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Buchan Local Learning Community Partnership Meeting

Teams Meeting
25 September 2020
11.30am-1.00pm

Present:

Jane Verity	Senior CLDW, Community Learning & Development
Di Faithfull	Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer
Peter Kennedy	Employability Officer
Bryan McKay	Aberdeen Foyer
Helen James	Head Teacher, New Pitsligo School
Kathleen Ramsay	HMP Grampian
Paula Musson	Head Teacher, Peterhead Central School
Catriona Arthur	Healthy Lifestyle Advisor

Apologies:

Linda Smith	Skills Development Scotland
Jacqui Gray	Session Worker, Community Hub
Sharon Tulloch	Skills Development Scotland
Gerry McCluskey	Depute Head Teacher, Mintlaw Academy
Pauline Robertson	Employment Team
Stephen Shand	Aberdeen Foyer
Denise Whyte	Employability
Joanna Haggath	CLW, Community Learning & Development
Alison Brodie	Cultural Development Officer
Olive Thain	NHS Grampian
Claire Taylor	Team Manager, Children's Social Work
Una Simpson	Day Service Manager, Health & Social Care
Joy Aiken	NESCOL
Maureen Stephen	Area Community Officer
Evan Ritchie	Depute Head, Peterhead Academy
Kevin McDermott	CLD Team Leader
Elaine Lawson	CLD Worker
Katherine Irvine	Team Manager, Children's Services

Jane welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

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Minutes of Last Meeting

All happy with the minutes from meeting on 14 August 2020.

Self-Evaluation

Everyone is happy with this – still waiting on a few comments.

Partner Update

Peter Kennedy – confirmed the service is being suspended indefinitely. All being redeployed to other areas. Still working with clients but no new referrals. A lot of clients are anxious about losing jobs.

Jane – CLD have had over 100 referrals since end of March for Adult Learning provision. Trying to prioritise referrals and offer provision for all is quite challenging.

Bryan McKay – learning programmes are back up and running. Prince's Trust is now a 6-week programme, all online. The next team will start early Nov. IT Kit can be provided for learners. REACH is back up – still 12-week programme – all online. Delivered in 3 areas (Peterhead, Aberdeen, Inverurie) but holding joint sessions where up to 30 learners are coming together for sessions such as Thai Chi/cooking. IT Kit can be provided for those who need it. Financial inclusion workers are back and meeting with clients for 'better off' checks. EF courses are now being delivered online – CSCS, SIA in the pipeline – delivered by team in Aberdeen. Still accepting AAs and FSS referral.

Kathleen Ramsay – all staff are back in prison from end July. Face to face started on 10 August. Prisoners very compliant. Partners unable to come into prison due to space. COVID leaflet now been produced for every prisoner. She will get feedback on leaflet. Visits have been suspended again.

Helen James – Face masks are being used. Jacqui Gray has been providing food parcels etc. Community Hub not open but St John's Centre may be open soon. Online Café, Walk Club on hold. Huge amount of need by families. Impact on families' ability to get up and running again. Concerned about some children physically. Social skills have been lost eg children forgotten how to play in playground etc.

Devices from Connect Scotland. CLD/New Pitsligo – first face-to-face family learning on 3 October. Risk assessment in place. 30 in total going to Balnamoon Croft (Pitsligo Goes Wild). Various activities – 2.5 hours. CLD offering STEM online workshops on the Sunday.

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Paula Musson – Very similar concerns as Helen. Happy to have additional chrome books at Central School (63 in all). Wi-Fi connectivity issues been identified in Peterhead cluster. Nurture huge issue – worried about COVID, mental health, struggling with routines.

Catriona Arthur, Health & Wellbeing – been in post 4 weeks – getting background training. Focus on well-being, mental health, physical activity etc. Contacts in Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Outreach Aberdeen. Big part of the job is trying to meet folk, based harbourside at the moment (fisherman's Mission).

Di Faithfull – busy with food deliveries. Refurbishment at Greenbank, Banff. Winding down – closing 2 October. Given money by Scottish Government to improve sites, digital inclusion etc. Trying to find ways of working – Help Line for Gypsy Travellers but can be used by others too. Di to send link to Jacqueline.

Priorities for 20/21

Jane read out priorities and asked for feedback.

1. How we build effective opportunities to engage people, using new materials and new techniques? A kind of sharing platform for what has worked and what has not. Learn and share delivery hints and tips. (Workforce development)

Bryan suggested resources library. One-stop-shop for all various sessions/platforms we are musing. Zoom is working for learners but not allowed to use for PT. Helen suggested using TEAMS. Di said Facebook is a good tool to use. Jane said one of the client groups have a Confidence to Cook session once a month - set up in TEAMS. **All happy to adopt this priority.**

2. Digital access and divide - how do we ensure that those furthest away from being able to access online are still supported, either to learn to access or not left behind with no provision. (Transition/ community engagement to empowerment)

Kathleen – paper-based support as no internet access available for prisoners at all. Digital Agenda a priority. Prisoners may get iPad or chrome books (internet disabled). By Mar/Apr 2021 hopefully there will be some form of digital access for prisoners. Peterhead may be picked as a pilot for this! Peter heard some organisations were handing devices back but not sure where this was. Phase 1 with Connected Community for people shielding. Phase 2 broadened to 3rd party organisations. More eligibility. Bryan said there is the Youth Digital Access Fund which they are planning to use for the next PT. **All happy to adopt this priority.**

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3. How do we complement each other's work and offer effective progression routes between agencies and partners? (Transition) All **happy to adopt this**.

Learner Voice

Jane asked how we best reflect and evidence Learner Voice as an LLCP? Can we take this forward? Kathleen – we have evaluation framework which they know isn't right. Formal outcomes are limited at the moment. Will pick up on this over next couple of meetings. Bryan said they have evaluation forms they use at the end of each programme but also use surveys/mentimeter for real time feedback. There is also strawpoll. <https://strawpoll.com/>; <https://www.mentimeter.com/>. Paula said they use pupil surveys, focus groups and portfolios. There's lots of good feedback about SeeSaw. Di said there is so much out there - it is keeping up with all the initiatives like the youth digital inclusion finding out about it a bit late. Not sure how to keep up with all the initiatives.

Date of Next Meeting – Friday 20th November at 11.30am via TEAMS