

# Ashfield Excellence Cluster

## Minutes of Learning Mentors' Meeting

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007, 9:30am  
The Scout Hut, Linby

### Present:

Isabelle Footitt, Beardall St.	Caroline Phillips, Holgate	Kelly Wigginton, Holgate
Carolinn Garner, Broomhill	Teressa O'Hagan, Ashfield	Chris Drury, Ashfield
Sharon Mcara-Jones, Ashfield	Laura Todd, Daneswood	Rachel Atchinson, Morven Park
Jacqui Blades, SACC	Jennifer Young, Kirkby College	Claire Morley, Edgewood
Helen Roberts, Healdswood Infants	Maria Williams, Forest Glade	Carole Deakin, Coxmoor
Phil Holding, Rushcliffe	Diane Arden, Holly Hill	Petra Morrish, Hillside
Martin Richardson, Hillside	Dave Clayton, Sutton Centre	Annie McClimont, AEC

### Apologies:

Ann Sheldon, Mandy Wint, Jenny Keenan and Sarah Duffin from Broomhill (represented by Mandy)  
Chris Drury and Abby White from Ashfield (represented by Sharon and Teressa)  
Laura Graney, Kirkby College (maternity leave)  
Emma Wragg, Quarrydale (maternity leave)

### Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising

Corrections were made to names of attendees/apologies.

Mentors who had missed the previous meeting were directed to copies of resources etc that had been distributed.

### Sharing Good Practice ~ Promoting 'Be Healthy' aspect of Every Child Matters

There were numerous examples of good practice around this theme. Please see separate sheet.

### Sharing Good Practice ~ Ideas for Resources

- Carole recommended the TTS catalogue (0800 318 686)
- Jennifer recommended 'Emotional Coaching' by Robyn Hromek (Luck Duck Publishing)
- [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk) for information about children's/young people's mental health.
- Secondary mentors could look at 'The Learning Challenge' and 'The Learning Conversation' which are from the National Strategy (mentors could ask the Strategy Manager in their school and go to [www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/intervention/extras](http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/intervention/extras) )
- A flowchart of the mentoring process was given out.

### Sharing Good Practice ~ Case support

It was agreed that having a slot for sharing difficult cases (with due regard for confidentiality) would be helpful.

A primary case involving attachment disorder was described.

A Y9 case involving a pupil at serious risk of permanent exclusion was shared and suggestions were made for possible further support by signposting either to CAMHS or YISP.

Signposting to other agencies was discussed generally and mentors were advised always to seek advice from SENCOs if they felt that cases were beyond their remit. The role of the Educational Psychologist was discussed and it seems that LM access to Inclusion Team/Pastoral Team/Springboard meetings and to the Ed Psych varies from school to school.

### SEF, Reporting Impact, Learning Mentors and Every Child Matters

A number of mentors have made a start on this form for monitoring impact. Electronic copy is available on the website for those who want to tweak it. ([www.ashfieldexcellencecluster.org](http://www.ashfieldexcellencecluster.org) )

### Training Update

Date for completion of portfolios for Autumn Term group: March 5<sup>th</sup>

Current 5-Day training with Nottingham and Derby is going well.

The next Learning Mentor Network Meeting will be a training session from a Notts provider on Supporting Pupils with Anger Management.

- Rachel to liaise with A McC about briefing the trainer.

#### **AOB**

The expansion of the Network is good news but is presenting some problems with venues. A number of alternatives were suggested.

- Learning Mentors to investigate and pass suggestions to A McC

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1:30pm at

Thank you to Chris, Abi and Teresa for hosting the meeting at Ashfield.

ooOoo