

# Hastings Children's Centre Cluster Local Advisory Group Meeting

**Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014**  
East Hastings Children's Centre

**Attending:**

Alison Martin (AM)	Early Years Improvement Officer
Amy James (AJ)	Independent Chair and <b>Parent</b> /Volunteer
Amy Fox (AF)	Tomorrow's People – Positive Progress for Parents
Andy Dinsdale (AD)	RSPCA - Mallydams
Ceri Milne (CM)	Early Years Manager In2Play
Claire Power (CP)	Community Member / Big Local North East Hastings
Charlotte Palfrey-Martin (CPM)	Children Centre Administrative Support
Charlotte Wilfort (CW)	<b>Parent</b>
Cosette Keen (CK)	<b>Parent</b>
Debbie Holland (DH)	Maplehurst Nursery
Donna Boydell (DB)	East Hastings Health Visiting Team
Egle Kelsaite (EK)	Volunteer Coordinator, Hastings cluster
Kathryn Frere-Smith	<b>Parent</b> /Founder 'Treasured Tots'
Kirsty Halvey (KH)	Early Years Service Manager (FSN)
Jo Goldfinch (JG)	Cluster Co-ordinator, Hastings Cluster
Judy Breen (JB)	Homestart East Sussex
Laura Ringsell (LR)	<b>Parent</b>
Russell Smith (RS)	Community Development Worker Hastings Cluster
Sally-Anne Porter	East Hastings Health Visiting Team
Sharon Gates (SG)	Athelstan Nursery/ <b>Parent</b>
Sonia Plato (SP)	Horizons Community Learning CIC
Sue Martin (SM)	Team Leader - Hastings Children's centres Key Working Service
Sue Simmonds (SS)	East Hastings Health Visiting Team
Vanessa Porter (VP)	Amicus Horizon Housing Association
Vince Nunn (VN)	The Bridge Community Centre

**Apologies:**

Amber Richardson (AR)	Carousel Nursery
Carly Reigler (CR)	Early Years Coordinator, Hastings and St Leonards
Carole Somers (CS)	Senior Early Years Teacher
Christine Unsworth (CU)	FSN
Christine Palmer (CP)	Health Trainer
Debby Anderson (DA)	Education Futures Trust/Volunteer
Dick Edwards (DE)	HOTRA
Hayley Ball (HB)	In2Play – Director
Helen Atkin (HA)	Fellowship of St Nicholas
Julie Hunt (JH)	Quit 51 (Smoking Cessation)
Laura Elliott (LE)	Workers Educational Association (WEA)
Sophie Hawkins (SH)	Tomorrow's People – Positive Progress for Parents
Ron Bennett (RB)	Chair Big Local North East Hastings
Stella Edmonds (SE)	Area Manager, Children's Centre Community & Adult Learning
Sue Stevens (SS)	Book Start

<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>1.1</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <p>AJ welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to make a short introduction.</p> <p>Request from JG that people respond to the email request to let the Children Centre know that they are attending the meeting to ensure the room is suitably set up</p>	
<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2.1</b></p> <p><b>2.2</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were reviewed and agreed.</p> <p><b>Updates</b></p> <p><b>2.3 Publication of minutes on the Big Local Website.</b> JG has checked and minutes can be shared on the website. Suggested that the minutes be summarised as they are long and detailed. CP offered to summarise for publication on website.</p> <p><b>10.10 HomeStart Volunteer Courses</b> Homestart had hoped to hold a course in Rye during September, this didn't happen. Course ran instead in St Leonards.</p>	
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>3.1</b></p> <p><b>3.2</b></p> <p><b>3.3</b></p> <p><b>3.4</b></p> <p><b>3.5</b></p> <p><b>3.6</b></p>	<p><b>De-Designation Update</b></p> <p>Following on from the consultation around de-designation, 5 centres across East Sussex have been de-designated. In the Hastings area this affected Redlake Childrens Centre; it will no longer be a standalone centre. The Redlake reach area will merge with East Hastings reach area.</p> <p>Across the county there were 185 responses to the public consultation 88% of those felt the change would affect them a lot or a little. The majority of comments received were around service provision as opposed to the loss of the centres.</p> <p>Services are being relocated to other local venues and the building will be handed over to Ore Valley Primary Academy on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The school will work with the EYFS team in order to prepare the space for 2yr old provision. JG advised that she hopes to work closely with the school around things such as Toddler Talk and school readiness.</p> <p>From beginning of November:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starlings – Moved to The Bridge. This group was attended by families from out of the Redlake Reach area, and it was felt that these were the most mobile families. The group will however run on the same day and time as previously.</li> <li>• Baby Time – Wednesday group has moved to the Salvation Army in Ore</li> <li>• Stay and Play – Tuesday morning group has moved to the Downs Farm Community Centre.</li> </ul> <p>The latter two new venues are within walking distance of Redlake. And all three venues are easily accessible by public transport. The children centre will continue to monitor attendance these groups.</p> <p>Where possible resources for the groups have gone with the group. But JG explained that as groups are now running in community centres we can't dictate what else runs in the community centres – for example in the space used at Downs Farm there is a pool table which is used by another group.</p>	

