However, some parents and carers report that it is very difficult to access these services in a timely way, if at all. Delay in identification of need and frustration of families.

• census 2017 ½ assessments are refused by LA. Sis Ofsted not pick this up? Agreement that we need to understand the numbers more, i.e. which of these then went on to have an assessment agreed.

• The new integrated service with a multiagency team should help communication. Thresholds and waiting times will always be a challenge and early intervention will be priority.

• Keep your head – an excellent tool and could be replicated for physical health services and the local offer. It was felt the Local offer website page is very officious and hard to navigate.

• Better care fund (adults) – pulling together services.

• Need to have Meredith’s/helen input on Local offer. How is it being addressed.

Pg. 2 – point 6. The children receiving SEN Support at primary are making less progress than all pupils nationally during KS2

• Amy Weaver has responsibility for SEN support however its only .2 of her job. Sen specialist. 9000 children are on SEN support in the county. Schools are responsible for SEN not the local authority and they can only give guidance on good practice. There needs to be further links with schools to address the issue and there has been no progress in the past 6 months.
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- We need to develop workstreams and have a parent rep on each project.
- Next steps meeting - needs better explanation for parents.

EHCP's – lack of understanding from education professionals, still treated like a statement review. There should be additional training for special schools.

pg. 5 pt4. Targets too short term and lack of Social activities included. This is a missed opportunity and needs to be addressed. When writing the EHCP they should start with opportunities, inclusion, and aspirations.

Communication with parents and carers is too inconsistent.
What feedback do we have from parents on process of EHCP's? – Sendiass, core assets, school champions, Poet survey.

Report doesn’t mention golden thread of EHCP’s

Critical facility – understanding of what should be happening and mutual understanding of the plan.

Antenatal checks made by health visitors are completed in fewer than half of all pregnancies.
Very worrying statistic.

4. Health Update – ASD 11-18 CAMHS 17+, self-harm

ASD – 11-18 diagnostic service. Formal agreement with CPFT for implementation plan. Service will be up and running oct 2017. In the interim, there are 2 elements 1) adhd waiting lists and 2) ASD older cases with higher needs. Meeting to be arranged with Nick White from CPFT. We would like to issue assurance/a statement to parent to reassure parents. Before end of term ideally.

There's going to be a huge influx of cases and not enough specialists, triage criteria, waiting lists, time delays etc.

Camh 17+ meeting Friday 30th June. Draft service specification to look through. implementation plan required with CPFT. They will work closely with Prism workers in primary care settings. Peer support workers also funded for a year. In addition, eating disorders, ASD, ADHD now age criteria now up to 18. CPFT looking at all age services.

Voluntary group – Mark Stocks pinpoint volunteer will run informal sessions for parents. Huntingdon locality family worker could possibly support? – Damon? Network of parents to support other parents. Agencies should keep referring to center 33

Young person – camh using I thrive model. Support for the Young person? Pastoral support in school. There’s a gap until threshold for camh is met. Keep your head website excellent source of information. Wellbeing leads interviews are taking place shortly.

Crisis team are recruiting appropriately trained staff. 2 new crisis staff – first response service up until 9pm. There is a working group and all current resources are going into crisis. Intensive support team is work in progress. To be discussed at the EMHWB. Gap in services in Wisbech due to the borders. 111 access issues. Stats of YP going into ED has reduced drastically since first response was implemented.

Conference in November 2017 Kathryn Goose. – ER, LB

5. Update from lifelong SEND pathway/vision for SEND

Contribute a strategic vision for send. Parent and local authority. Still need young peoples and health input. Presented work so far to directors and Wendy Ogle-Welbourne meeting in May. Pleased to see work in progress and co-production.

Tandy to join the group.

6. Feedback from participants – Key issues & concerns

Network meetings. These have been discussing SEND Transport and gathering parent’s views, many personal issues have been addressed, plus the aim is to draw up a transport charter. This will also need input from schools, taxi drivers and escorts. Meredith and Sue Eagle- want to look at the process currently in place for home/school transport. Ultimately, we would like to have a transport passport, similar to a 1-page profile. For both the child/young person and driver/escort.

Sharif has a new role. Commissioner for…

Bob – SENDIASS is now part of the performance team – managed by Lisa Read.
Sandy – Healthwatch AGM 5th July.

Young people consultation –likely to be less physical centers. More children and family zones. An Online offer and pop up activities and outreach.

Public consultation on children’s centres. 17/7 – 22/9

New structure for SEND Services - Who’s who?

Joint commissioning group – LA/CCG/PCT?

7. Topics and debates for future meetings

8. Any other business

Pinpoint is moving office 4th August to St Ives Town Council.

Dates of next meeting: 29/11/17 10am-12pm, Hunts Forum, Maple Centre, Huntingdon.

Summary of Action Points