

DSPL 6: Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday 31 January 2018 @ 1.30pm
King Charles The Martyr Church, Potters Bar

Present

Cheryl Mence (DSPL 6 Manager and Area SEND Lead), Samantha Jayasuriya (Headteacher, Kenilworth), Christine James (Family Support Manager, Mount Grace), Jo Folkes-Jones (Summerswood, Primary Support Base), Celia Mills (St John's Playgroup), Ian Graham (The Park Esc), Hannah Jones (Continuum Coordinator), Wendy Wing (Cuffley), Sarah Treglohan (Wroxham), Judith Pace (Educational Psychologist), Tora Hodge (Deputy Head, Hertswood Academy), Lisa Wait (ISL Lead Practitioner)

Apologies

Roger Billing (Wroxham), Cathy Elsey (Monksmead)

MINUTES

Welcome and introductions

Updates from Hannah Jones, Continuum Coordinator

DSPL 6 Behaviour Review Update

CM - Behaviour review team currently visiting all primary settings and next week meeting with Richard Woodard. Richard will be at next behaviour review meeting and steering group. Still collecting data and preparing plan for submission to County.

Impact and Evaluation of Continuum Coordinator Role

HJ overview - Impact on students and schools feedback. Interventions as co-lead and coordinating with external agencies. Programmes still running between now and July 2018 = 106 spaces across the district. Asset aspirational thinking programme - successful and good impact statements, most of Yr7 in Hertswood are integrating into lessons and doing well. The programme is expensive £2200 per area, £4400 to cover 50 students. HJ has received some funding, £2,200, and will ask DSPL to match fund to continue to deliver across 2 areas. HJ needs to prepare impact report at end of programme. Will look to run Assets after Easter half term, so will run during SATs but to take place on the Friday afternoon to help prepare for SATs and a debrief afterwards. This was run in Hertswood last year but not able to run it there again, likely to run at Summerswood and Cranborne. Flourish Programme - Need for online safety, now running in Hertswood and Saffron Green, plan to do 3 more pilots after Easter, will be meeting with Chris after the half term to review feedback. Arsenal training day - awaiting date. Should have 50 students to attend based around

social emotional mental health and peers. Once date agreed will inform the group. No cost to DSPL.

There are spaces for over 300 students to attend interventions. For students not attending there is also The Park work as well as a workshop HJ has put together, pilot taking place tomorrow at Kenilworth. SJ will be observing HJ at Kenilworth, HJ is keen for feedback.

Feedback about referrals – Life project – referral form has changed so easier to work through and on one page. HJ must receive these back.

CM – Funding for next year – 80% for Autism and Behaviour and then local projects 20%. There is an underspend but this will go towards HJ's future work and extending the hours of 2x specialist family support workers.

WW – very impressed with HJ's work and that 300 students have been reached, 2x girls from Cuffley attended and WW has received positive feedback. Excellent project and congratulated HJ for all her hard work and efforts with the programmes. SJ also congratulated HJ for her time and for seeking the extra funding.

Continuation of Specialist Family Support Worker Funding

Carol – attends Parent Support Groups (PSG)–

Chris continues to support PSGs, Carol produced the Autism Guide – WW suggested they sell the guides, it contains info re. Managing Autism after diagnosis. Chris has given each school a copy, if further copies are required then more copies will be available for a fee. CM is keen to look through the guide with a view to using this for her Playgroup and for early diagnosis in children.

DSPL are supporting the workshops 'Unplanned Journey' – was meant to be for mums – daytime, dads evening. If it's just a dads group then they tend to open up more. But due to a complaint from a mum it will now be open to both sets of parents.

Parent Support Groups

Running every month in Potters Bar and Borehamwood. Tomorrow PALMS talking about eating issues. These groups are well attended. Planning to run until end of half term.

LW – will discuss how to take them forward for the future.

These PSGs are for parents of children with a diagnosis, or likely to receive a diagnosis, of autism. John Short is launching AET Standards and Framework, similar to SET and will be issued to all DSPL areas tomorrow, each DSPL will then send through to schools. It will should be sent electronically.

