

#OfstedBigConversation Minutes

Meeting:

Eastern Region Steering Group

Date:

7th February 2018

Location:

Room 2.43, Eastbrook,
Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 8DR

Attendees

Linda Baston-Pitt Chair Director OSHN Cambs
Ruth Pimentel Co-Chair CEO Toad Hall Nursery Group
Cheryl Langley Senior Officer, Ofsted
Lesley Barrett, Senior Officer, Ofsted
David Shaylor - Munns Farm Day Nursery Nr Hertford
Elaine Baker – PACEY
Laura Ross – Central Bedfordshire Council

Apologies
Kirtsy Mulvaney - OFSTED
Zoe Wright Magic Nurseries
Karen Davies
Lisa Topham
Catrina Storey
Diane Rideout
Pirjo Mudd

Minutes

1. We reviewed the previous minutes and noted no further actions. Recruitment still an issue for many in the sector
2. **Ofsted Update**

Ofsted informed the group of the decision to remove the SEF from the website as of April 2018. Providers to use their own format. If necessary then any evaluations can be sent in advance to the inspector via the enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk email address.

Ofsted also informed the group that the outcome summary format is to change and will now be much briefer.

Regionalisation is still due to go ahead in January 2019 when all the Ey inspectors will move to the regions and the delivery unit will not exist.

Ofsted requested whether there was any feedback for the Directors of Children's Services as Kirsty was due to meet with them. The group requested that she raise the issue of a lack of support and training for EY providers and the ongoing issue with recruitment. Peterborough, Central Beds and Cambridgeshire reported they were still endeavouring to offer support but it is diminishing.
3. **30 hours childcare** – providers reported that the market was finding ways to make it work by using additional service charges. Worth reviewing with other OBC chairs and this item to be discussed at chairs meeting on 13th March. ACTION: Linda to find a representative for this meeting as she is unable to attend. Ruth and David have both volunteered.
4. **Bold Beginnings** – the messaging around this document was discussed and Ofsted reiterated that the inspection will still be against the current inspection framework and the EYFS.
5. **Mixed ratios** – the group discussed how this is calculated and Ofsted reiterated that the needs of the child are paramount. Effective staff deployment is the key and providers need to demonstrate this to inspectors

Date of next meeting; 16th May 2018 – 10.30 start