

Waltham Forest Parent SEND Meeting Agenda, Minutes and Action Plan

Meeting Date and Time: Friday 16th April 2021 10:30am-11:45am

Meeting Location: Via Microsoft Teams

Agenda Items

No.	Item	Duration	Lead
Agenda Item 1:	Introductions and Apologies	5 minutes	EG
Agenda Item 2:	Review Action Plan	5 minutes	All
Agenda Item 3:	Occupational Therapy Updates and Forward Plans	15 minutes	JM/EG
Agenda Item 4:	Compliments	5 minutes	CP
Agenda Item 5:	Parent Forum Updates / Queries	10 minutes	CP
Agenda Item 6:	Recommissioning Update	5 minutes	KB/KD
Agenda Item 7	Home to School Transport Policy	5 minutes	JM
Agenda Item 8:	Local Area Action Plan Initial Review	15 minutes	All
Agenda Item 9:	Coronavirus Impacted Updates	5 minutes	All
Agenda Item 10:	AOB	5 minutes	All

Next Meeting Date and Time: Friday 21st May 2021 10:30am-11:45am

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Attendees for Friday 16 th April 2021.					
Name	Initials	Agency/Job Title			
Eva Gunkova	EG	Chair, Assistant Director SEND, LBWF			
Rianna Terry	RT	Customer Service and Business Support Team Manager, LBWF			
Councillor Grace Williams	GW	Councillor, LBWF			
Vikki Monk-Meyer	VMM	NELFT			
Lynn McBride	LM	NELFT			
Sarah Ahmet	SA	Parent			
Kate Delaney	KD	Commissioning Lead, LBWF			
Joanna Mahadoo	JM	Provision and Partnerships Manager, LBWF			
David Roberts	DR	Parent			



	ACTION PLAN					
Need	Action	Action By	Due Date	Status Outstanding / Complete	Notes / Comments	
Communication Strategies as Partnership	No Open Actions for this Item.					
SEND Performance – DASH Board	No Open Actions for this Item.					
Health/CCG	CP/SA to send VMM and LM the specific details of where the CAMHS advice in an EHCP report has not been satisfactory, for it to be reviewed.	CP / SA	May 21	NEW ACTION		
	EG to remind staff that the draft EHCP should be sent to Health for review prior to being finalised	EG	May 21	NEW ACTION		
Equipment	Therapies review including OT and SALT	KB + VMM	TBC	In Progress		
Assistance with Travel	No Open Actions for this Item.					
Co-Production Projects	Autism Strategy	CP + KD + ICT	Mar 21	In Progress		
	KB to follow up regarding progress and status of JSNA and feedback to CP (to be added to recommissioning update	КВ	May 21	In Progress	Update expected May meeting	



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	for Mar 21)						
Short Breaks	Short Breaks Statement (+ Creation of Digital Application Form)	JM, CP	Apr 21	In Progress	Update – Final Draft by the end of Apr Application Form and Guide also to be updated post statement completion.		
	VMM, KB and DR to review the Health section of the Short Breaks Statement	VMM, KB, DR	Mar 21	In Progress	Update – Dependent on above action		
Local Area Action Plan	STANDING ITEM	All	Jun, Sept, Dec	Ongoing			
PFA Strategy	STANDING ITEM	All	Monthly	Ongoing			
Occupations Therapy Vacancies	JM to update letter sent relating to OT's. All partners to cascade to respective Teams as a priority.	JM	ASAP	NEW ACTION			
	Raise with Heather Flinders - promoting the role of Occupation Therapists through the Local Authority, including any lobbying for change in training.	Clir GW	May 21	NEW ACTION			
	Raise with Heather Flinders - Communication to go to MPs and Cllrs to inform of the above	Cllr GW	May 21	NEW ACTION			



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Other	AS to provide information on what the offer is for a parent with a recent ADHD diagnosis'	AS	Apr 21	In Progress	Update – KD to chased AS		
	SA to send details of specific 17-year-old to LM (relating to previous CAMHS support and diagnosis of ASD, ADHD)	LM	May 21	NEW ACTION	*INDIVIDUAL CASE*		
	EG advised an audit will be going ahead into EHCP advices received and outcome focussed plans in May 21. To ensure quality assurance of advice and outcome focus.	EG	May 21	NEW ACTION			
2021 Reminder	Update on the ADHD Strategy, including timescales	DR	Dec 21	Ongoing	No current workstream planned. Reminder for discussion in Dec 2021. Update: commitment to update the social emotional mental health sections of the resource ladder which does not mention ADHD at the moment and needs to be a bit smoother.		



