



YOUNG CRAWLEY CHILDREN & FAMILIES FORUM

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Meeting notes

PRESENT

Liz Roe, Home-Start CHAMS (Chair)
Susan Brumpton, CCVS
Charis Easter, CCVS
Christian Brazier, West Sussex Connect
Louisa Cork, WSCC Libraries
Katie Bennett, IPEH
Mandy Webb, Bewbush Community Nursery
Brian Eastman, CCVS, Scouts
Sally Hawes, Barnardo's
Madeleine Mills, Sussex Community Rail
Partnership
Maria Cook, Autism Support Crawley
Kath Brooks, WSCC
Fatima Mirza, Relate

APOLOGIES

Lucy Bear, LPK Learning CiC
Judi McDonald, Home-Start CHAMS
Jane Green, SEDS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Liz welcomed everyone and asked for a brief round of introductions.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising. Minutes agreed.

Susan Brumpton – Funding

Susan presented on various funds that may be useful to organisations that are working with children and young people.
Presentation attached.

Christian Brazier – West Sussex Connect

Christian presented on the West Sussex Connect project which supports individuals and couples with or without children to feel stronger, safer and supported.
Presentation attached.

Local Picture

A group discussion took place around:

- What matters to your organisation and beneficiaries?
- What evidence, statistics or case studies do you have?
- What can CCVS do to help?

The information from these discussions and future discussions at the other forums will be collated into a Local Picture report.

INFORMATION SHARING

Scouts – there are 1000 scouts in Crawley with 100-120 volunteers supporting the various scout groups. There is a waiting list to join scouts at the moment as a lot more volunteers are needed. Leaders particularly are needed to run and take responsibility for a group. There are 12 groups taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh awards this summer and volunteers are needed to support this.

Bewbush Community Nursery CiC – there are 57 places at the day nursery which takes children from 3 months upwards. Numbers are low at the moment so there are spaces available. They are also looking for Qualified Child Practitioner's. Mandy enjoys coming to the forum and networking.

WSCC Libraries – They have a push on Book Start Packs for new born babies. They also do specialist packs, for e.g. for visual needs. IPEH sessions are held at Broadfield Library covering early literacy for families. They are also looking for volunteers for their Summer Reading Challenge. Volunteers can be aged 14 upwards,

IPEH – They cover services from level 1-4. They are having a redesign and restructure. There are consultations on services taking place at Langley Green Youth Hub, 3rd April. But otherwise it is business as usual.

There are 4 routes into IPEH, Enabling Families, MASH, Transition meetings and the Duty Process Line which is open Monday to Friday which you can call if you have a query. There are approximately 400 early help plans currently.

Relate – provide counselling for families and couples and for young people. There are charges for counsellors but it is means tested. They need to raise funds for bursaries. 42% can't afford the services and are subsidised.

Barnardo's – DICE project – there hasn't been a good uptake although all schools in Crawley, Horsham and Worthing have been contacted. There has been no feedback from the schools and no referrals. The DICE parenting course has been funded through the Police Crime Commissioner. The course in Crawley starts on 30th April – poster attached.

Sussex Community Railway Partnership – they are running a project 'Try a Train'. This project is for young people who may have a disability or access need and particularly if they need to take a train for college or a new job. A journey is planned with a group of young people, they study a train timetable, plan the journey, stop for coffee at their destination then travel back again. Looking for new groups of young people for September/October time. Poster attached.

CCVS – Susan is currently working on the Community Newsletter and if you would like anything to go out in the newsletter that you would like to bring to the attention of the public, then please send any info by Friday 5th April. If you would like some physical copies, please let Susan know.

Homestart CHAMS – There are 3 groups running in Crawley. There is a Twiglets Family group for families who have twins or multiples, aged 4 and under running in Crawley and Horsham. There is also a group 'Little Steps' for young mums and a new group Forge Wood for parents and under 3's. Fliers attached. They are also recruiting for Home Start visiting

volunteers for their next training course.

Date of next meeting
Tuesday 23rd July, 10am-12pm at The Orchard, The Longley Room