<p><b>3.7</b></p> <p><b>3.8</b></p> <p><b>3.9</b></p>	<p>AJ asked if any new building would be created to replace de designated centres. JG advised that as all services had been relocated there would be no additional buildings.</p> <p>CP asked if there was anything underwritten regarding the rents of the venues now being used. She is concerned that by hiring venues this increases the running cost of groups. She noted that in Ore there is now only community spaces. JG advised that there was nothing written. The situation would be monitored.</p> <p>CM commented that by running groups in community centres as opposed to children centres will open up the groups to a wider (demographic). To some families the children centres can be intimidating places and many feel more comfortable in a community space.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p> <p><b>4.1</b></p> <p><b>4.2</b></p> <p><b>4.3</b></p> <p><b>4.4</b></p>	<p><b>Staff Consultation (JG)</b></p> <p>East Sussex County Council launched a staff consultation. The service needs to save £1.1 million in the year 2015-16.</p> <p>Consultation was launched on the 24<sup>th</sup> September, with final proposals due to be issued on 24<sup>th</sup> November, with the Consultation closing on 18<sup>th</sup> December with implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.</p> <p>A majority of children centre funding goes on staffing; consequently there is the risk of redundancy for some staff. All the posts at risk are in the community strand, keyword strand is not affected during this consultation. Additionally front line staff are protected as far as possible.</p> <p>LAG Members questioned if there would be a public consultation about these proposals but JG confirmed This is strictly an internal consultation there will be no additional consultation with partners or public.</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b></p> <p><b>5.2</b></p> <p><b>5.3</b></p> <p><b>5.4</b></p> <p><b>5.5</b></p> <p><b>5.6</b></p>	<p><b>Parents Voice (RS)</b></p> <p>Children centres have carried out a number of consultations over the last few months.</p> <p>During Play in The Park and summer activities the consultation was around the names of groups. Parents chose the 'Stay &amp; Play' and Baby Time names. Consultation has also been carried out at Redlake looking at which venues to use; parents chose to go to Downs Farm and to keep existing day and time.</p> <p>Consultations have also been carried out on Facebook, what family learning courses parents would like, Child friendly and/or breastfeeding friendly places in Hastings. RS using Facebook to try and get more interaction with parents.</p> <p>Last month Children Centres carried out the annual SnapShot consultation.</p> <p>During November the Children's Centre will be carrying out a two week Impact Evaluation Survey. This will be a paper based survey carried out at all Stay and Play and Baby Time groups designed to give the centres an idea of what parents get from groups. Parents will only need to complete survey once regardless of how many groups they attend throughout the weeks.</p> <p>JG commented that staff know that families get a lot from the universal</p>	

