FCA Meeting Weds 22nd Jan 2020 12.30 till 2.30 Ivy St Community Centre - Minutes

Present - Sharon Burns, Antony Matthews, Paula Quinn, Bernie Tomlinson, Sam Briggs, Barbara Freeman, Rubena Patel, Mohammed Qadir, Wilma Burton, Phyllis Catley, Sharon Wakes, Kay Margerison, Claire Houghton, John Houghton, Angela Wilson. Guests – Cllr Julie Gunn, Jeremy Scholey, Tracy Mosley.

Welcome everyone and Introductions.

**Jeremy Scholey** - NHS Midlands and Lancashire –Talked about Engaging with Parent and Carer groups re the transformation of children and young people's mental health and wellbeing services – responsible for most health care needs, He is working on making a “One Stop” website for mental health needs and would like carers to have a look at the site and feedback to FCA Secretary Sam Briggs any suggestions they may have to make the website as good as it possibly can be. – Information can be found at [www.healthyyoungmindslsc.co.uk/home](http://www.healthyyoungmindslsc.co.uk/home)

**Tracy Mosley** – Fostering Support Officer – Temporary Social workers – Caroline Jones and Melanie Hongkins. New Social workers – Angela McAlary – in post now and Stacey Nightingall – hopefully in post end of March. Vicky Haigh – on maternity leave. Also congratulations to Wilma Burton on being nominated for woman of the year.

Jaffer Hussain – Children and Young People’s Participation Officer – sends his apologises – Attached information from Jaffer regarding voice group.

Cllr Julie Gunn informed meeting that she has been dealing with making sure carers can access Gold Beez cards for LAC – Please email/Text Sam if anyone is having any issues.

Question raised about ensuring Long Term Carers have knowledge about LAC medical history – family etc to ensure best care – Committee to bring this to next Heads of Service meeting.

Sharon and Sam met with Pam Price- Service Lead for Placements, on Monday – discussed back pay, remittance slips having a breakdown of payments, SGO payments, When will Voice Group be re-established, Asked DCS – Director of Children’s Services Jayne Ivory to attend one of our meetings this year – we have left them to look into these and we are awaiting a reply. Pam sends her apologises had another meeting.

Ideas for speakers? Please email Sam with any ideas.

Dates for this year’s FCA meetings – All at Ivy Street on Wednesday’s, 12.30 – 2.30, March 18th, May 20th, July 15th, Sept 23rd – AGM for first half hour and Nov 25th. Please try to attend as many as possible, we have reduced the amount of meetings to 1 every 2 months, if we don’t get decent attendance then we will have to look at stopping the meetings, we can only make a difference if we have a majority vote on certain issues – for this to happen we need as many carers to attend the meetings as possible.