



Wiltshire Children & Families Voluntary Sector Forum

Minutes – January 2020


Date: 28 January 2020
 Time: 9.30 am to 12.00 pm
 Location: Scout HQ, Potterne Wick, SN10 5QT

Attended:
 Tony Griffin – Chair
 Jessica Love – Minute-taker
 Amber Skyring – Wessex Community Action
 Liz Sirman – Salisbury Child Contact centre
 Carolyn Marriott – Wiltshire CAMHS
 Sylvia Gilmore – Relate Wiltshire and Somerset
 Maureen Laurence – Wiltshire Family counselling trust
 Matt Blackmore – SPLASH
 Trudy Srawley – Wiltshire Parent Carer Council
 Jacqui Radford – Carer Support Wiltshire
 Tania Rackham – Home-start Kennet
 Becci Walsh – Salisbury Women’s refuge
 Vikki Bather – CAMHS
 Rachel Potter – Kooth
 Bel Compton – Independent
 Patricia Podge – Elizabeth house
 Freda Goddard – Elizabeth house
 Yasmine Ellis – Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and rescue
 Liz James – Barnardos
 Jo Sollars – Home start South Wiltshire
 Natasha Flintoft – Army Welfare Service
 Vanessa Bedford – Alabare
 Alison Sankey – Family counselling trust

Apologies:
 Vicky Watt – The Rise Trust
 Russ Martin – Spurgeons
 Damian Haasjes – Wiltshire Wildlife Trust
 Emily Van Der Lely - Crimestoppers

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| 1. | 9.30 am | <p>Welcome and introductions – Tony Griffin (Interim chair) Round table introductions. Previous minutes – Some haven’t received November minutes ACTION: Resend with minutes from today. Any known conflict of interests (to be disclosed to Chair prior to meeting, no later than welcome coffee).</p> |
| 2. | 9.50 am | <p>Introduction to Wiltshire Family Counselling Trust Dr Alison Sankey - Wiltshire Family Counselling Trust – Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered mental health charity providing early intervention for young people (up to age 19) and their families. FCT raise funds to subsidise the cost of this support. Referrals from professionals or self-referral-family is contacted and referral evaluated by a team. If accepted they are put in touch with a relevant practitioner for 6-8 sessions. Lots of issues covered including depression, bereavement, witness of domestic abuse, mild self-harm, family communication and relationship issues, young carers, low school attendance, minor |

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| | | <p>physical or learning disability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot work with those suffering more complex long-term issues e.g. eating disorders, OCD behaviours, severe anxiety, LAC children, PTSD. • Range of therapies from CBT, mindfulness, art therapy etc. Sessions can be individual or family based. • Take up of therapy offer is around 55% • Signposting and referral to other agencies when needed e.g. Splitz for domestic abuse. • This is only a short-term intervention and so the referral panel have to consider whether they can achieve positive results in 6-8 sessions with a specific case. • Local service with a quick response and early intervention. Low cost to the community and good outcomes are demonstrated. • Funded by fundraising – large and small scale. • Families pay on a sliding scale based on household income from £5 per session to £50 per session. |
| 3. | 10.20 am | <p>Families And Children Transformation Programme (FACT)</p> <p>CFVFSF website home page has a link to the Wiltshire Council FACT page including latest updates. Discussion around the vast array of services working with similar groups not being aware of each other and how this needs to improve.</p> <p>Chair will be giving a presentation to FACT around the CFVFSF and how we can fit in with the FACT programme. The responses to the questions below will be taken to the FACT meeting.</p> <p>Activity to answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual organisational understanding of FACT • How each member is involved • What each organisation would like to know <p>Key issues to take to FACT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awareness of website and directory to demonstrate the value of our services and our input into FACT. Emphasise the importance of local knowledge and our on-the-ground experiences. Show them how we can help them and be more constructive if we are given an equitable role in this transformation. - Bring it all back to supporting children and families. - Acknowledge the positives that they are trying to make improvements and trying to include us and commit to multi-agency working. Emphasise that we are willing to work collaboratively. - Highlight the barriers to our involvement - Hold them to account and ask them how they see us fitting into the process. CFVFSF is willing to act as a conduit for the CFVFSF voice and have an input. - Discussion about new navigator role increasing demand for services in the CFVFSF where we do not have the capacity to meet this demand. There was consideration of this initially but it has now disappeared without explanation. - Changes in purpose and aims of subgroups without warning or explanation which has left people confused as to the objectives. - Ensure they understand more about the complexity of the voluntary sector and that we all have different funding, different measurement criteria, different capacity and different projects within our scope. - Less involvement of children, young people and families than was initially intended. - Will CCG merger have an impact on FACT? – https://www.wessexcommunityaction.org.uk/events/working-together-in-banes-swindon-and-wiltshire-ccg-merger-update/ - ACTION: Executive to consider how we can showcase the CFVFSF to FACT - Provide data around who we reach, what criteria we have, how to refer, numbers of reach. |
| 4. | 10.45 am | Break and networking |

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| 5. | 11.00 am | <p>Introduction to the new Wiltshire Thresholds Matrix Replaces the 'Wiltshire Windscreen' and is useful to have in front of you when contacting MASH. Guidance and case studies to help explain the new matrix. Also includes links to other assessment tools such as GCP2 and CSE and includes contact numbers for a variety of services. http://www.wiltshirescb.org.uk/ ACTION: Chair to discuss with Wiltshire council re: link to CFVSF website on DART system and at the end of the thresholds guidance.</p> |
| 6. | 11.30 am | <p>Training update re UASC funding Requested training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safeguarding – 1 organisation interested in delivering - Bid-writing – No one interested in delivering – some confusion over what this meant - Mental health – 3 organisations interested in delivering. <p>Committee to decide who will deliver the training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yasmine Ellis volunteered to help with this along with Bel Crompton and others from the executive. <p>Scoring process and next steps to be confirmed.</p> <p>Oxfordshire council website has online training specifically around UASC issues. This is free to complete and anyone can register but please only book on if you need to as there may only be limited courses. https://training.oscb.org.uk/elearning-list</p> <p>NSPCC also have a free online training course around unaccompanied asylum seekers. https://www.celcis.org/training-and-events/events-pages/caring-children-moving-alone</p> <p>This is a link to the HM Gov strategy and guidance. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/656425/UASC_Safeguarding_Strategy_2017.pdf</p> |
| 7. | 11.45 am | <p>Round table update from members Only new items or significant pieces of work please.</p> <p>Wessex Community Action – Merger of CCG and learning development programme on website – also available for volunteers https://www.wessexcommunityaction.org.uk/</p> <p>Family Counselling Trust – Planning a training day looking at the impact of social media on children and young people – Salisbury - 1st May – looking for a teenager to present on types of social media.</p> <p>WPCC – Short breaks scheme for C+YP – if issues with forms then contact WPCC – closing date...</p> <p>Barnardos – Wiltshire Early Mental Health and Counselling service – Starting April 2020 – 5-18 year olds</p> <p> Barnardos.pdf</p> <p>Developing onyourmind.org, and providing early intervention, as well as “community connection” for children YP and families. Planning and assessment meeting for those that need higher level of support including therapy and counselling. Group work “Decider skills” based on CBT to develop skills and strategies. Positive activity groups. Job adverts and marketing coming out in due course.</p> |
| 8. | 12.00 pm | <p>Close</p> |
| | | <p>Future Meetings 31 March 2020 26 May 2020 14 July 2020 22 September 2020</p> |