	<p>groups but when writing service specifications and trying to set targets it can be a challenge with these groups. Questions have been set around the targets, for example questions will be looking at whether parents recreate experiences at home –home learning. Information from this will be collated to see impact of universal groups</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Promoting Children Centres</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> AJ asked those present what can we do to promote Children Centres?</p> <p><b>6.2</b> CW said that the centre needs to put more posters and leaflets around; she suggested bus stops, community boards, local shops, flyers through doors. She advised us that she didn't know what a children centre was until she started working with a key worker. Not everyone has a professional working with them. Many of her friends had no idea that events and groups ran throughout the year. People her age don't know what the centre is and don't go into them, quite often they don't attend the groups as they can feel awkward and judged.</p> <p><b>6.3</b> Question was asked if information went out to early years settings. JG advised that information gets passed out to nurseries and child-minders by the SLES team and EYFS meetings. Community lead toddler groups don't attend these meetings but information is passed to them through RS and Vicki Falla</p> <p><b>6.4</b> KF is happy to share CC posts on Facebook and CP will be happy to advertise groups on the Big Local Website.</p> <p><b>6.5</b> CP asked about the activity guide. JG explained to the meeting that the format for the guides has recently changed. They are smaller and the CC groups are on a separate sheet that is inserted inside. The decision to change the format was a response to the possible loss of centres across the Hastings and St Leonards areas. The centres produce two different sheets one aimed at mums to be and new birth the other more generic. Potentially the guides will be going to an electronic only version next year.</p> <p><b>6.6</b> CW commented in relation to the inserts, the first thing she does with a booklet is to shake out all the loose bits of paper.</p> <p><b>6.7</b> VN added that the four community centres will be setting up as a CIC and as part of that process there is a marketing consultant working with them. He is happy to share any results.</p> <p><b>6.8</b> CK asked if the Children centres still did text alerts. JG advised that we do. But in order to receive a text alert the family needs to be registered with us and have ticked the relevant box on the registration form. Also need to inform us of any number change. Potentially the Children Centres could look at running a registration week, getting everyone to check there details.</p> <p><b>6.9</b> It was suggested that we could produce a slip so that families could update their details /add to alerts; this could be completed at group.</p> <p><b>6.10</b> SP added that Horizons have found that word of mouth is the most effective as until someone has come along to a group the posters are meaningless.</p> <p><b>6.11</b> DB The Health visitors do promote the children centres at new birth visits. And they do ensure that clinics they run in other venues have activity guides and event information.</p>	

