



Minutes from Annual General Meeting

18th March 2016, The Derbyshire Hotel, South Normanton 10:00-14:00

Attendance: Management Group : Emily Brailsford, Vanessa Wragg, Angela Sheppard, Joanna Heeley, Clare Griffiths, Louise Cheung, Kerry Keen-Bunce, Sharon Davis, Tracey Goodrum, Leigh Morton and Louise Bailey.

Apologies: Jo Glossop, Tracey Green.

The AGM was attended by 49 parents and carer from Derbyshire, Parents and carers were invited to nominate themselves for names roles within the management group, this invite had been sent out before the AGM day, but also was available on the day. No parent nominated themselves.

All parents and carer attending on the day were invited to vote in the election to the names roles, voting was by show of hands.

The Chair presented her report.

The Treasurer presented her report.

Election for 2016 took place.

Angela Sheppard proposed Emily Brailsford as Chair of Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice, Joanna Heeley Seconded, the vote by show of hands was unanimously in favour, and therefore Emily Brailsford is the elected Chair.

Leigh Morton proposed Clare Griffiths as Vice Chair of Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice, Tracey Goodrum, Seconded, the vote by show of hands was unanimously in favour, and therefore Clare Griffiths is the elected Vice Chair.

Kerry Keen-Bunce proposed Vanessa Wragg as Treasurer of Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice, Leigh Morton Seconded, the vote by show of hands was unanimously in favour, and therefore Vanessa Wragg is the elected Treasurer.

Vanessa Wragg proposed Joanna Heeley as Secretary on Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice, Angela Sheppard, Seconded, the vote by show of hands was unanimously in favour, and therefore Joanna Heeley is the elected Secretary.

AGM Closed at 10:30, with the day continuing with information for parents and carers.

The day continues with presentations from Tanya Nolan from Healthwatch, ¼ of the room had hear about Healthwatch, Tanya took away many comments to act on, including information for her to take to the Health and Wellbeing board.

IPSEA regional representative attended to provide information for parents, this was well received and parents and carers had many queries answered.

Following these presentations, parents spent some time in their tables discussing issues, each table had a Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice Management representative on, the information was then feedback to the whole room, and this produced some interesting conversations and directions for the forum to take forward.

Feedback from Parent Session at Annual General Meeting, 18th March 2016.

- Confusing and conflicting advice from education and health
- Confusing messages
- Passing the book
- Differing information
- Parents doing the work themselves
- Having to threaten them before anything is done.
- Accessing regular leisure activities- inclusive knowing about them
- Local offer is only public sector service – no information on private sector
- We need a disability directory
- LA are trying to cut parents out of the EHC process
- It's only the parents who shout that get support, those who can't shout don't get help
- No one seems to know the criteria for EHC plans
- Giving medications rather than support
- Don't assume parent already know the basic information
- When can we give our feedback to health, social and education are we missing the deadlines for when services are reviewed or just not involved in them.
- Lack of support for those with sensory issues.
- Why isn't the NHS delivering sensory support? Why do we have to pay privately?
- Foster parents get training when they foster children with additional needs, why can parents have training, why can they attend the same training. Why can't parents be given places on training sessions for all sorts of things with i.e. Educational Psychology, Health Visitors, Specialist teaching, and teacher training sessions?
- Why isn't therapy like floor time, Thera play available in Derbyshire for children to access?
- Transport
- Being told (transition) not to bother converting statement to EHC.
- Derbyshire won't give EHCP to post 16 but you can't get in certain post 16 services without one.
- Derbyshire is not following the law why?
- How do we hold them accountable?

- Why aren't changes being made?
- Fed up with parents being blocked at every opportunity
- LA are writing what they want in plans
- Indirect threats from schools once to start to challenge them
- Where is the post 16 support, appropriate work? Appropriate living?
- Children are sectioned because they don't get the support they need.
- Occupational Therapy support stops at 16, physio therapy support at 18, its unlawful; they don't just wake up the day after no longer needing support!
- Not enough special school places.

Following the feedback session Kevin Murphy from Umbrellas Independent Support presented information on the outcomes, and aspirations, parents again had many questions answered. Kevin remained at the venue to answer individual queries after the presentation.

The day was closed by Emily Brailsford chair, with thanks for attendance. Parents were asked to complete feedback forms about the forums work over 2015 -2016; this information is available as a separate document. Informal feedback on the day was very positive, with many new parents attending for the first time enthusiastic about the forums work.