

Berkshire CHSWG
Summer 2023 to be set up.

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Many thanks to Rosie Harrision, our BSL interpreter.			

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st March have been reviewed and no amendments were needed.

2. Review of actions from previous meeting

Actions from previous meeting	Update	Next steps / Ongoing / completed
Pupil voice working group.	See full update under item 5.	Ongoing
School nurse screening	School Health Screening went out later this year (April / May). They have only had 300 responses and usually receive over 1000.	Next steps Discussion points for next meeting. • Suggestion that an additional letter goes to schools separate to the newsletter. • Is a letter of concern needed to the individual LA

		Public Health Commissioner? Should we liaise with Norfolk around how they protected their screening? The contact details have been shared with us.
Parental feedback re Langley Academy. Gail emailed and received this response	Langley Academy responded to the concern raised about the use of ToD time in the mainstream. Teachers of the deaf have a small portion of their time allocated to mainstream teaching. However, a significant amount of their time is spent working with HRB students. We review timetables and needs on a regular basis to ensure that provision in the EHCP is met.	Completed
SALT / BSCS joint report writing maximising the use of IT systems to co-produce.	Gail met with the DPO for RBWM who host our service. We should be able to find a way forward with this once some additional agreements are in place.	Ongoing

3. BEARS Project - Sandra Driver - Guys and St Thomas Implant Team

Many thanks to Sandra Driver for a very interesting and informative presentation on the BEARS project which has been a project in the making for the last 8 year.

For more information on the project [Both Ears Training Package \(BEARS\)](#)

The slides from the presentation will be sent with the minutes. We look forward to hearing updates on the progress of this project.

4. Feedback from parents

Feedback	Responses / actions required
Family reported that their child from a primary school with TC resource is moving to a secondary with no resource and felt that they had not received the support for equipment in a timely manner. The family would like more support around these transition points.	This has been addressed with this particular family and the more general point around transition noted
A family has found access to appointments at Skimped Hill has been good and seen earlier than expected. Skimped Hill needs the same access to leaflets / information etc.	
Families want more support for parents to work out and prepare for the next academic year- pre planning for September.	BSCS feedback - generally children with equipment keep this throughout primary and secondary with possible changes when they move to post 16.

Many thanks to Alison for reaching out to families to ask for feedback.

BDCS

Families are encouraged to register with BDCS using the website. Professionals can also register by emailing Berkstdcs@gmail.com and they will send a link.

Professionals Feedback

NHSP - Davina Turnbull, RBH

- The screening team are still struggling with screeners.
- Two new screeners starting this month, one full time and one 2 days a week
- These staff will be trained up
- KPI not met for the first quarter due to staff having Covid and 1 member being off
- Next quarter should be better as they will be fully staffed

NDCS

- Hannah Brown the NDCS Engagement Officer is moving roles within the NDCS. She thanked the group for being so welcoming.

- The new NDCS Engagement Officer is Kerrina and Hannah will do a handover to her

Berkshire Sensory Consortium Service

- There are staffing changes within the team with one member retiring. We have successfully recruited a qualified teacher of the deaf
- One member is moving on to a new role. The service will be recruiting and although we may be slightly understaffed in the autumn term we are confident that we can cover the caseload with our existing staff

Speech and Language Therapy

Multi Professional Support Focus

Joint report writing- have been pleased to write reports with a range of teachers this year, thank you and also aware GD is meeting with SCS IT links and LD is meeting with BHFT IT in July- for further discussion after local meetings.

- Some changes in commissioning for SLT arrangements at mainstream school have been communicated to SENCos and SCS. More training available to schools to support speech and language delays.
- For families returning to speech and language therapy/with new concerns, if they are not sure how to access SLT again please direct them to their last SLT report/advice email, there will be instruction on that.
- Brants Bridge meeting room is now chargeable to BHFT staff and maybe RBH staff.

Royal Berkshire Hospital - Audiology

- Switching earmould manufacturer to Sonic imminently. Lots of patient feedback regarding timeliness and quality of current earmoulds (which we had also noticed ourselves).
- Departmental accreditation hopefully successful following a few minor amendments.
- Lauren Archer now co-managing the ABR assessment part of the service alongside Constantina
- Service wide Audiology commissioning changes: all NHS patients will be directed our way. Previously under the 'Any Qualified Provider' route, some patients were seen by Specsavers

Abby Martin - School Screening

- Abby is leaving her current role in July.
- She will reach out to the school screening in West Berks to see if they have a member of staff to represent them in the CHSWG

5. Pupil Voice

Discussion was held about how to proceed. Davina has a background in marketing and is happy to work within this group to help construct questionnaires and elicit useable data.

- Core working group for pupil voice established
 - Davina Turnbull
 - Alison Skinner
 - Louise Dix
 - Nishma Sutaria
 - BSCS representative

This sub group of the CHSWG will have an initial meeting on Tuesday 19th September 12.30 - 2.00.

Alison Skinner will set this meeting up.

Action plan prepared in separate document and the subgroup will feedback at the next CHSWG meeting in November 2023.

Maggie Dutton has shared what they use in West Berks / Reading for Annual Reviews. This has been shared with Louise Dix.

6. Future Planning for CHSWG Group

Recruitment of next CHSWG chairs / additional members

- Davina Turnbull had kindly volunteered to co-chair the group but it was agreed that her expertise could be better utilised within the pupil voice sub-group.
- Gail Ditchfield suggested a rolling programme of chairs with only one chair changing at a time.
- Gail will chair the November meeting and would like to invite other members of the group to co-chair for the February and June meetings.
- Jane Peters will raise the CHSWG group at the next Joint Management Group with the 6 LAs to raise awareness of the importance of the group.

Platform access

- In order to make sending out invites more straightforward it was agreed by all that we would try Google Meet for the November meeting.
- Anyone who would like to test their access to Google Meet please email Gail Ditchfield and a convenient time for a test run can be arranged.

Provision of Interpreters

- Discussion took place about the need for 2 interpreters for the meeting. The CHSWG group has no central funding for this. Jane Peters (BSCS) and RBH audiology have confirmed that they will be happy to provide an interpreter on a rolling basis.
- Discussion will need to take place in November to confirm who will provide the interpreter for June 2024.

- Alison Skinner feels it would be good to have more deaf representation at the CHSWG group.

<u>Actions from this meeting</u>	
Reach out to key organisations / departments for representation at CHSWG • Deaf CAMHS • Health Visitors • Local authorities • School nurses	

Focus of the next meeting

- Feedback from the pupil voice group
- Identification of any further action relating to the school hearing screening
- Action points for the rest of the year

Dates for future meetings

Tuesday 14th November 2023 12.30 - 2.00

Tuesday 12th March 2024 12.30 - 2.00

Tuesday 11th June 2024 12.30 - 2.00

Minutes taken by Lisa Bull.