



Wiltshire Children & Families Voluntary Sector Forum

Minutes

Date: 28/03/2023
Time: 9.30 am
Venue: Potterne Scout Hut

Attendees		Apologies
Angela Brennan (Chair) Liz James – Barnardo’s Trudy Srawley – Wiltshire Parent Carer Council Vikki Watt – The Rise Trust Sarah Pickering – WCA Vicky Watt – The Rise Trust Pat Podger- Elizabeth House. Stephanie Stevern- Family Counselling Service Rachel Hamblin – Careers Support Wiltshire Kim Hanney- Young – Portage service Carl Houghton – Children Centres	Natalie Huggens – MoTiv8 Sarah Hawkins - Charlotte Topley - Rainbow Trust Caroline Fowke – Wiltshire Dyslexia Association Victoria Harker– Army Welfare Service Damian Haasjes - WWLT Spence Whatmore - Joanne – Home-Start North Wiltshire In attendane – Linda Cantillon-Guyatt Administrator	Nicola Harris – Spurgeon’s Sarah Smith - NSPCC Margaret Firth - Wiltshire Community Foundation Tania Rackham – Home-Start Stephanie Davis- Wiltshire Council R Potter – Kooth Jessica Severn – Fear-less Kate Morris - Capuk Kirsty – Salisbury Refuge

Item		Who
1.	Welcome No conflicts of interest raised.	Chair
2.	Angela opened the meeting welcoming everyone. There were no matters arising from the minutes and 9 apologies has been received. Angela reported back on recent meetings and communications Information from Wiltshire Council on their plans for preparation for a SEND Inspection under the Ofsted Framework. Members to be aware the inspection can take place very soon. Inspector will be interested in what’s happening in the county and this will include alternative provision. Angela to go back to request detail on how much notice will be given of visits, there will be a questionnaire to parents as part of the process. One of the case studies will be about alternative provision. Members as free to contact the commissioning team with any ideas or to meet commissioners contact Candf.commissioning@wiltshire.gov.uk Update on the FACT Family Help Pilot Project - Warminster /Westbury pilot Project - Family Help Practitioners have had a name change and are now Family Help Champions. There is to be a mental health family help worker starting in June. The pilot team are all busy networking as much as possible through school, most of which, are being very welcoming. One school has given a space to the pilot to team where any parent can come from any school which is really helpful for some parents who	All

	<p>might not want to go into their own school for whatever reason.</p> <p>The pilot team are starting to attend 'Team Around the Family' meetings and are assisting with the completions of Early Support Assessments.</p> <p>The pilot team will start with the following focus areas, which may change in time but for now they are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving emotional wellbeing and mental health including reducing parental isolation. • Building parental confidence and competence in the context of boundary setting and conflict, in the context of social media and online gaming. • Improving financial security for families. <p>Angela has said if anyone would like to attend the Family Help steering groups meetings to let her know.</p> <p>Concerns have been raised about the lack of engagement by schools' staff therefore meetings are being held late afternoon to encourage school staff to attend and those working in the early years sector.</p> <p>The pilot would like more people from both communities to influence at this early stage especially as Warminster and Westbury which are very different communities both needing the voice of the community there to steer it progression.</p> <p>Currently Deborah from Home-Start South Wiltshire is attending these meetings on behalf of CFVSF.</p> <p>Next meeting is taking place at the Garrison community Centre on 13th June if anyone would like to attend, they are very welcome and to contact Angela in the first instance.</p>	Action needed
3.	Angela welcomed Charlotte Topley from Rainbow Trust who gave a short presentation about the service they provide. Slides are available here .	Charlotte Topley
4.	Coffee Break	All
5.	<p>Members were given the opportunity to discuss current challenges for families and their organisations in small break out rooms. Feedback to be shared with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Peoples Parenthood Partners Meeting and other relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>Feedback from break out rooms promoted some discussion in the whole meeting below are the highlights;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns over the lack of Mental health support especially for of 16-18yr olds • Army welfare have set up a rag rating system to help meet demand • Cost of living having a big impact on families more use of food banks • Behaviour issues with under 5s who didn't socialise during lockdown being felt by providers • Housing issues are increasing due to increase cost of rent. • Most organisations have recruitment challenges. • Due to recruitment issues many organisations are short staff and have growing waiting lists. • Poor communication from WC Social Care to organisations providing services lack of information, which is impacting on joint working, long waiting times on phone 	All