<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b></p> <p><b>7.2</b></p> <p><b>7.3</b></p> <p><b>7.3.1</b></p> <p><b>7.3.2</b></p> <p><b>7.3.3</b></p> <p><b>7.3.4</b></p>	<p><b>Business Plan Targets</b></p> <p>JG produced a summary of the business plan target, used at the last LAG meeting which was updated to include information from the end of quarter 2. The targets have been colour coded, green (achieved), Amber (on target) Red (not achieved), white (no data).</p> <p>JG reminded the meeting that targets are set three ways, some are set county wide, some are local to Hastings and some are set by LAG group. Generally the LAG targets have increased the targets. .</p> <p>After a brief discussion it was decided to concentrate on targets highlighted in red.</p> <p><b>Early Intervention:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>88% of level 3 families decrease to level 2/universal on closure.</i> Actual targets for keywork families Qtr 1 73% and Qtr 2 68%. SM explained as written on the business plan, some cases escalate, families move out of area and to other services. It has been noted from these targets how many families move from Hastings either into St Leonard’s and Bexhill. There are a number of families that will transfer to other services more suited to there needs, ie ESBAS or CAHMS. But for statistical purpose these families close at level 3. We need to look at long term data to track families.</li> <li>• SP asked if it’s discovered that a family needs a different service, how does that affect targets. JG said that it doesn’t change percentage now however when reviewed in March it may change the impact on target percentage. Additionally a detailed narrative will go into the SEF’s.</li> <li>• <i>65% of target group family’s access centres within a year.</i> JG We have three target groups, New babies, parents under 20 and families at level three who are working with the key work service. JG explained the Hastings is the only cluster that has new born as a target group. Looking at Hastings area when setting targets its hard to target one area. By looking at New birth we are able to cover other areas and potentially provide additional support if needed, i.e. EAL or BME. 539 babies born in the Hastings cluster between July 13 and Jun 14. 45% have accessed children centres. This is an increase on previous quarter. New Birth only became a target in April. JG advised that Children centres only receive about 2/3 of new births; parents have agreed to share information. These new parents get a call asking if they know where there nearest centre is and about some of the groups that are run. Challenge is to contact families that don’t share information. KF asked how the Children Centres received the new birth data JG explained that the midwife asks families after birth if they are happy to share details. If a child is born outside East Sussex no shared detailed. JG advised that as from next year when a family registers a child at the registry office there will be details of CC on registration folders. KF added that no one asked her to share details.</li> <li>• <i>65% of families identified as being at Level 3 and allocated to the Children's Centre Keywork Team access services at least 12 times in a year.</i> JG advised that we are now receiving information on closed cases. So families that have worked with keywork service, so this figure will improve.</li> <li>• <i>51% of young parents access services at least 12 times in a year.</i></li> </ul>	
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<p><b>7.3.5</b></p>	<p>24% of young parents access the service. JG explained that this is based on the estimated number of young parents in the area and it includes FNP data. This is an area that the cluster needs to concentrate on engaging. The Centres are good at engaging the 20-24. JG advised that FNP do share the re client list with the Childrens Centres and if there is an ongoing need when FNP closes with a family they do go to TAF. A majority of the new parents working with FNP are now registered.</p> <p>JG advised that the children centres will be working with the youth employability service and continue to support FNP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JG asked if anyone had any ideas on working with young parents. AJ responded that there is a feeling by young parents that professionals can talk down to them and be judgemental. CW added often young mums don't feel comfortable or they feel intimidated going to groups. AJ said it's a fine line between helping and they feel as though they are being dictated to. CM commented that In2Play did run a young parents group in Hollington and discovered that the group needed to be kept as casual as possible. Also cover as many topics as possible CP added that the groups were successful but groups had the tendency to become very cliquey and that makes it off putting to newcomers. SM commented that a similar group at Xtrax. This is young parents but not the under 20's. Keyworkers also run a Bump and You group at HTCC. Aimed at young parents introducing them and bringing them into the children's centre. Although not a structured group to follow to bump and you, there is time set aside at HTCC to use both the crèche and sensory room for young parents.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7.3.6</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>51% of parents to be and new parents access services at least 12 times in a year</i></li> </ul> <p>JG explained that this statistic was a challenge to achieve the target. The target ran over a year, so for example if there is a three month old child very difficult for him to have attended 12 times. She explained that the 19% we have in front are children that turned a year in October. But the figure doesn't allow for the fact the target group only became a target in April. Looking at whether the current measure is accurate.</p>	
<p><b>7.4</b> <b>7.4.1</b></p>	<p><b>Child health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>ROSPA Home Safety Checklist</i>, will be used by the keywork service whilst visiting families. On subsequent visits keyworkers will be able to follow up. This will be very individual to the families. All of the keyworkers undergoing training. So there is no data for this yet.</li> </ul> <p>JG added that following on from the child Safety Week that the centres ran in June 75% of parents said they learnt something new and or would do things differently in the future.</p>	
<p><b>7.4.2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Majority of children taking up the free school meals.</i></li> </ul> <p>JG advised that she had been out talking to schools about school readiness. She has discovered that there has been a high take up. Different schools attempted different things. An example JG gave was the school which had a 97% take up of the offer. This school has worked hard, they provided parents with sample tasters during the prospective open evenings and taster days and had actively encouraged the children to try meals for a week. Information collected will be shared with other schools..</p>	

