### Southwark Children’s and Adults’ Services – Education

**Parent and Young Peoples’ Consortium 28th March 2017**

**Meeting Minutes**

#### In attendance
- SIAS Manager - Cara Jones
- Lead Parent - Carole Haynes
- Young Learning Network - Kwame Ocloo
- SPCC - Olukemi Oyenuga
- Parent - Nicky Rolfe
- Parent - Carol Sweeney
- Parent - Haroona Aqib
- SEND in the Experts 16-25 Lead - Abu Bangura
- Community Safety Officer - Luton Sinfield
- Southwark Visual Impairment Service - Sarah Caffrey
- Voices for Autism – Nadene Clarke
- Downs South and parent – Micheala Crawly
- SIAS Administrator - Melissa Bailey

#### Apologies:
- Sandra Lempkowska – SPCC, Sickle Cell Young Stroke Survivors - Belkisu Mohammed, Sickle Cell Young Stroke Survivors- Carol Ossai-Nwosu, Parent- Stephanie Dannet

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#### Item 1: Introductions and newcomers

Nadene Clarke – Voice for Autism

Luton Sinfield - Community Safety Officer

Southwark Visual Impairment Service - Sarah Caffrey

Downs South and parent – Micheala Crawly

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#### Item 2: Recap of Minutes

- No further Comments were received on the Terms of Reference.
- Short breaks primary research has been carried out by Abu
- Secondary research on the
| Item 3: Short Breaks | Wiltshire Short Breaks scheme has been gathered.  
• Mystery shopping has been discussed with commissioning and been approved.  
• Examples of current employment and volunteering options will be demonstrated in the meeting. |
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| • Short discussion on Short breaks scheme  
• Documents on the Wiltshire Short Breaks scheme was distributed  
• Abu Bangura (Lead of Send in the Experts 16-25) reported his findings on the Short Breaks mystery shopping project in Southwark) –  
• The Southwark Short Breaks scheme is currently being reviewed and additional surveys are being distributed.  
• Comments on the Wiltshire Short Break Scheme are welcomed.  
• If Southwark implemented a similar scheme it would be by application to give families a fairer chance.  
• Feedback on the Wiltshire Short Breaks Scheme is requested from the Consortium  
• Abu reported his findings on 5 Short break options in Southwark. The London PE Network, the Camden Society, Cambridge House, Salmon Youth Centre and resources for autism. Issues were reported contacting the London PE Network due to no visible contact details on the website. Abu’s research is currently ongoing and will be updated in future meetings. |
| Item 4: SIAS engagement and PFA maps | The engagement map highlights where the Parent and Young Peoples’ Consortium is within a range of other engagement projects in the Council. |
| • The SIAS engagement and Preparing for Adulthood maps were distributed  
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| Item 5: A safeguarding response to | Luton is looking for feedback from the Consortium on strategy |
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**Knife Crime - Luton Sinfield**

- Luton presented issues with young people and knife crime. Consortium can get involved.

  - Examples of how vulnerable young people can be caught up in knife crime were discussed - such as young men with autism more prone to knife carrying.
  - The following suggestion box ideas from the Consortium are welcomed:
    1. How the Consortium can help?
    2. Have we got the right themes?
    3. What information and support do parents and families need?
    4. How and where should information, support and advice be delivered? (e.g. Parents' Evenings at Schools)
    5. How can the consortium take an ongoing role in the action plan?

- Comments as a group should be provided to Luton on the next meeting.
- Kwame suggests to organise a special session on knife crime and young people with needs.

**Item 6: General Comments**

- Feedback from parents were received on the SPCC SEND Networking event.

  - Parents are reminded that any complaints received about Southwark Services to the Local Offer inbox are sent to the service manager.

**Local Offer Comments**

- Employment opportunities on the Local offer being unclear was raised in the last meeting. Melissa spoke through and demonstrated on the Local Offer youth sections where to find the opportunities, what exists at current, and organisations which assist in helping people find volunteering opportunities for people living in Southwark.

- A query was made that schools do not communicate information from the Local
Offer to parents at the right time.

- Also that the times of parent support groups are not convenient. Some support groups such as Voices for Autism run on Sundays.
- Suggestions are needed on how to create more awareness on the Local Offer.
- Approaches suggested were to gain more confidence from parents, work closely with partners getting the word out more in local events.
- An outreach communication strategy needs to be created on how to restore confidence in the Local Offer with parents and young people.
  - Suggestion was received from Kylie to have more news and success related stories to help promote the Local Offer—suggestion was well received.

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<td>- Parent volunteer requests were handed to parents on developing partnerships with the SEND Team (attached)</td>
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| Item 7: Date of Next Meeting | Thursday 27 April 2017 11.00am -12.30pm |
Short breaks in Southwark
What is a short break?

