



**Minutes of Parenting Network Meeting
Millennium Hotel
George Square
Glasgow, G2 1DS
Wednesday 12th October 2016
10.30 – 3.00**



Who was there:

Morag	Innes	City of Edinburgh Council
Katie	Wanless	City of Edinburgh Council
Shellie	Connor	NHS Tayside
Carole	Fraser	NHS Tayside
Amanda	Muir	Equal Say Advocacy
Sandy	Cruikshank	People First (Scotland)
Jane	Lewis	People First (Scotland)
Louise	Forbes	Aberlour Childcare Trust
Alan	Roberts	NHS Fife
Paul	McKee	Central Advocacy Partners
Maggie	McAlpine	Central Advocacy Partners
Dominic	Jarrett	NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Rhonda	McKinney	Quarriers
Elina	McVicar	Renfrewshire Learning Disability Services
Pauline	Crilley	Equal Say Advocacy
David	Barr	Aberlour
Sharon	Swan	Aberlour
Trish	Dunlop	Mellow Parenting
Andy	Miller	Scottish Commission for Learning Disability
Oonagh	Brown	Scottish Commission for Learning Disability
Christine	McBain	Minute taker from Scottish Commission for Learning Disability

1) Welcome and Introductions

In Ailsa's absence, Andy chaired, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Review of Minutes of Meeting of 1 June 2016

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed following a change to the note of the update from Bianca Wood from People First (Scotland). Andy asked for any subsequent amendments to be sent to Christine.

Sandy asked for a link or a page dedicated to Parenting to be created on SCLD's website.

Sandy asked if it would be possible to meet with Heather McCutcheon from East Ayrshire Advocacy. Dominic will share Jane's email address with Heather.

3) Review of Actions from 1 June 2016 meeting

- **Amanda to circulate evaluation to network members** – Amanda will send the summary of the evaluation and copy of the PowerPoint presentation to the Network
- **Shellie to check possibility of Learning Disability Nurse involved with PAMIS training attending network meetings** – C/F
- **Andy M to send Morag contact details of Evaluation Support Scotland** – C/F
- **Have meetings in different locations to make it easier for parents to attend** – C/F

4) Updates from Network members

Trish Dunlop - A small networking event is taking place on 25 October in Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee.

Trish spoke about a tool that has been used to evaluate the Mellow Parenting programmes. The tool is accessible and uses graphics. More information about the tool is at www.coresystemtrust.org.uk

Sandy Cruikshank

- A training session took place in August for Children's Hearings Scotland trainers at West Lothian College. Work has been done to create easy read letters to parents with a learning disability and a leaflet regarding Children's hearings
- Bianca talked to over 200 student midwives at a conference in Hamilton in September
- The Edinburgh Review Team that is made up of people who chair case conferences and Looked After Accommodated Children (LAAC) reviews in Edinburgh are now producing easy read agendas and invite letters
- A meeting has taken place with Ronnie Hill from GIRFEC regarding producing an easy read Child's Plan and easy read letters for GIRFEC meetings
- The Group will be meeting with either the Deputy First Minister or GIRFEC Team about information sharing
- The Parents' Group will be celebrating their 10th birthday party on 26 January 2017.

Following Sandy's update, discussion took place regarding the need for all documents to be easy read as standard.

David Barr – Aberlour Family Service – South Ayrshire is funded by the Big Lottery until September 2017. They have commissioned CEIS and the Social Value Lab to evaluate the sustainability of the service and propose alternative future funding models.

Katie Wanless – Bright Light in Edinburgh is now offering a family counselling service for parents with a learning disability on Tuesdays.

Dominic Jarrett – East Ayrshire is collecting data to find out what has happened since 1998 to families who received intensive support at the time. The information will be shared when it is complete.

Andy Miller – The event to launch the recommendations from the report 'Supporting Parents with Learning Disabilities in Scotland:

Challenges and Opportunities' written by Ailsa Stewart, Gillian MacIntyre and Sharon McGregor has been postponed. This will now take place on 17 November 2016. This is an 'invite only' event and will include parents. People at the event will have sight of the full report with recommendations and will be asked to pull together an implementation plan and name organisations to take the actions forward. The full report and implementation plan will be available early 2017.

5) Esme Fairbairn work plan presentation / discussion

Oonagh gave a presentation about her work to be done between October and December 2016. This included a review of current membership, making sure the Network works together and making the Network bigger.

Members asked what the benefits are of being part of a UK Network.

A UK wide national event was suggested.

Network members discussed how to recruit more social workers into the Network.

Different ideas came from the group about how to involve parents in the Network.

There were questions about the need for parents to attend Network meetings in order to be involved in the Network or if there is another way to involve parents.

Points were made about the accessibility of meetings and presentations.

Andy suggested sending a survey out to members about how best the Network can involve parents and those who cannot attend meetings.

Action: Oonagh will:

- Send an email asking Scottish Network members to join the UK Network
- Ask Children and Families Social Workers to join the Network
- Answer the Network's question about why it is better to be in a UK Network

- Ask the Network how they think parents could be involved in the Network in the best way.

6) Equal Say presentation

This was postponed due to lack of time.

Date and venue of next meeting

To be confirmed

Actions from this meeting:

- Change SCLD's website so that all information on Parenting is in one place and the information is accessible **(Andy / SCLD's website developer)**
- Provide Heather McCutcheon from East Ayrshire Advocacy with Jane Lewis' from People First (Scotland) email address **(Dominic)**
- Send the summary of the evaluation of Equal Say's advocacy project and a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to the Network **(Amanda)**
- Check possibility of Learning Disability Nurse involved with PAMIS training attending network meetings **(Shellie)**
- Send Morag contact details of Evaluation Support Scotland **(Andy)**
- Have meetings in different locations to make it easier for parents to attend **(Andy)**
- Send flier for the Mellow Parenting networking event that is taking place on 25 October in Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee to the Network **(Trish / Christine)**
- Actions from the Esme Fairbairn work plan presentation / discussion:
 - Send an email asking Scottish Network members to join the UK Network
 - Ask Children and Families Social Workers to join the Network
 - Answer the Network's question about why it is better to be in a UK Network
 - Ask the Network how they think parents could be involved in the Network in the best way **(Oonagh to action all of the above)**