**NW SEND Regional Network Steering Group  
Tuesday 30th January 2018 – 12.00pm to 1.45pm**

**Committee Rooms 2 & 3, Trafford Town Hall,**

**Talbot Road, Stretford, M32 0TH**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Karen Gleave, Angela Steadman, Sue Hayward, Kath Bromfield, Julie Hicklin, Cathy Hamer

**Apologies:**

Andrew Robinson, Sharon Davies, Michael Kemp, Erica Douglas-Obsourne, Izzy Wood

**Julie volunteered to Chair**

1. **Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising (03.10.17)**

Julie suggested that a focus on Supported Internships would be more appropriate than mapping of the PfA offer.

Action: Julie will follow up with Linda Jordan

Update from A. Robinson re website

Action: Thanks to Andrew

Action: Cathy to ask Lisa Cooper, NHSE, to be added to her news circulation list in order for this to be added to the website and forwarded to local offer leads.

Kath has replaced Sherann as NWNNPCF regional rep.

Action: Julie will circulate minutes of Team Around the Region meeting from 10.10.17

1. **Feedback from meeting at Mott McDonald on 18.01.18 (Cathy)**

Attendance at future meetings – 6.2.18 (Cathy & Helen Lockwood) and 7.3.18 (Cathy & Andrew Sutherland)

Action: Cathy to circulate slides from meeting on 18.1.18 when received from Mott

See below:



1. **Updates from members**

Angela Steadman – Across NW SENDIASS are picking up more complex cases.

* Awaiting outcome of the tender – emphasis on consistency / standards going forwards.

Kath Bromfield provided feedback on the NNPCF/CaF conference. Transforming care and dynamic register will require different conversations with parents.

Julie Hicklin gave Manchester's example of an SEND commissioner across education, health and social care needs for those with complex needs. Manchester are looking at assessment pathways to reduce duplication. Manchester - moderation of plans in multi-agency groups is proving useful.

Sue Hayward - NDTi reviewing SEND provision using strategic review funding. No SEN staff funded from corporate budget, reliant on grants and high needs funding. Reorganisation impending.

Karen Gleave - Regional post-16 group looking at provision across Greater Merseyside. 6 out of 12 special schools have provision up to 19 full-time which is putting pressure on places for younger children. Discussion as to whether post-16 numbers should be included.

54 other LA children in Liverpool special schools. Liverpool has a new DCS with adult social care background. Service review for post April to determine staffing.

Andrew Robinson



Discussion re. children and young people and whether it is possible to take a regional approach. Angela stated she had found the FLARE questions very helpful and suggested that taking this approach might work better at an individual local area level.

Action: Follow CDC and KIDS lead in C&YP’s engagement rather than attempting work on a regional basis.

Overall - Concern re move away from inclusion.

1. **Rapid response survey**

Action: Agreed this would continue with additional questions for health and social care – children’s and adults (based on their statutory functions). Discussion around RAG rating – undecided.

Which aspects of your responsibilities under the reforms have you implemented well and which are challenging CDC document - Karen to send to Cathy

Agreed would recommend completion with partners – particularly PCF – and ask for who was present when completed.

CCG to be added to contact list.

Data to be added.

Overview of rapid response survey findings requested by Angela



1. **Sustaining network activity**

Agreement to retain the network as far as possible into the future by recommending contribution of 1% of 2018/19 grant funding from each LA

1. **ILAC inspection**

Item deferred

1. **A.O.B**

Action: Photos requested for website

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24th April 2018, 12.45pm to 1.45pm  
Committee Room 2 & 3, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road,**

**Stretford, M32 0TH**