



West Midlands OBC

Agenda 31.01.17

10.30am-12:30pm

Location: The Axis, 10 Holliday Street, Birmingham. B1 1TF

Tel: 03000 130360.

Attending: Deborah Udakis, Tricia Wellings, Beverley Sharpe, Jyoti Jaspal, Dale Ramsay, Tim Landreth, Sarah Presswood, Matthew England, Nikki Flintham, Debbie Clarke, Andy Bent, Sarka Juric

Apologies: Alison Beard, Nazma Meah (Resigned), Sue Crawford, Christine Harding, Liz Smith-Keitley, Victoria Vann, Nikki Tomkinson, Sue Bailey, Joanne Smith, Penny Hustwick, Sally Mayer, Susan Berry, Anne Stevens, Andy Matthews, Danielle Cassidy, Sue Bailey

1. Welcome and Apologies

Tricia Wellings – Stand in chair

- Work being done on website and supporting with organisation of events.
- Since last meeting – Nazma has resigned as chair of OBC. Alison would not like to stand as chair.

Invite for nominations as chair. Tim Landreth nominated for chair position. Tim not able to chair at this time. Tricia has no capacity at this time to take on role. Other members unable to take on the role at this time. Sarka offered support to chair with the workload. Other chairs in regions usually have 2 meetings per year to discuss agendas. Some of the time used for the role can be reimbursed and also travel. Tim offered it as a possibility, will need to discuss with manager. All other attendees don't currently have capacity.

2. Appoint Minute Taker

Matthew England volunteered to be minute taker.

3. Nominations for Co-Chair

4. Actions from Last meeting

Sue's actions to get Ofsted people at OBC have progressed and contact has been made with Lee Owston, HMI Early Years lead but no response received. Sue to chase. Gill Jones confirmed can come at 2pm, time of meeting changed 11-3

5. Planning Progress Updates for Open Meeting 10th March 2017

NB Times will change due to Gill Jones availability

National Early Years Training and Consultants(NEYTCO) – brings together EY trainers and consultants. Support with OBC.

- North offer OFSTED meeting in the morning and training opportunities with NEYTCO in the afternoon.
- Last OBC feedback was useful as it came directly from OFSTED not through unreliable forums (Facebook).

What are Manchester doing differently? They booked bigger room, and had 400/500 people. Big need for link with OFSTED.

Second open meeting with Birmingham OBC – 40/50 booked on so far. Room could expand to 300 if necessary.

Gill Jones will talk about changes and narrowing the gap, at 2pm is only booking so far.

Action: Deborah to support us to get Leads for Maths on board for this event and English later on.

Is lunch going to impact timetable as its 11-3? Could do networking lunch to start with? Timing could impact settings as it takes out the day. Networking at 12-1 1-4 session.

Networking time could do with a tricky quiz to get people talking.

6. Ofsted Topics for Discussion at Open Meeting

Could we do table activity of what do providers want to ask?

Could do Ofsted update on major changes to legislation then do Q & A.

We can email people who have registered for OBC.

Could ask Debbie Alcock to do presentation on compliance.

If information is gathered early we could gauge what people want.

Raised to look at OBC open – how do Ofsted look at cohort tracking.

It would be useful to have inspectors there. Hilary Preece suggested by Sarka, contact to be made to see if she could attend regarding pre and post Ofsted support. Tricia will follow up on this with Sarka.

An issue was raised by the Stoke representative asking if other areas were experiencing any difficulties with newly qualified practitioners leaving college and university and not being ready for work. We could look at getting Vicky from Ofsted on newly qualified level 3A and the quality.

How about pilot update from Stafford on 30 hours? James Hemsall delivering training on 30 hours but tricky to get hold of. Jackie Burke involved in business planning. Could do with a broad overview as opposed to business planning. Would need to ask Ofsted on implications and expectations, what is expected of other settings?

Child minders unable to attend meetings during the day, but some are signed up to OBC steering group.

How Ofsted perceive British values and prevent how should settings evidence this?

John Warren does Ofsted inspection talks and could talk about pre/post Ofsted if Hilary not available.

Suggestion for what is needed when Ofsted call. What will settings be asked when they phone.

Alternative curriculum delivery. EYC's trained in what Ofsted are looking at maths.

Creative and holistic play professional speaker.

All speakers would need to have focus or improving settings Ofsted grade.

Should have OFSTED focus and ask attendees what they want for the next one.

7. Marketing of Open Meeting

OBC to be promoted at all meetings and sent out to LA.

8. Ofsted Updates – anything we need to know?

Topics provided to Deborah to see if she can get speakers

- 30 hours and impact on inspections
- Quality of training providers (FE) – Ian Smith (senior HMI)
- OFSTED training in Maths - Mark Linfield
- Cohort tracking, Expectations and Evidence
- Prevent and British values –

Ongoing issue surrounding schools and respecting EY provider assessments. EY settings judged on transition. Schools not necessarily required to evidence hand over. Potential for schools to assess lower to impact their data on progress.

- Question raised – setting outstanding. Observed as outstanding. As a complaint was submitted they were unable to receive outstanding. The judgement should take history in to account, but evidence should determine rating – no predetermined judgement inspector’s evidence base might not have matched review of inspection. Could be a communication language issue.
- Local schools taking rising 3’s as some ratio as 3 year olds – should not happen. Should be 1-4 ratio, as stated in EYFS. Birmingham guidance from EY forum says differently. Angela Westington covers Birmingham. Information to be passed onto her.

Dale – Recent inspections have been very positive.
Good and outstanding judgements different inspection approaches.

9. Ofsted

- Amanda Spielman new Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector
- No significant changes
- 5th Dec webinar session 15 EY HMI OFSTED staff roles will be deleted. Although they say all Ofsted remits are important
- From April Ofsted will be able to take overview of quality. 1st year transition will be at central location
- Each region will have a senior EY HMI
- More regulatory inspectors
- More senior officer roles
- Senior team manager

Inspectors going to be in-house from April.

10. Date & Location of next Steering Group meeting

Next meeting May 23rd 2017. Date and location tbc

11. Any other business

None