7.4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase the percentage of children involved in the project <i>Healthy Lunch</i>.</li> </ul> <p>New project to be undertaken in the new year. The HEPA posts included in the consultation, which have been created by public health money, will be working towards this target. JG advised that because of obesity issues un the Hastings cluster a number of settings have been identified and will be working closely with the new appointees. CP advised the meeting about the project the Big One. Ran at Ore Church Mice. They have done lots of work about health eating. They have banned certain foods from the children’s lunch and they provide a cooked meal once a week. KH commented that Greenways has run a similar project ‘full of beans’</p>	
7.5	<p><b>Child Development</b></p>	
7.5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>School Readiness</i>. JG has been visiting schools and looking at any trends this will be collated across county so there will be data available for the individual clusters and countywide. JG visited 5 schools, in the Hastings area one of the largest problems is dressing and undressing for PE. With the exception of one school who waited to start PE until term 2.</li> </ul>	
7.5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>75% of children at risk of delay due to impoverished language</i>. The date for Hastings was 40% but the narrative behind this explains that figure. As you can see from the target this was due to the difficulties in contacting families only 6 parents were contacted. This again highlights importance of keeping contact details upto date. The KPI target is being amended slightly.</li> </ul>	
7.6	<p><b>Adult Learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>75% of volunteers completing Volunteer Training demonstrate higher levels of self-esteem</i>. JG explained from the most recent data, 60% demonstrated higher level, 1 stayed the same and for one family there were personal circumstances.</li> <li><i>Priority Pathways are being used when recruiting to Family Learning courses to look at aims from courses</i>. Through these forms the Children Centres are identifying other training that these families would like to attend or achieve.</li> </ul>	
7.7	<p><b>Governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>80% of parents accessing services are involved in the design and development of service</li> </ul> <p>Original measure for children centres was that 80% of families that came into the centre were involved with the development of service, but as JG explained if 10 people visited once then 8 of those people had to have an input in the design and development of the service. This was a challenge to achieve. The measure has been changed so that now it is 80% families attend a service 12 or more times are involved in design. JG clarified there are a number of ways to be involved from being a LAG member, completing questionnaires to feeding back about a service on Facebook or in group. Hastings has 61% of families accessing services at least 12 times involved in the design and development of services. JG explained that the new birth figures are still being calculated. 100 % of keywork families are working with early help plan and they are involved in it’s design and development of a that plan, the KPI demonstrates the percentage that are also engaged in other ways</p>	
8	<p><b>Agency feedback / Updates</b></p> <p><b>8.1 Big Local (CP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Big Local. Lottery funded grant to North East Hastings. £1 million</li> </ul>	

- over 10 years. Local residents to decide how the money is spent.
- CP been working on a plan for Early Years, they want to support what's already there not replicate groups. Money can't be used to support statutory organisations only community groups.
- Early Years report will be coming out shortly and there will be a range of options that local residents can vote on. Options include a lot more outdoor play, playgrounds and supporting the Adventure Playground for both young and school age children. As well as looking at after school play, not necessarily after school clubs.. There will no provision for full day care.
- EY report will not look at what the children centres offer, so it wont really look at work done with 0-2 yr olds, the exception is community groups that have 2yr olds there may be aspects of parental learning opportunities.
- Big Local will be commission services to run the groups/sessions. There will be very few paid staff – admin only. Money will go to local groups.
- AGM for Big Local 13th December for people in the local area, will be held at the Ore Centre.
- For more information [www.biglocalnortheasthastings.org.uk/](http://www.biglocalnortheasthastings.org.uk/)

## **8.2 Mallydams (AD)**

- Hastings Wild Things Project a Family engagement project that started 3 years ago. Project ended August 2013. Wild Things was an animal welfare project aimed at the whole family, primarily for parents under 25 has continued on a smaller scale. That funding is coming to an end. Will find out in December if there is funding to continue.

## **8.3 Health Team (EHCC) (DB)**

- Recent staffing changes. Two new health visitors, Sue Simmonds and Mel Fox, Student Health Visitor Sally Porter and new team leader from 1<sup>st</sup> December Hayley Wright.
- The team have now gone electric with the introduction of the SystmOne. All Health visitors and nursery nurses have been given tablets.
- DB asked the parents present for feedback, how they feel having someone tapping and making notes as opposed to writing. Parents responded positively. JG asked if the HV would show the parents what's written if asked. DB said no, as they can write about the family environment and home conditions.
- Aiming to have all children aged 2 ½ and under on the system by January. Won't be adding older children unless they are seen regularly. Neither the school nurses or midwives SystmOne
- 1year contacts are restarting, but the 4-6 months will be stopping. Health visitors see families antenatally, new birth, 6 weeks, 1year and 2year. Families will be encouraged to come to clinic. DB explained that at the 4-6 month contact HV discussed weaning. The more people that come to clinic with issues around weaning the more evidence the health team will have about the importance of that check. DB did acknowledge that the gap between contacts is huge and can be a scary time for parents again emphasised that parents can come to clinic.
- Do cover some topics at postnatal group but the amount of information can be overwhelming to the parents.
- DB We can do a weaning talk to individual families and potentially to groups if required.
- KM asked if at the checks hearing was checked. DB explained that tests aren't carried out unless the parents have concerns. Subject is discussed with families. KM said Following on from the conversation about impoverished language she wondered if it was



