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Dacorum Area DSPL Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday 4th February

9.30-11.30am

Online

09:30	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <p>David Fisher - Head, Kings Langley School and DSPL Dacorum Lead (Chair) Hayley Yendell – Head, Hobbletts Infant Angela Hughes – Head, George Street Primary School Gayle Voigt – Head, Brockswood Kim Morgan – LSP manager Gade / KL Brockswood Lorna Elkes - Head, Little Gaddesden C of E VA School Kathryn Girdlestone - Outreach & Therapeutic Services Lead, DESC Nessa Claridge – Head, Belswains Primary School Sue Sheffield – DSPL Strategic Lead Emily Birch - Head, Galley Hill Primary School Dave Ferguson Kate Hudson - Parent Representative - HPCI Ruth Mason - DSPL8 & Partnership of Dacorum Schools Manager Faye Lyness – DSPL8 Area SEND Lead Jennifer McCarthy – DSPL8 Admin</p> <p>Apologies: Katharine Ellwood - Head, Greenway Primary and Nursery and DSPL Dacorum Operational Lead Chairing meeting Dave Ferguson – Woodfield School Allan Maher – Head Nash Mill C of E Primary School</p>	D Fisher
9:35	<p>Minutes and Agenda from Last Board Meeting</p> <p>- Actions from December Meeting:</p> <p>+Explore additional funding from external sources for supplementary provision.</p> <p>+Consider using PINS coffee morning for parents with children attending project.</p> <p>+Ruth to complete feedback on behalf of DSPL but everyone attending welcome to provide individual feedback to local authority using consultation link above.</p> <p>DF: chasing attendance data continues from Board in December he</p>	D Fisher

	<p>requested if SS to help?</p> <p>SS: agreed to raise at SMT meeting</p> <p>RM: ECHHO retention was raised whilst Sue was present in meeting, another one for our local primary schools has left and no replacement (7th person to take on role)</p> <p>SS: case load to be a factor in that and the pressure job not what they expected, employment drive on it, will take back and raise it</p> <p>RM: transfer of information is causing the biggest issue with the change of ECHHO's constantly</p> <p>DF: need something to send out to explain the situation to the local authority on behalf of Board</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Ruth to write email regarding ECHHOs and impact on young people's long term plans.</p>	
9:50	<p>Eduguard Conference/PODS</p> <p>Conference will have a different focus with approach to linking Edugaurd and safer schools and boundaries, DSL's and heads to attend, making the conference a different one with inclusion of DSLs. This will incur additional cost for schools wishing to send more than one team member.</p> <p>RM: meeting with Eduguard to finalize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance: majority of schools have paid • Speakers: confirmed Carlene Frimman, Johnny Utley out of work so unable to confirm as yet, • Stalls: to be confirmed on Thursday, give heads an opportunity to engage and talk through <p>DF: raised there is a small underspend in home office project which may be able to fund conference speakers and spaces.</p> <p>KS: should be money arriving from home office project to contribute, will be confirmed ASAP</p> <p>DF: in order to ensure no conflict of interest, asked KS to ask about speakers, push to get Johnny Utley to get there email from Home Office to help. Get the help from others to make it a successful conference</p> <p>NC: what is the capacity can more DSP be there</p> <p>RM: can be negotiated but will need schools to fund places.</p> <p>DF: can consider and look at cost</p>	R Mason

