

## Minutes of SEND reforms Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2017

Present VMM head of service SEND

Tauhida Choudhury SEND PACT

Melanie Widnall Early Years Improvement Officer

David Collins - principal Ed Psych

Kenton Dayle - Haringey Involve (HI)

Lisa – Haringey Involve (HI)

Liz Alsford - Borough Lead Therapies and specialist nursing

Esther Joseph - Autism/language Support Team

Deborah Israel - Hearing/Vision support team

Deborah Tucker - Alternative Provision Commissioner

- 1) Comments on respite policy
  - More emphasis on the emotional demands of caring for people
  - How does this interact with the continuing care eligibility for children and adults?
  - Eligibility for DCT needs to be accessible in order to understand document
  - What's the plan for personal budget support for those without EHC and a child with additional needs? How are they supported through social care
  - Why is there no budget if you are in supported living
  - If personal budgets are not offered - how are families supported through early help
  - What's the availability of services to be purchased through the PB
  - Are after school and hobbies included, does it include alternative therapies or those not defined as usual offer e.g. music therapy/clubs/swimming/therapeutic horse riding/holidays – how are holidays covered?
  - Does the assessment include a full assessment of school and home if the behaviour is different?
- 2) Transition event
  - Therapies access needs to be clearer after transition
  - Information for adulthood through GP/Senco forums/address emotional wellbeing forum
  - Year 9 review needs to be highlighted and needs work in schools
- 3) Discussion on rise of exclusions and how to address - are these illegal and how are they monitored? Agreed for PP to attend new SEMH pathway meeting to look at the offer across the piece around managing challenging behaviour
- 4) Residential duties and hospital admission duties welcomed by the group
- 5) SLT and therapies review - parental feedback strong. Next steps needs assessment in more detail as described and review of implementation model.
- 6) Discussed progress of EHC's and timescale
  - Still 754 still to do
  - All started
  - New staff starting but so many in progress that this is slowing the ability to produce in timescales

- Discussed what families view are of the process – PP thought families were concerned that they would loose their statutory rights if not converted, was able to reassure them that this was not the case. VMM to consider how to ensure that families know this.
- Next meeting with Dfe January 2018 – to invite PP