	<p>from checks not being carried out and some hearing loss is so subtle parents may not be aware that there is any problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JG advised that VF is running a babbling babies session, a one off session for registered parents whose children are between 10-11 months. This is a general session about language, but any concerns can be signposted on.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.4 Homestart (JB)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trying to recruit volunteer's .Across East Sussex high level of volunteers in the west of the county, but very short of volunteers in the East. Running two preparation courses one in Battle and one in St Leonards, these will be finished in December. Two more courses will start mid January. Trying to recruit more volunteers for these courses.</li> <li>• Homestart received funding to take on a short breaks scheme, scheme was run by Crossroads. They have 32 hours over a four month period. This will be a chargeable service, a nominal fee £5.00 per hour. This is approximately a ¼ of the actual cost.</li> <li>• Other service remains free, 8 sessions per family and there is capacity at the moment to work with families.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.5 (AM)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to work supporting settings and child-minders in Hastings.</li> <li>• AM said that Hastings is very short on child-minders, and they are needed. There is no recruitment but AM did run a drop in at The Bridge, not very successful. AM does run regular events that offer advice and support to both new and perspective child-minders. If anyone know prospective child-minder contact East Sussex.</li> <li>• CW asked if prospective child-minders needed to be a certain age</li> <li>• AM answered no, the qualification are important and they do run EYFS training.</li> <li>• SP commented that Horizons run childcare courses both at EHCC and in Hollington. New course starts in January.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.6 Amicus Horizons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus from Amicus on the moment on a couple of pilot projects.</li> <li>• Gardening project and garden workshop with gardening contractor. This will be built on next year with projects such Ore in Bloom and Pride in Your estate. As part of the scheme there is free tool hire for local residents .Had identified areas, Downs Farm, to run projects in November unfortunately due to time constraints these have not happened yet.</li> <li>• Other area that Amicus will be looking at next year is Social enterprise and will be working with Hastings Works and looking to take out into the community.</li> <li>• Will continue to support community groups. Next year activities and plans will be discussed soon.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.7 Children Centre Keyworking (SM)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently working with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 37 level 3 families</li> <li>○ 5 Level 4 families</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Groups still running.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being Me, which is a 6 week course on anxiety and assertiveness The Hastings group has just finished. The St Leonards group will start in the new year also running from EHCC. It will then move to the Bexhill area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parenting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incredible years running at Hastings town at the moment. In January will be running both Solihull and Incredible Years. SM advised that there has been a break in the Solihull course as they</li> </ul>	
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	<p>didn't have the staff trained to deliver the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both Bump and You and Xtrax are both running very well. Additionally keyworkers are supporting the Childrens Centre by running Baby Massage sessions, here and at HTCC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tomorrows People (AF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend the Childrens Centres.. Very busy, but always happy to attend group or for more referrals.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.8 In2play (CM)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Started the new model to deliver groups, just started a new 2yr contract.</li> <li>There are some new teams, FSN workers came across have integrated well with existing staff. Change seems to have gone very smoothly.</li> <li>No major changes for groups.</li> <li>CM reported that some parents were apprehensive about moving the Friday group to the Adventure Playground. But it has been a successful move. Last week was the first session in Downs Farm. CM reported that some parents were not aware of the change in venue. Not everyone access social media. We do need to advertise groups more.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.9 Maplehurst Nursery (DH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DH reported that there are a limited number of afternoon spaces available.</li> <li>Currently working with Sandown School to expand area to create more spaces for 2yr olds</li> </ul> <p><b>8.10 Children Centre Volunteers (EK)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently running volunteer training course at Hastings Town with 6 learners. This week was session 9 of the course.</li> <li>EK is recruiting to the next course due to start in February.