10:10	<p>HPCI Survey Outcomes</p> <p><i>KH: Annual survey responses presentation</i></p> <p>Provided as document to board.</p> <p>DF: turn over of ECHHO's is huge and need to understand the change</p> <p>KH: school nurses are an issue, level of support in school, gaps in provision, met with Minister Gould: asked was she confident that DofE have a clear policy for inclusion in schools?</p> <p>DF: difference between here and London for example, different experience for parents for different areas</p> <p>KH: happy to pull out more information on ECHHO's</p> <p>RM: very helpful and more information for post 16 if possible</p> <p>KH: survey doesn't go in as much depth as they would like so looking to find ways to improve this going forward</p>	K Hudson
10:25	<p>DSPL Manager update</p> <p><i>RM: Managers update presentation</i></p> <p>In relation to staffing - County don't cover mat leave, so will have Faye out for most of next financial year. Will come back with a clearer plan with what can be covered, new projects will struggle as no capacity to fit these in</p> <p>LHNF: ending in March, new system FIF coming in May, training for staff</p> <p>County Return (for information)</p> <p>Budget current:</p> <p><i>RM: Budget presentation</i></p> <p>Been done of the presumption we will be funded the same amount as before; healthy looking budget at present, bigger expenditure will impact the budget coming up. Provisional budget for next year slightly overspent, need to think where cut can be. Pathway to 16 to stay the same, EBSNA would like to increase if possible, Nessie not necessarily worked as hoped looking at alternatives. Early support and Assessment the biggest change: consultation model with EP given a positive response from schools, have been sourced not committed too in relation to EP / SALT/ Parent support and SPLD. GV requested OT consultations could be sourced that is possible but need more in the budget. Training is valued but not well attended and cancelled at last minute common.</p>	R Mason

RM: Awaiting specialist provision: cost can potentially be reduced, using DESC to facilitate supporting groups of children with high SEMH need

RM: All about me course: to support transition and engagement in secondary schools, looking at an outside provider to come into schools to provide this support.

Budget: Needs to be finalized at next board meeting, will send out documents after the meeting

DF: There may be another source of possible funding that might be available in relation to PE and disability.

Emily: staff who attend SEMH supervisions and have given very positive feedback

RM: need head teacher buy in, plan and group clusters together

DF: anything needs to be signed off?

RM: if any strong objections against say now as will need things to be signed off

JS and KM to bring things up at the DASH meeting

FL: same with the clusters need more schools to attend

DF: to highlight to heads

RM: will look at transition to see if it can be adapted at all

FL: 3 secondaries were very positive about EBSNA training with wider groups, need to meet with DASH

KH: was there a package presented a few years ago in regards to transition?

DF: difficult to get it out to all schools not the capacity to do this as

RM: to get transition document recirculated to all headteachers.

Activity from last term

Mental health wellbeing boxes: just under 30 boxes going out, positive feedback

DESC Primary behavior toolkit: KG working through it with schools, looking how it can be adapted for secondary schools

LE: Asked if DESC offering more transition support, not just looking at the big picture smaller things to sort out quicker

KG: would love to offer this but don't have capacity to cover it all, trying to support the ones with imminent impact

LE: there is a gap there with the potential to make a bigger problem

Emily: Discussed at family SUPPORT GROUP with MSHT to try fill the gap for transition.

10:50	<p>Sub Group Update</p> <p>Family Support</p> <p>Emily: 21/1/26 meeting minutes were circulated, family centers to link up with Eduguard, met with Sharon Coubry and RM 1st reform going to county push back to 2027</p> <p>DF: conversations to be had in regains to local government reforms</p> <p>Emily: talking of 4 quadrants but not match up with HCC</p> <p>DF; the treasury haven't signed off on that</p> <p>Emily: social services are working on 4 quadrants</p> <p>DF: need direction for a blue print of Dacourm integrated services etc, clarity needed on all services as</p> <p>KS: joint directors meeting upcoming and time frames are moving so services aren't getting the clarity, happy to help get people together to get clarity</p> <p>DF: housing, health and police involved is something we are already doing so not to let it be broken but need direction</p> <p>FL: Enfield have restructured the social care teams broken it down by postcodes within those you have locality teams and it seems to be working seamlessly</p> <p>DF: Hertfordshire is sprawling and the geography of this would maybe make the difference</p> <p>FL: safeguarding teams have been spilt into 5</p> <p>RM: hasn't been a social care led early support package beyond family first advisors, they don't buy into family support services, so locally we have very limited funded family support / early help.</p> <p>Early Years</p> <p>Provided short up date of work being done including transitions discussions and template for home visits to be used by all providers.</p>	E Birch H Yendell
11:05	<p>AOB</p> <p>DF, Claire and Amy and Ruth to meeting with home office</p> <p>ECHO retention and change email to be sent.</p>	D Fisher