	<p>makes it hard for orgs to talk with social workers no call backs, no continuity of social workers which is compounding family trauma.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thresholds changing a lot with no communication and no feedback from ESA's • Portage is having to find funding for everyday items for families rather than specialist items. • Long waiting list of 4-6 months which has an impact on Safeguarding • Staff at capacity. • Pressure on young carers to get work mostly in poor services areas like Mc Donald's where there is little support and pay is poor. • Organisations finding it harder to attend meetings like this due to work loads. • Lots of services have vacancies which put pressure on everyone else. • Mental health issues of YP have a big impact on the rest of families. • Whilst the need might not increase need, the complexity of needs is being felt by most services • Care farms have a waiting list of 82 which is unheard of. • Need for safer recruitment training outside the working day. 	
6.	<p>Updates from members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home-Start South Wiltshire have secured lottery funding of £162k to enable them to support an additional 100 families. • Wiltshire Parent Carers Council WPPC:- there is short breaks consultation taking place around the county consultation with early years families - What's working and what are the barriers and transition from early years to schools – dates and times on WPPC website. • Home start North Wilts: - have now secured funds to enable them to expand their area so will be working in Melksham. Pilot group support in Swindon - Two family brunch clubs one in Devizes and one in Tidworth • ICA Mental health workshop 9th June 2-4pm: ICAs to hold a workshop to consider Mental Health needs in our community, assess current performance and share their ambitions for the next 1, 2 and 3 years. Please let amber@wessexcommunityaction.org.uk know asap if you are interested in joining the workshop. It is to be hosted on-line and it's for children and adults. • WCA host a CEO's breakfast mtgs bi-monthly as a peer-to-peer support network for CEO's (or Director level), if you'd like to join email amber.... • The new ICA Implementation Plan is out for consultation. If you would like to comment on the plan, please email Amber or Lynn Gibson (there is a very small window of opportunity to make comments on this however, there was wide engagement from the VCSE on the ICA Care Strategy). • Energy training: Tuesday 30th of May - Energy efficiency for your community building, 11:30-12:30pm. This session provides an overview of what to consider when making your community building more energy efficient – whether that's through zero-cost behaviour changes or higher-cost measures like renewable technologies. • Friday 2nd June – Home Improvements, 11-12pm. This training session will cover 	<p>CFVSF members</p> <p>Feedback at Next mtg</p>

	<p>MEES regulations, insulation types and DIY draughtproofing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 6th June – Effective ways to engage the community, 2-3pm. In this training session we will be giving hints and tips for how to communicate with your community on energy and give your ideas and resources for running energy-related events. • Army Welfare Service have cards which promotes the work they do and the activities they have available. Just get in touch with Vicky. • Barnardo's - Liz spoke about flagging up the needs of children and young people's mental wellbeing. There is nothing in the county for YP who are suffering trauma. • Spurgeon's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have a range of online and in person parenting courses all of which are free and include a lunch box. - Clothes rails are now in all the children centres for free clothing for children. • Five to Thrive training is available in the FACT pilot areas if members want to be refreshed. They are also interested to know if practitioners are using their learning in their daily work. • Commissioners are holding a market engagement meeting at the Cotswolds Centre County Hall regarding the current children centres and what families might want in the future. Which is now being held on 10th July 2023 at County Hall – member have been sent this info in an email. • Hold the date - WCA are hosting a commissioner's workshop September 6th more Information to follow. 	<p>Save the date</p> <p>Save the date</p>										
7.	<p>Angela updated the meeting regarding the appointment of WCA representation on the Exe Sarah Pickering will replace Anita Hansen no one objected.</p>											
8.	<p>AOB Some members have offered to give overviews of their services within a meeting when possible.</p> <p>Concerns about the lack of access to Safeguarding training in Wiltshire. Angela to follow up</p> <p>A poll was launched to ascertain members feedback on future speakers' results will be discussed by exec.</p> <p>Future Speakers</p> <p>1 questions 16 participated</p> <p>1. What topic speaker are you most interested in? (Multiple Choice) *</p> <p>16/16 (100%) answered</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>HCRG - Wiltshire Children's Community Services provider - Service provision e.g. health visiting and mental health and well being services for young people up to 19</td> <td>(15/16) 94%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ARA Recovery 4 all - Gambling awareness & support available</td> <td>(3/16) 19%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amber Skyring, Wessex Community Action - Wiltshire Together</td> <td>(2/16) 13%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amber Skyring, Wessex Community Action - Intergrated Care Alliance</td> <td>(5/16) 31%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tam Blaikie, Employment & Skills, Wiltshire Council - To talk about her project working with Home Educated children and young people</td> <td>(8/16) 50%</td> </tr> </table>	HCRG - Wiltshire Children's Community Services provider - Service provision e.g. health visiting and mental health and well being services for young people up to 19	(15/16) 94%	ARA Recovery 4 all - Gambling awareness & support available	(3/16) 19%	Amber Skyring, Wessex Community Action - Wiltshire Together	(2/16) 13%	Amber Skyring, Wessex Community Action - Intergrated Care Alliance	(5/16) 31%	Tam Blaikie, Employment & Skills, Wiltshire Council - To talk about her project working with Home Educated children and young people	(8/16) 50%	<p>Chair to follow Up and report Back</p>
HCRG - Wiltshire Children's Community Services provider - Service provision e.g. health visiting and mental health and well being services for young people up to 19	(15/16) 94%											
ARA Recovery 4 all - Gambling awareness & support available	(3/16) 19%											
Amber Skyring, Wessex Community Action - Wiltshire Together	(2/16) 13%											
Amber Skyring, Wessex Community Action - Intergrated Care Alliance	(5/16) 31%											
Tam Blaikie, Employment & Skills, Wiltshire Council - To talk about her project working with Home Educated children and young people	(8/16) 50%											
10.	<p>Date of next meeting 18th July 2023 online</p>											