

# Children With Disabilities and Learning Difficulties Partnership Forum minutes

**Tuesday 15 February – 6.30pm**

**York House, Twickenham**

| ITEM      |   | ACTION                              |
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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Apologies &amp; Introductions</b>  |                                     |
|           | <p>Apologies: Mark Gilbert; Sue Ritson; Rachel Turner; Michelle Williams; Anne-Marie Asgari; Paul Leonard</p> <p>Attendees: Cllr Christine Percival, Cllr Piers Allen; Cllr Malcolm Eady Colin Herrick, John Doherty, Stewart Jones, Joanne Kemp; Mary Mullix; Becky Powell, Keith Tysoe,</p>   |                                     |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Minutes of the last meeting &amp; Matters Arising</b>  |                                     |
|           | <p>Minutes of the last meeting agreed and signed.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u><br/>           SEN Review update – Agenda item<br/>           Aiming High update – Agenda Item<br/>           RPCAG - Membership<br/>           Transport</p>   |                                     |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>SEN Review Update</b>  |                                     |
|           | <p>Colin Herrick (CH) updated the group on this item a progress report on “SEN Provision Review dated December 2010 “ was circulated prior to the meeting. To date good progress has been made</p> <p><u>Phase 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Darrell School, building work begins April 2011 and to complete October 2011</li> <li>➤ The Russell Primary School, numbers have stabilised</li> <li>➤ Holy Trinity/East Sheen, Building work commenced</li> <li>➤ Hampton Hill received good feedback Building work near completion and is legally established</li> <li>➤ Jigsaw (Windham), nothing to report,</li> <li>➤ Orleans Park School, exists legally, has yet to have an allocation of people</li> <li>➤ Richmond House, is not under Hampton Community College</li> <li>➤ The Gateway Centre has been switched to Clarendon School.</li> </ul> <p>Phase 2 - September 2011<br/>           Grey Court, Christ’s and Waldegrave Schools have all been legally agreed and will open in September 2011<br/>           Richmond Park Academy opening has been deferred to January 2012</p> <p>Phase 3 - September 2012<br/>           Stanley Primary School is proactive and committed</p> | <b>CH to update at next meeting</b> |

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|  | Teddington School proposals have been approved. Hampton Academy has been deferred to September 2013 due to building work but they are committed. |  |
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| <b>4.</b> | <b>Aiming High</b>  |                                     |
|           | <p>Feedback from Becky Powell, (BP) on Aiming High” and progress made, “Aiming High Programme Update” paper dated November 2010 circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>First two quarters – the picture is now the same, there is an increase in numbers receiving short breaks and the level is set to rise.</p> <p>Capital build – Croft Centre has moved to Strathmore, access, transition there has not been any problems<br/>Work at Croft Centre started in September 2010</p> <p>Funding for Short breaks and Aiming High was until March 2011. Funding has been agreed £600,000 for another year. This means that work can continue and the next steps are to re-commission and review plans. BP said that it would not be necessary to re-commission everything as in December 2010 work in this area was planned so it will be a case of looking at the gap in provision.</p> <p>Linking to Paul Leonard's item (he has been working with Karl Burgess) there is a new duty out and there will be no transition support money for next year, so there will be a gap in this area.</p> <p>Karl Burgess' remit is to look at “best practice” around transition.</p> <p>Mary Mullix (MM) informed the partnership that a Transition Board had been set up from the health side. Stewart Jones and Karl Burgess are part of this. The board would have a wider remit looking at the “best” rather than “immediate” solution. The joint funded board meets monthly and the emphasis will be on children in education now and up to 18, MM said that the board would like a Parent Representative to join.</p> <p>MM explained that her role has changed and she is not commissioning now.</p> <p>BP clarified overnight breaks and confirmed that short break grants include nights. There is a log cabin in Sunbury that is available. There is an increase across the board and wider availability for children to be away from parents. Less formal overnight breaks have increased.</p> <p>BP explained the situation regarding under 16's with disabilities.</p> | <b>BP to update at next meeting</b> |

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|           | <p>600k will come into the Aiming High budget code, which is not ringfenced<br/>John Doherty raised concerns regarding ring fencing from a parent's perspective.<br/>Cllr Percival advised JD to lobby the local MP Vince Cable, as he is very supportive of RCPAG.</p> <p>Further debate over ring fencing vs non ringfencing, Cllr Percival assured the group that concerns are taken very seriously by the council.</p> <p>It was agreed that all the groups were well supported in Richmond and they were thankful for everyone's hard work. Cllr Eady confirmed that the rcpag had done very well and there was a greater understanding which was down to the work of volunteers.</p> |                                     |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Update &amp; Feedback from Richmond Parents Carers Action Group</b>   |                                     |
|           | <p>RPCAG feedback briefly on the support that they are offering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to single Mums</li> <li>• on Mental Health issues</li> <li>• Bereavement</li> </ul>  | <b>RPCAG to update next meeting</b> |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>Any Other Business</b>  |                                     |
|           | <p>Paul Leonard's request was discussed regarding "Developing Opportunities for a more employable future" and members of the partnership were asked to give this some thought and feedback to Paul Leonard their ideas.</p> <p>Everyone at the meeting agreed that this initiative was a good idea.</p> <p>JD raised concerns over the commissioning board funding and the delay from the PCT in agreeing this. MM and JD to discuss separately.</p> <p>BP requested Minutes and papers to be published on public website if possible</p> <p>The meeting finished at 8.00pm</p>  | <b>AS to investigate</b>            |
| <b>7.</b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  |                                     |
|           | Tuesday 24 May at 6.45pm, York House, Twickenham   |                                     |
|           | <b>Signed</b>  |                                     |
|           | <b>Date</b>  |                                     |