

Children With Disabilities SIG
Friday 25th April 2008
E-Commerce Centre, Pembroke Dock

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Present: Judith Edwards (Chair), Lee Hind, John Benbow, Jane Walker, Deirdre Connell, Laura Fitzgerald, Liz Collins, Jane Davies</p> <p>Apologies: Ann Holden, Kathy s'Jacob, Sue Young, Sally Davies, Mel Richards, Liz Blazey, Judith McNamara</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of last meeting (27th February 2008) one amendment - Deirdre Connell at meeting but not on list of attendees.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Estyn Insptection - ongoing</p> <p>Equipment - JE actions carried forward. JE has had discussions with David Halse. JW raised issue of children with disabilities arriving in the county for adoption without any notification from placing authority, these children will have ongoing health needs. LB actions carried forward</p>	<p>JE</p> <p>LB</p>
4.	<p>Single Children's Plan Consultation</p> <p>Plan out for public consultation until June 2008, copy obtainable from Pembrokeshire CC website (http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/cypp, hard copies will be distributed within next couple of weeks. All urged to forward responses on an individual organisation bases as well as the SIG response. JE showed presentation that had been prepared for the Parent Carers Day which had drawn out specific issues related to Children with Disabilities.</p> <p>Core Aim 1</p> <p>Concerns that at present there is an inequality of services across the county, how will these be addressed outside of areas such as those covered by Sure Start</p> <p>New Early Support Service is a key development which fits well with this aim</p> <p>Core Aim 2</p> <p>Would like wording to be Develop and Consolidate rather than Consolidate. Early Support Service will help key actions to be met</p> <p>Core Aim 3</p> <p>Would welcome an increase in services to emotional health & wellbeing. Possible development of a post diagnostic counsellor role. This aim needs to relate to parent carers as well as children</p> <p>Core Aim 4</p> <p>Parent Carers very clear in that they did not want 'inclusive' schemes Suggest wording be changed to Appropriate & choice based rather than inclusive.</p> <p>Activities on offer need to look at the times they offer eg teenage activities starting in afternoon going on to early evening.</p> <p>Parents of a child with disabilities is often expected to stay where as others are not.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

	<p>Core Aim 5 Information for children with a disability in a format that they can understand YPP service directory needs to be assessable to all and on The Zone</p> <p>Core Aim 6 Correct equipment delivered in a timely fashion for children with disabilities to ensure a safe home. Appropriate car seats available for transport eg taxi, mini bus</p> <p>Core Aim 7 No comments from group.</p> <p>Overwhelming feeling that for any Core Aim to be effective Core Aim 5 needs to be done first.</p> <p>Lee Hind agreed to put forward SIG responses to the Children's Single Plan</p>	
5.	<p>Early Support Service Awaiting Cymorth review, meeting in place for after the review to discuss the way forward.</p>	
6.	<p>Reports back from meetings: YPP meeting was Estyn Inspection related Children Partnership meeting: Jan Wood Child Information Service has had remit extended to include young people up to 19 years of age. Sure Start - awaiting Cymorth review Saturday Play Scheme: will re-start over summer holidays, worker left and no replacement as yet, scheme greatly missed. Meeting asked how scheme publicised - information sent to schools and those on the NCH Register, JW asked if information leaflets could be sent to them to put in waiting rooms etc. Pembs Activity Scheme: uncertainty as co-ordinator leaving and no replacement to date.</p>	JE
7.	<p>Parent Carers Day: The day was well received by parent carers who attended. Presentation on Single Plan was given by Geraldine Murphey. 'Option Finder' was used to consult with parent carers on the single plan. Results will be collated and forwarded to Geraldine Murphey. Plan for next years event to be put on the September Agenda</p>	MR JE
8.	<p>AOB: Pembrokeshire CC's new Transport process discussed and SIG think it is good and hope that the policy will be consistently applied. Transitions: Pembrokeshire CC looking at policy in a multi agency meeting. JW expressed concern regarding health's attendance, JD to ascertain who is invited/attends</p>	SY JD
9.	<p>Next meetings: 3rd September 2008 2 - 4pm location 2BM1, County Hall 4th December 2008 2 - 4pm location 2BM1, County Hall</p>	