

Present: DJ, TrR, JM, MR, KS, AN	
Apologies: PM, HT	
Absent:	
Previous Minutes: October minutes have been signed off	AN to liaise with NT to upload to the NPFG website – done
Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>2 day Feedback Conference</u> 23rd/24th November 2018 10:00-14:00h Kings Park Conference Centre Booked for 50 delegates Victoria Federico – SEND Reform Kathy Forsdyke – NCC update AN briefly on NPFG Feedback questions on Power Point, responses grouped into Education, Health and Social Care with unique coloured post-it notes Refreshments T&C, fruit, biscuits and lunch from M&S, budget £200 NPFG staff to wear logo-ed t-shirts • <u>Making Mainstream Work conference (HT,KS,MR,AN in task and finish group)</u> Possibly 3 days, day one for parent carers, day two for professionals, day three to bring both together Scheduled for June 2019 Possibly at Kettering Conference Centre Key note speaker – to be found Success story to be told by YP (Lucan?) 	<p>Venue booked - paid for Safe the date post on FB – done Survey Monkey creation – done Poster distribution – done Invitation mailing – done Ben H is unable to film Numbers are low currently at 18</p>

<p>Financial Update (JM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Second part of grant received - Currently £7657.10 in bank account to be spent before March 2019 	<p>All SGM to submit outstanding expenses</p>
<p>Work Stream Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Autism Strategy Bob Fletcher’s contract has not been extended. The strategy has been signed off by cabinet. Implementation priority groups will be amalgamated from the new Year to monthly meetings , lead by Louise Kirby NHFT. - DCYPDG DJ reserved slot for parent carer feedback at November meeting as time did not allow this opportunity at the last few meetings - Short Break Board Short Break Service extended to March 2020 with succeeding contracts 	
<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPFG Clip - Meeting to be scheduled with BH asap • Training - Webinar recording is being looked at as part of an EM regional project to create a training resource • Database - Development of database with professional contacts still pending • Website Management - Future work streams to be publicised in advance as engagement opportunity • Participation & Engagement working group - Tool kit to be completed • Follow up on Ofsted / CQC recommendations 	<p>AN to liaise with BH re availability</p> <p>MR to email current “patchy” list to NiTaylor for assistance</p> <p>AN to forward list to NT for uploading once a month. NT to create a What’s On section with call for feed-ins. All work stream reps to create a short synopsis of who sits on it and main aims by end of year.</p>

<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment Chart needs updating • 82 Northampton Road is closing – 36 families affected, JGS is full – where is the alternative provision? • Financial Assessments for Personal Budgets pathways via LGSS have been changed and are now done over the phone. NPFG reps are concerned that this can be done with anybody’s help e.g, carer the young people’s interest may not be at heart. DJ to raise at appropriate work stream. Forms were better as you kept a copy to refer to. • Idea to set up closed Facebook Group in addition to the NPFG page for parent carers only. This should enable open feedback and discussions. • DJ shared Annual Report from EHC Service 2017/18 	<p>ALL to stock check and report back</p> <p>DJ to set this up as secret group and when ready to closed group. To be launched at SEND Reform Feedback Event. DJ to forward document electronically for distribution to SGM</p>
<p>Future and past NPFG Representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see attached updated overview of representation 	<p>NPFG Reps to compile outstanding feedback forms high lighting the main points for e-bulletin mailings</p>
<p>Parent Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see updated engagement calendar 	
<p>IASS Update: (Nikki Taylor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no feedback this month as NT not available 	

Guest Speakers:

**Jane Watson – Team Manager,
Disabled Children’s Team**

- 5 years in Northampton, previously based in SEND teams now back in Disabled Children’s Team dealing with 0-18 year olds, reporting to Jo Bradley the Service Manager, 2 Team Managers with a North and West divide, 19 full time social workers and 4 part time social workers and currently 5 vacancies
- 4 tier service
- Workload comprises 411 cases with 72 currently unallocated
- Previously transition started at age 14.
- 180 children taken back to DCT due to threshold changes
- Common challenge at age 14 young people have no idea what they would be doing at the age of 18
- Gap identified to link children’s and adult services, aim to have 2 additional social workers in children’s and 2 additional social workers in adult services to work together with schools to establish the PfA pathway, robust EHCPs, looking at level of independence, identifying barriers so the YP can be as independent as possible
- Move to OAS has been challenging as hot desking impractical. This has been recognised and the move to William Knibb Centre in Kettering where 8 members of staff are based was welcomed, now in a position to build a team with a sense of identity.

Liz Sagi, Transitions Manager

- Liz's second visit to engage with NPFG, build on service facing many challenges over the summer, staffing levels healthier than it has been but not fully staffed. Currently 4 Principals with one going on maternity leave shortly and 8 social workers plus 2 locums, aim is to have 12 social workers to be fully staffed, however from Jan 2019 back to 6 social workers plus 2 locums
- Situation has been stabilised and starting to build service to serve the population
- Recruitment remain biggest challenge but plans to stagger recruitment for permanent staff by engaging with University students
- Reporting that all 17 year olds have been identified, good hand over from children's service is in place, however lots of 13-17 year olds have not been allocated a social worker
- Some social workers are not yet qualified for the assessment enablement role but work with less complicated cases
- Currently 89 unallocated cases (an improvement to the summer report of 181)
- Remit is moderate LD, severe level of Autism and a YP with physical disabilities
- Ruth Sibbit is Team Leader in the Mental Health Team. Their remit are: YP with Asperger's Syndrome, high functioning Autism, Mental Health or Psychological needs in Adult Service for YP with Mental
- Liz's vision is to merge the two systems to one with a single

NPFG to assist in getting message across "What does Adult Social Care do?" Challenges with parent cares as schools tell them to phone social services to get funding for post 16 settings

Challenges with EHCPs as YP has no allocated social worker to assist on the PfA pathway, education continues to be the driver

NCC one of two local authorities in England ceasing EHCPs at 18, eligibility assessments must be outcome focussed

Pathway:

- Early Help Assessment
- MASH front door
- Jane to email NPFG the criteria AN to fup
- KS to email the pyramid structure

Plan to set up mini focus groups for both DCT and Transitions in 2019

Idea to run a workshop at OAS for the training on 14th December 2018 "What makes a good experience" to educate social workers - AN to publicise on Facebook

AN to invite Ruth Sibbit to one of the SGM in 2019

<p>pathway to take on all YP up to the age of 25 and NPFG fully supports this vision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current pathway is difficult to navigate • Positive move that NASS and NHFT is moving into the same premises to have an integrated service for the 25years + • Phase 2 would be to have an all age (0-25) integrated multi agency social care service – currently a long term vision! • Short term vision is to develop dual training workshops for DCT and Transitions Team as currently working in silos <p>General Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Moldune now Chief Executive • Theresa Grant is driving the recovery plan following the Ofsted report which was a disappointing read as the good work that has been done has not been mentioned • Central Government Commissioner is likely to be Malcom Nucent • Budget is protected once a need has been identified 	
<p>Future NPFG SGM Dates: Wednesday, 12th December 2018 – C1 Wednesday, 9th January 2019 – C1 Thursday, 14th February 2019 – C1 Wednesday, 13th March 2019 – C1 (lunch) Thursday, 4th April 2019 – C1 All meetings 9:30 – 12:30h at the Bee Hive Harborough Road, Kingsthorpe Northants, NN2 8LR</p>	<p>Please note from 2019 we will be alternating meeting dates between Wednesdays and Thursdays!</p>