

**Norfolk SEND Youth Forum**

**Wednesday 15th January 2025 - 6:30pm – 7:25pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Bridget Robinson (Norfolk SENDIASS)

Dawn Jones (Inclusion & SEND, NCC)

Belinda Coxall (Norfolk SENDIASS)

Alec

Isaac

Reece

Charlotte

Callum

Lily

Charlie

**Apologies:**

Gabriel

Katrina

**Welcome and introductions**

Bridget welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2025. The group introduced themselves and talked about something they did over the break.

**Professional Consultation**: **Rebecca Crossley – Global Development Delay (GDD)**

The group welcomed Rebecca Crossley, Children and Young Peoples Senior Clinical Lead Mental Health, learning disabilities and Autism NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board.

Rebecca talked about Global Development Delay (GDD), and a project which hopes to ensure correct diagnosis and timely review for children and young people**.**

**What is GDD**

Definition: A condition in which a child has significant delays in two or more areas of development, including:

* Physical (gross and fine motor skills)
* Language (speech and understanding)
* Cognitive (thinking, learning, problem-solving)
* Social and emotional (interacting with others, regulating emotions)

Occurs before the age of 5

May be a symptom of an underlying condition or may be diagnosed on its own

**Requires Review at age 5**

**What Global Development is NOT**

Global Developmental Delay (GDD) is **not:**

* **A specific diagnosis:** It's an umbrella term used when a child has significant delays in two or more areas of development.
* **A single condition:** It describes the presence of delays, not the cause. The underlying cause needs to be identified.
* **Always permanent:** With early intervention and appropriate support, many children with GDD can make significant progress.
* **The same as intellectual disability or Learning Disability:** While GDD may be associated with intellectual disability, it's not always the case.

**Key Points:**

* GDD is a description of developmental delays, not a diagnosis itself.
* It affects multiple areas of development, such as motor skills, language, and cognition.

Early intervention is crucial for the best possible outcomes for children with GDD

**What is Happening Now**

* No Review at age 5
* Wrong Diagnosis
* People can’t access help
* No Annual Health checks
* Can cause issues with: -
  + Money
  + Education
  + Employment

**Solution and What will Happen in the Future**

* Professionals working together with families
* People understanding their right to review
* Development of Tools to support timely reviews
* Education and Childrens Doctors to routinely review
* EHCP review to include GDD review request
* Adults on the Learning Disability register to have GDD diagnosis replaced
* ICB boards and important people who make decisions agree

A question was raised about the toolkit. Rebecca confirmed it was piloted by various organisations i.e. the Wellness on Wheels bus and schools and will be launched after it has been trialled.

The group had no further questions on GDD and Rebecca passed her details onto one of the young people’s parent for further discussion outside of the meeting.

Rebecca also wanted to talk to the group about reasonable adjustments in respect of health appointments and the law. It was agreed Bridget contact Rebecca after the meeting about this.

**Cooking Workshop – 29th March 2025**

The next event for the group is a cooking workshop - save the date - 29th March 2025.

**SEND Survey Plan**

The survey was launched on 13th January 2025 for six weeks and aims to reach as many people as possible across all communities in Norfolk

* Children and young people with SEND
* Their parents/carers
* The people who work with them

Dawn showed the group a video about the SEND Survey.

A member of the Youth Forum took part in the voiceover and some of the comments voiced were suggested by the group at a previous meeting with Claire Jones.

Dawn shared the survey and showed the different versions i.e. easy read version, widget version and group version.

The link to the survey will be sent out by email after the meeting <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NCCsendsurvey/>

If anyone needs help completing the survey contact Bridget or Belinda who will be able to assist.

**Any Other Business** **(AOB**)

There was no other business.

Next meeting on 12th February 2025.

**Thank you for all your contributions!**