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1	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies					
	Minutes of Friday 19 th March approved.					
2	Review Action Plan					
	Updates as above.					
3	Occupational Therapy Updates and Forward Plans					
	 VMM audited cases which JM is now working through (additional 60 referrals, 142 total) 					
	Lessons learnt are being identified, to inform future processes. Including several equipment repairs which have been put through as referrals.					
	JM has contacted an independent OT, currently helping with a hospital discharge.					
	Recruitment remains outstanding, JM continues to find solutions in the meantime, JM is going to speak to ASC for assistance for post-18					
	 Adults, have already confirmed assistance for a particular young adult – assessment will be conducted. Daily contact with Adults for those post-18 on where they can assist and accommodate assessments. 					
	Possible remodelling of the OT delivery – will be taken to respective Boards for sharing/decisions					



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	 LM asked whether Comms will be being sent out. Individual cases will be contacted regarding assessments in d 	lue course.	
	 Cllr GW asked what could be done by Politicians to push the difficulties currently faced in recruiting into this area the NHS need supporting and advertising. There is also limitations in paediatric experience, particularly in the tra 		ler roles in
	North East London Authorities to meet to discuss wider OT issues across London.		
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	Parent Forum Compliments		
	Connaught School for Girls – SENCO, Head of Year and Miss Hicks (support given to a child academically and)	emotionally)	
	Kofi Simpson (SW) – Great first impressions		
	Catherine (Dentist)		
	Amanda Jamieson – SENDIASS		
	Carol Prideaux – Goes way above the call of duty		



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5	Parent Forum Feedback/Updates		
	 Parents had queried CAMHS input into EHCP. Some have not had any input, and others have had some, but predomedication. Some parents were unaware they could ask for reports from CAMHS. LM advised this came up at the CLM has requested the specifics from CP. VMM advised a bit of work needs to be done to address input to an original review. 	CAMHS Board	previously.
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•	Anthony Lyseight-Goslin to be asked to provide update at May 21 meeting – 5-minute update on Provisions Reopening COMPLETE	RT	May 21
•	EG advised an audit will be going ahead into EHCP advices received and outcome focussed plans in May 21. To ensure quality assurance of advice and outcome focus.	EG	May 21
6	Recommissioning Updates and Home to School Transport Policy		



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	Policy was signed off at Cabinet – main focus is now procurement of the SEN Transport Service.								
	A lessons learnt session will probably held around CT+ which is the current transport provider.								
	SEND Outreach Services – Procurement now closed								
	Special thanks given to Korina for her support in the evaluation								
	 Autism Strategy – Paper going to Cabinet next week (w/c 19/04/21), which is a starting point, including intentions, what has been done so far, etc 								
	SEND Mediation Service – Currently out for procurement								
	 Post room are assisting in the production of ID cards for parents and carers collecting children from transport. Children to draw pictures of what it means to travel to school, 1 winner will be published on ID cards, 1 winner will be published on the design of the Local Offer and1 winner will publish on Assistance with Travel application/email signature. 								
7	Local Area Action Plan								
	To be on the agenda for June, September, December								
	EG to review latest iteration, then to be added to Teams and circulated to partners for updates								
8	Coronavirus Impacted Updates								
	 VMM advised if there are any ongoing issues with vaccinations or health checks, she is following up on all of the requests she has had so far. Work is going ahead to have appropriate settings for young people with learning difficulties who are eligible for vaccines. 								
	Agenda Item to be changed to – Covid Recovery Updates								



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9	AOB						
	No Other Business						