- provide opportunities for disabled children and young people to spend time away from their primary carers. It includes day, evening, overnight or weekend activities and takes place in the child's own home, the home of an approved carer, a residential or community setting.
Short breaks in Southwark

- London PE Network
- Camden Society
- Resources for Autism
- Salmon Youth Centre Mixable
- Cambridge House
Camden Society

- An opportunity to socialise, to experience new things, to build on existing skills or simply have fun! Past activities have included making animation videos, drama sessions, making our own song from scratch, cultural visits to museums and exhibitions, cinema, bowling, sailing, accessible cycling, rock climbing, canal barge trips, picnics, karaoke, dressing up, swimming to name but a few!
Resources for Autism

- Resources for Autism provide autism specific play and youth clubs and holiday play schemes for children and young people aged 8-19 years.
- They also run Young Autistic Adult groups and offer volunteering opportunities for young people aged 19-25 years old.
- All those with a diagnosis of autism wherever they are on the spectrum and including those with co-conditions and their families/carers.
Salmon Youth Centre Mixable

- Mixable is youth club that designed for young people with special needs

- Eligibility Young people must be registered disabled or have a special educational needs statement and ideally have a designated social worker

- Travel minibus pick up from Spa school to Mixables club and can provide lifts home (to homes in Southwark) if young people can’t be picked up or travel home independently.
Cambridge House

- Cambridge house have offer two short break activities
- **Sport**
- Weekly activities for young people with learning and/or physical disabilities
- **Eligibility** Aged 14-25 who lived in Southwark
- Two activities: trampolining (rebound therapy) and swimming (hydrotherapy).
London PE Network

- They have Saturday sport camp
- They also run special needs sports camps over the Easter and summer holidays
THANK YOU
Knife Crime - Action Plan
A Safeguarding Response
Background
Workshop – 26th January 2017

Facilitated by Professor Gloria Laycock

- Young People
- School Leaders
- Police
- Youth Offending Service LBS
- Community Safety Partnership Service LBS

Problems and Solutions
Existing Provision

- Southwark Anti Violence Unit
- Youth Offending service
- Stay Safe events
- Peer Work
- Anti-Knife Crime Forum
- Faith and Community Groups
- MPS Gangs Unit
- PSHE in schools
- Knife bins
- Test purchasing
- Police e.g. Operation Sceptre
Themes from Workshop and engagement with Young People

• Prevention and Awareness
• Intelligence and Information Sharing
• Positive Change
• Enforcement
Prevention and Awareness

- Involve Young People
- Consult Faith, Community and Third Sector Groups
- Liaise with schools
- Engage with Offenders and Ex-offenders
- Conduct surveys
- Mentor programmes
- Publicise and clarify existing responses to knife crime
- It’s about **Knife Carrying**
- Supporting young people through transitions
- Develop resilience to negative peer pressure
- Use Social Media to inform and engage young people, parents and community
Intelligence and Information Sharing

• Schools and colleges
• Police
• Crimestoppers
• Transport for London

Clear messaging about what people can do as a witness, peer, perpetrator, victim or family member and the consequences
Positive Change

• Clear pathways to support
• Referral mechanisms for services that encounter those at risk as victims and perpetrators
• Identity – develop tools so that those on the margins are able to develop a positive sense of self/identity and maximise their positive social capital
Enforcement

• Police – explain and deploy strategic, tactical and operational approach
• Southwark Council – coordinate the responses of council services to knife crime
• Cooperation and Communication
Process

• Officers will liaise with partners and stakeholders to draft Action Plan
• Healthcheck themes and draft Action Plan with stakeholders including young people
• Report on progress to Safer Communities Sub-Group
• Ambitious and deliverable Action Plan to be presented to Joint Adults’ and Children’s Board 18th July 2017
My Journey to Adulthood

Year 9
- GCSE options
- Sets Exams
- Careers Advice

Year 10
- Preparing for GCSEs
- Vocational Course
- Life Skills
- Work Experience
- Careers Advice

Year 11
- coursework
- Sit GCSEs
- Results
- College application forms
- Sixth form application
- Apprenticeship application
- Traineeship Application
- Careers Advice

When I'm 16-19
- Starting college / Sixth Form
- Starting Apprenticeship
- Starting Apprenticeship / Traineeship
- Starting supported Internship
- Work Experience
- University
- Employment
- Careers Advice

When I'm 20-25
- Further Education inc University
- Apprenticeship / Traineeship
- Supported Internship
- Placement / Training
- Work Experience / Voluntary work
- Employability Workshops
- Employment / Self Employment
- Careers Advice
Volunteers needed

It is our aim to develop strong partnerships between the SEND Team and parents where all feel that communication is timely an effective, and also that parents/carers opinions are valued and contribute to decision making.

So we are setting up 2 projects we would like to get parent volunteers to work with us on.

1) A working group to explore together how we communicate, looking to build on areas that work well and to identify and find solutions for aspects that are less effective. This would be 2-3 meetings over the next term.

2) A decision-making reviewing group. This would meet 2-3 times a year to discuss examples of decisions made by the SEND team, and how we tell parents the outcome. This may include participating on a mini ‘panel’ where you would look at anonymised papers and using the same guidance as the SEN Panel decide what you think should be the outcome and what feedback parents should have. This is to support us to improve our processes so that the parent voice is heard well and parents are supported to understand decisions better.

If you are interested please email

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