

## Children's Integrated Disability Service Reference Group

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

**Present:** JT, BB, GA

**Apologies:** EB, JT, DF, TB-L, AF.

JT updated GA on previous meetings

- OT and the Council amalgamating- HR and Financial issues.
- HM is pulling together a written report on how LA and health services will work together.
- Aiming High has four focuses: Short Breaks, Parent Participation, Transitions, child care.
- BB has facilitated PPP's application for a grant from AH. There was a meeting at Welcome Hall to decide what to spend the grant on e.g. Dixarit.
- Phase one of the grant will involve buying in Contact a Family training. First training session will be in Catherine Street on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 10am until 2.15pm. Ideal amount of people to attend would be 12. The maximum would be 16. The training is about involving parents in strategic planning. BB and EB went to observe the training and said Day 2 especially was very beneficial.
- At the end of March the South West Regional Coordinator JF will be attending the CHIDS meeting to discuss the Phase 2 grant of £10,000.
- PSAs to bring parent buddies to the group?
- Set up a Saturday club involving siblings?
- GA attends Friends and Families and Power Pack and was positive about them.
- PB is interested in attending CHIDS.
- JS would like parents to go to the 'Together for Disabled Children' conference.
- JT mentioned about the Short Breaks planning board, who wanted a parent to attend their planning day. It was agreed that that is not how CHIDS works; they are supposed to bring their vision to the group.
- The next meeting will be about Aiming High.
- Would like parents to attend conferences because there are so many of them.
- GA noted that CHIDS had to develop, and is now where it should have been 18 months ago.
- Everyone agreed that it all comes down to parents attending the group.
- GA brought up the issue of being paid to attend meetings. BB pointed out that if you go to 2 or more different groups you may be paid with vouchers.
- Payment shows that people's time is valued.
- GA suggested using emails more to communicate with CHIDS members. Then you will receive more answers, more feedback and the information is easy to collate.

- GA was shown flowcharts re Document process and application approval process.
- GA noted that the most important thing for CHIDS was to increase the input.
- JT to email everyone asking what time is best for them to attend meetings. Possibly have two meetings, one in the day and an evening one?
- JS's article about getting involved with CHIDS: GA pointed out that it does not 'sell' CHIDS enough. JT noted that it also does not mention Parent Partnership. Needs to be put in the Herald or an outlet where the general public can see it.
- When JS comes to CHIDS the group need to think of points of discussion e.g. fundraising for Goosewell school to have a hoist for their swimming pool.