</li> <li>Volunteers are currently supporting, Aquababes, Baby Weigh in and volunteer training course.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.11 The Bridge (VN)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VN reports that the changes to groups have had a subtle effect on the atmosphere in the café. Seen a significant drop in the number of people staying and chatting in the café. Whether timings are different or people unaware of what's going on.</li> <li>The Bridge is currently undergoing a restructure review with a view to extending the hours, groups and what is offered. The review is showing that the facilities are underused.</li> <li>Groups that are running alongside Children Centre groups include 'Build a Feast', 'Grow Cook, Eat', Twins Group and Child Minder Drop In.</li> <li>The Bridge is involved with the creation of '4 Four Community Centre CIC', have received 3yr funding from the Big Local and Sussex Community Foundation, the latter will be used primarily to employ staff to assist with the running of the community centres.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.12 FSN (KH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crèche provision all going well.</li> <li>Limited spaces at Greenways at HTCC, some pre school places, 2yr are completely full.</li> <li>Parents/Carers evening in December (12<sup>th</sup>-tbc) KH asked if it would be possible for someone to come along to be a visible presence and also to assist parents with the applying for schools online process. KH reports that some parents have found that very problematic.</li> <li>JG advised that it may be possible to get CC staff to help. RS</li> </ul>	
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	<p>suggested opening the IT suite to help support parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PACT (Parents and Child Together) course running. This is a city and guilds level 2 work with parents qualification, volunteers that pass go into parents homes to assist with home learning. The second group has just finished, all participants passed. The third group has just started</li> </ul> <p><b>8.13 Horizons (SP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horizons will be carrying out a evaluation survey of courses. They are hoping to recruit some volunteers to enable to teach the learners to interview each other. Evaluation will take place between November and February.</li> <li>• New art group running at East Hastings on a Monday. Course open to everyone. They will be starting a crèche to run alongside it.</li> <li>• Two staff work at East Hastings primarily Debbie Lewis and Sally Taylor. Sally has been funded through Big Local, she comes in one day a week to support additional learning in the East Hastings area.</li> <li>• There is greater capacity to run more courses. SP would like to know what type of courses that people will like.</li> <li>• Also doing number of projects – Pier Partnership Project, started today in Hollington, hoping to interview people with stories and memories of the Pier. 6month project and a look behind the scenes of pier development. CK advised SP that there is a Facebook page about memories on the pier.</li> <li>• 26/11/14 there will be a meeting of all learning providers across East Hastings area. Requested by Big Local, other groups such as Educations Futures Trust will also be in attendance.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.14 Treasure Tots (KF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KF and another mum Rosie Godwin started Treasured Tots, a new group in May. Group has been very successful. Group runs at Salvation Hall on a Friday morning</li> <li>• Parents involved decided to work closely with council and Hastings Trust to find suitable location in town centre to open child friendly space. As well as the café and play area will also have arts room and a hireable play area which potentially the Children centre could access. Treasured Tots will be operating as a mutual cooperative, they 9 mums that have pledged 15 hrs per week to work in cafe. And they have got match funding.</li> <li>• Will be meeting with Bridge to look at running afterschool clubs to extend reach into the community.</li> <li>• Will be running three events every Saturday in December.</li> <li>• Have just completed a survey on Facebook asking people what they would be interested in having in the café. KF is happy to share the results with the children’s centres.</li> <li>• KF very happy to share on Facebook.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.15 Athelstan Nursery (SG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 yr funding are full only few spaces for preschool.</li> <li>• Now fully staffed. There is a parent volunteer for every session. Two parent volunteers happen to speak 3 different languages and one is trained in Baby and toddler yoga.</li> <li>• Ran first yoga session for 2yr olds and was very successful. Looking at how to incorporate that into the programme.</li> <li>• Looking at getting an apprentice</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>9.1</b></p>	<p><b>St Leonards Update</b></p> <p>AJ read a St Leonards Cluster update. This is included as an attachment.</p>	

<b>10</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b> No other business	
<b>11</b>	<b>Date of Future Meetings</b>  Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 12.30-2.30 at East Hastings Childrens Centre LAG Away Day – March (date tbc) Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 12.30-2.30 at East Hastings Childrens Centre	