AET Standards and Framework

SEND Benchmarking

All schools should be completing this. Some SENCOs worried, CM is meeting some SENCOs at Summerswood and will firstly look through section 1 before moving onto the next. Reassurance from CM that it's nothing to worry about or a check-up on schools. It is to show a uniform approach across all schools.

JP - More training from HfL for SEND, expectation is that schools would have completed their benchmarking.

SEND Village & DSPL 6 Conference

DSPL6 Conference flyer has been circulated to schools. Keynote speakers in the morning. SEN Village will also take place at KCM – date to be fixed, this will be an afternoon for parents/local SENCOs to attend. Will need to use both KCM Halls, Tuesday afternoon looks preferable. Please encourage parents to attend DSPL conference.

Mental Health Updates – CAMHS School Link

CAMHS still working with schools and providing training. Mental Health First Aid will be rolled out to schools. Protective Behaviours Course 2x days, 6 spaces left on this, free for schools to attend. 23 February and 2 March 2018. CM has circulated details to exceptional needs cluster group too. Exceptional Needs Conf 2 March 2018. Each DSPL area has 10 spaces. JP – on ENF Advisory Group, specific things about processes, not a whole day will run until lunchtime.

Mental Health – Happy Me – standards going out to schools.

Sleep Tight course – will run for 6 weeks at KCM. This is to help children to maintain a sleep routine.

Teenager Group – now running every 2 weeks by Jane Franklin.

Super Sibs – once monthly, over 20 children attend this group

SJ requested – Updates about numbers from JFJ.

JFJ currently 5 children at the Base. Local consultations out of area, primary schools have not done their DSPL review. Busy on extended role, about to lose an extended role worker so position available again. Behaviour strategic support team meetings. SJ asked if the base offering respite? JFJ – they have 2x on long term respite at the moment but have not gone through the panel. CM – if children have ENF the money doesn't follow them, Ian requested this is noted in the review. JP – pointed out that there are children waiting for places.

IG feels this should change as there are big issues with girls at secondary level. The girls provision is Batchwood.

CM has joined DSPL 5 steering group in a parent capacity. JP Benefit of sharing ideas as Hannah will be meeting with them to talk through her work/projects.

What are other DSPLs doing with their bases? Started out with 9 bases but overtime things have changed. Each area has chosen their own pathway and what is needed for their area. Only 3 bases left across Herts. Whatever replaces the base should still be able to be robust enough. Other DSPLs are going to JFJ, although different scenarios throughout Herts. Some other areas have problems with where their bases are situated, ongoing.

CM would like more parents to join DSPL steering group please.

Updates

21 March – DSPL County Conference – everyone should be/have received an invite for this event.

AOB

Dates for next meeting – 22 March 2018 @ 1.30pm (KCM)

SJ not able to attend next meeting

Judith – gave an update to group

Linda moved to Watford & Hertsmere team in September but is now going over to Stevenage after half term. Linda's schools will be reallocated, short staffed. All EP services are short staffed across the county and country. Huge challenge due to increase for EHCP requests – still trying to maintain different range of activities. Statutory work has to take priority but still trying to maintain.

Please let schools know of new person – Tribunals becoming more complex and take up a lot of time.

IG – they have just employed at TA on short term contract who is qualified for EP role. Psychologist assisted role – it can be a pre requisite to doctorate training. JP interested in TA candidate and would like to follow up with IG.

JUDITH – ENF advisory group and statutory assessment to talk about this role as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Guide – still draft but will be finalised, guidance for ENF application.

If a case goes forward the panel meets mid March.

SJ – message from Cathy, sent apologies. Cathy is leaving at the end of this term, someone has been put forward to step into her role. SJ also informed the group that

she will be leaving at the end of the academic year. SJ is still happy to support DSPL 6 for as long as she can. Cathy is going to a Free School in Watford. CM would welcome SJ to continue her support for the DSPL.

DSPL 6 Conference date set for Wednesday 4 July 2018 to be held at the Fielder Centre, Hatfield.

Meeting closed @ 2.30pm

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 22 March 2018 @ 1.30pm (King Charles the Martyr)