



Learning Disability Parenting Task Group

St Andrews House

(3/5/2017)

Attending

Clare Simpson, Chair, Parenting Across Scotland
Andy Miller, Scottish Commission for Learning Disability
Carolyn Wilson, Scottish Government
Elaine Paterson, NHS Health Scotland
Craig Gilbert, Scottish Government
Jane Devine, Social Work Scotland
Emma Currer, Royal College of Midwives
Pauline McDonald, Scottish Government
Belinda McCune, Social Work Scotland
Elaine Cockburn, Scottish Government
Jane Lewis, People First Scotland
John Urquhart, COSLA
Ronnie Hill, Scottish Government
David Barr, Aberlour Child Care Trust

Welcome and Introductions

Clare Simpson, the new Chair of the Task Group, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

Approval of notes from the last meeting

The notes of the last meeting were agreed, with some changes.

Members agreed that a short note, with Actions, should be produced.

People First (Scotland) offered to produce the notes in Easy Read.

The Group approved the Terms of Reference that describes the revised purpose of the Group.

Developing the Implementation Plan

SCLD had written to Chief Social Work Officers with the report recommendations, asking if they agreed that Integration Joint Boards (IJBs) should have lead responsibility for a number of the recommendations. Andy summarised the responses for the Group: Seven responses were received. Most of these agreed that IJBs were rightly named as having lead responsibility. Two added that, where Children's Services remained outside the scope of the IJBs, the local authority should have lead responsibility.

The group then discussed:

- The need to raise awareness locally
- The need to discuss how links are made between child and adult services
- The value of sharing good practice

Developing the Implementation Plan - Legislation

It had been agreed that it would be helpful to include legislation that supports the recommendations into the Implementation Plan.

NHS Education had begun this process by preparing a document that linked sections of the Children and Young People's Act with specific recommendations.

The Group agreed this was helpful. However, other legislation is also relevant and could be added to what NES have done.

Health Visitor Pathway

It had been agreed that the Health Visitor Pathway was a good basis for a complete care pathway for parents with learning disabilities. NES had done some work linking the Universal Health Visitor Pathway to the recommendations. Carolyn talked the group through the paper.

Carolyn stated that the Universal Pathway is for all families. What is missing in the health visitor pathway was the How.

She stated that the health visitor pathways helped to identify the needs of a family and a child but that this needs to be placed in a wider context of other service inputs.

Others agreed: the Pathway should include when these other inputs are made, who does this and how.

Other discussion points included:

- Training for health visitors is part of the picture
- Different modeling for each need will help make sure the range of parental need is catered for
- The part of the parent's journey from becoming pregnant to first health visitor involvement needs to be joined up in the Pathway

Sharing of information and Good Practice

NHS Fife and Aberlour Child Care Trust held a national event in March, funded by The keys to life Development Fund. The event included:

- Presentation of findings from the Supporting Parents With Learning Disabilities report
- Presentation from North Ayrshire's universal Early Years Team
- Presentations from all five KTL Development Fund parenting projects

SCLD has held two local events for practitioners on implementing Part 12 of the Children and Young People's Act, in Dundee and Fife.

A third one will be held in Falkirk in June. Two other local events are also being planned around implementing the Scottish Good Practice Guidelines for Supporting Parents with Learning Disabilities.

SCLD is collecting examples of good practice in supporting parents with learning disabilities, and case studies of positive support that has led to positive outcomes for children.

Belinda offered the Social Work Scotland newsletter as a way of disseminating good practice examples.

Other Updates

The Review of Maternity and Neonatal Services in Scotland has been published. Elaine distributed recommendations.

Jane has offered to organise a seminar for members of Social Work Scotland. She has also arranged for Andy to be invited to attend September's meeting of Chief Social Work Officers.

Elaine Pa review of information for parents, including easy read information, is underway

Ronnie - Parts 4 and 5 of the CYP Act will become active in 2018. This includes provisions for Named Persons and the Child's Plan.

The Alliance-Link worker programme has been expanded across Scotland, starting in Deep End practices.

Actions

- Invite two representatives, one from a specialist service and one from a mainstream service, to report on progress with regard to the recommendations (Andy)
- All to send accessible information examples or links to SCLD Oonagh.b@scl.d.co.uk (All members)
- Write supporting legislation and policy document. Send out for group comment and discussion (Andy, Oonagh & Clare)
- Return to health visitor pathway at the next meeting (All members)

Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th August, 10.30 – 1.00 pm

St Andrews House, Edinburgh

