

Agenda Item	Notes	Action By
<b>1. Attendees</b>	Ruth Hobbs, Richard Hobbs, Claire David, Rachel Saunders, Marcia Willcox and visitor Jenny Pearce-Riddy	
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Tina Emery, Kerry Leydon, Nicky Rowley, Sally Simpson, Helen Brumpton	
<b>3. Steering group</b>	Nominated and elected. Claire David, Tanith Barrett, Rachel Saunders, Helen Brumpton, Bev Burling, Marcia Wilcox, Richard Hobbs.	
<b>4. Education Psychology</b>	<p>Jenny has a background of 5 years as a senior principle EP's in Buckinghamshire / Babcock and Devon for 5 years. Developing my knowledge of Somerset. Showed how the Educational Psychology team is made up.</p> <p>We are a fairly stable team in Somerset. EHCP's have increased in the last 6 months impacted on our work. There is a national shortage of E.P's. The DFE have offered more money for training nationally but this will not impact for several years due to the time it takes to train. Somerset will try and recruit in the autumn term. There is a lot of focus on recruitment 4 people joining putting Somerset in a much better placed by September.</p> <p>Adjusting the statutory service has had a knock-on effect on other work we do for the Local Authority. Time will reduce in April, working with pyramids of schools, 2 hours a year in some schools. One of Annette's key drivers is Educational Psychologist co-ordinating in schools for the most vulnerable of young people.</p> <p>EP service will be under Inclusion Team from April 31<sup>st</sup>. A number of services here have disappeared in other areas but we have maintained in Somerset. A whole range of services Hearing, Visual, Autism and Communication, CAOT are coming over SPOT, PIMST, OT is coming over to inclusion team. Making it more condensed starting in April. These are the main changes.</p> <p>The SPOT manager is looking at how to ensure an effective and joined up service. Parents have the same questions in a multiple of different services. She confirmed that she will update the group if any changes are made to services within her management</p> <p>Future development – Hoping to do more in Post 16. Work around Elective Home Education may not be aware that they can speak to an Ed Psych. One area we have been looking into, we have carved out some time for EHE.</p>	

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	<p>Keen to develop within EP service key focus areas, things they are really passionate about and want to develop some might know more about eg demand avoidance, ADHD.</p> <p>The group asked about how flexible assessment for post 16 work. Jenny to check and come back.</p>	JPR
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<b>5. Support groups</b>	Support groups. We are looking at different venues and times. Groups – Wincanton, Yeovil, Chard, Frome, Minehead, Taunton and Wells evenings. Agreed to stop Taunton due to lack of attendance. Discussed rota of groups	TE
<b>6. Local Offer life</b>	Local Offer Live just over 200 people attended, working through feedback. Some of this work will go forward.	
<b>7. Information Day March 2019</b>	Information day event is running 12pm to 6.30pm different workshops Gareth Morewood is coming to speak. Pamper sessions for parent carers, you can just turn up you don't need to book 90 slots.	
<b>8. Health Parent Programme</b>	<p>A group of parent carers and researchers have co-developed a program to improve the health and wellbeing of parent carers of disabled children.</p> <p>We have been working on this program with Exeter University for a couple of years. Exeter University want to see if the program can be delivered in the community through organisations who have links with parent carers.</p> <p>They would like to test the program out to see whether it improves health and wellbeing for parent carers. Parent carer's wellbeing is often overlooked. The healthy parent carer program provides small steps that parent carers can use every day to improve their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Parent carers have been invited to take part in NHS funded research. There are 6 courses taking place across Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. The Somerset course is taking in Minehead, but you don't need to live in Minehead to take part. Details to apply are on our Facebook page or you can call them direct on 01392 722968.</p>	
<b>8. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes</b>	Minutes agreed and approved.	

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<b>9. Funding 2019-20</b>	Ruth will project a plan for the year when we know what we have funding. A draft budget has been circulated and approved for the DFE grant. Funding has been secured for delivering Expert parent courses.	RH
<b>10. Project work</b>	Carer’s cards – email emergency services £2.50 covers everything. No profit made as all money will go back into the project.  Ollie the flamingo – We have ordered all the stuff and areas to visit include Langport, Street, Frome, Wincanton, Wells, Glastonbury, Minehead, Wellington, Taunton, Bridgwater, Burnham-on-sea, Shepton Mallet, Chard and Crewkerne. TE to organise dates.	TE
<b>11. A.O B</b>	None	

Next Committee meeting date - **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 10.30-12pm**

Minutes agreed by the Steering Group and Signed on behalf of the Steering Group by:

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