

Richmond Children's Hearing Services Working Group (CHSWG)**Minutes of Meeting**15th June 2017-1:30pm 3:30pm

Board Room, Teddington Memorial Hospital, Hampton Road, Teddington TW11 0JL

Present:**Ellen Purton (EP) Chair**

Geeta Ubhayakar (GU) Head of Service HRCH
Paediatric Audiology
Nicola Staines(NS) Parent Rep
Helen Joseph (HJ) – ESSI Manager
Amanda Robbie- TOD
Michaela Drake-(MD) School Screener and Minute
Taker
Nupinder Bhogal (NB) NHSP Manager and Audiologist
Heather Anderson – Health and Therapies Manager
(Deputy Head of Service)
Shaun West- Achieving for children
Rob Dembrey Early Years Consultant
Doreen Redwood (DR) Health Commissioner

Apologies (received):

Michael Mehari (MM) – Lead Paediatric
Audiologist
Sathananthan Mathanalosani- Associate
Specialist community paediatrician
Lucy Smith (LS) Public Health England
Karen Lowry SEND Local Offer Content
Manager
Sandra Powell (SP) – Robe
Claire Schneider (CS) Paediatric Clinical Service
Manager
Zahra Chaudhry –Audiologist
Lena Vantol (LV) – Information and Advice Co-
Ordinator for children's access service;
Rakhee Dave-Shah (RD)- South London SEN
Commissioning
Stephen Hall (SH) -Clinical Services Director
Anna Chiva (AC)- SEN Manager
Alison Poxon –SWL NHSP Manager
Denise Evans NHSP

1. Welcome and Introductions

EP welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending. Introductions were undertaken by all members of the group including guests

2. Update on actions from previous meeting and approval of minutes

Discussed and agreed as accurate.

HJ Meeting at schools for children with Hearing Loss going into Reception, currently 6 children in this category **HJ has sent list to NB in Paed Audiology to check**

HJ to contact Claire Meadows from NQT's to offer her services to go into and talk about Hearing Loss **HJ ongoing action**

GU updated SWL Population System of Care Network – meeting took place 24/11/2016 at St Georges - next meeting 22/8/2107 which will be hosted by Kingston Hospital, the focus will be on Education/speech and Language in SWL, looking at a complete pathway **GU update after next meeting**

HJ Soundfield systems in all reception classrooms, discussed that this would exclude faith schools they would be required to fund this themselves

HJ to resubmit form for funding, EP to push this forward- ongoing

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- 3. Newborn Hearing Screening Program** – Quarterly report.
NB read out the figures, AP sent via email direct to EP

4. Nursery and childcare settings

RD Early Years Consultants – covering Richmond and Kingston currently there are 130 nurseries in Richmond their services offer Senco training to Nurseries the last session they had 70 nurseries attend, training can also take place in Nursery settings which can be done after 6pm when nurseries are shut to train staff. Richmond can access funding for schools for equipment - have used Hush ups for chairs in class rooms to improve noise levels, HJ invited to come in and do some training

5. Attainment figures for HL children HJ

HJ supplies figures at the meeting and talked through data, the data covered, early years, end of KS2 and GCSE the aim is to track this on a yearly basis, discussed if data can be obtained on Reception age children, **RD to ask a colleague, Helen Golesby to work on this**

6. Specialist SALT therapy for hearing impaired children

DR- Current contract finishes in August this will be looked at to extend but not finalised but information will go out to tender which can take up to 9 months- procurement process is to look at the best service – currently working with AFC
GU had 2 meeting with SALT on 2nd meeting it was identified a SLT therapist from THSCC will attend training with Paediatric Audiology and attend Deaf awareness training.

7. Social Services Provided to HL children in Richmond

SW- Currently have 1 HL child on their books. EP asked if a parent had concerns how can the service be accessed and what is the criteria for funding – discussed that the single point for access is to direct parents to AFC website.
GU HoH/Ealing provide equipment funded this is done via TOD and is then supplied based on funding criteria being met.
EP Discussed funding for Radio Aids it was discussed Radio aids not currently put on 2 years or under due to communication with the child understanding and able to communicate if there was a problem with the aids, would normally look at a child aged 2.5 and upwards if communication is good.
HJ DLA claims for funding can take between 4-6 hours to work through.
SW – Kids support also offer DLA support, funding is also available to 2yr olds access to 15 hours free education, 3-4 can access a payment of 615:00 to the nursery setting where the child attends to use to support the child's needs, this can be claimed when the child is 3yrs and then at 4yrs.
NB/HJ to circulate this information so parents are aware of this service

8. Transition to Adult Social Services – March Meeting, Heather Anderson, Shaun West, Nupinder Bhogal

Audiology did not have a representative at this meeting, , HJ to discuss at next TOD meeting transition of 14+, another check is to be made to co-ordinate a list to check that the information is accurate with Paed Audiology and TOD, **HA to send list to HJ**

9. Support for 0-2 year olds Helen Joseph, Heather Anderson, Audiology

Currently 2 years onwards Richmond TOD will have involvement, in Kingston there are parent toddler groups that involve TOD/Audiology visits to these setting. – possibly this could extend to Richmond

10. Parental Cross Services survey to all parents (only with permanent hearing loss) distributed at the meeting, all to view and send EP thoughts of the services to list –EP to update and send out

11. AOB

Paediatric Audiology new band 7 joins September 2017

New hearing aids Phonak Sky V will be introduced starting from July 17 onwards and will replace Nathos this will be done on when patients are due for their reviews.

NB will email TOD who will be due for their annual reviews to be upgraded