

SCiP Alliance Hub update to Practice Group 30/4/18

Hub name: Yorkshire and North East

Lead institution: York St John University

- Effective practice
- Challenges
- Ideas
- Priorities
- Questions

Hub activity summary:

Overview

The first meeting of the Yorkshire and North East Hub took place on 8th March 2018, 10am – 12pm at York St John University. There were 10 attendees and 8 sent apologies. There was some disruption to the meeting due to adverse weather conditions.

Members of the group come from a range of organisations, including university, secondary school, local council, RAF Families Federation and Royal British Legion.

Agenda

| Item | Description (paper/s) | Intended outcomes |
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| 0803/01 | Welcome | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receive brief outline of roles, interests and work in this area to date |
| 0803/02 | SCiP Alliance overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receive brief overview of the main aims and plan for the SCiP Alliance Practice group, |
| 0803/03 | Terms of Reference/hub framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss SCiP Alliance practice hub framework |
| 0803/04 | Discussion breakout | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss: ▪ What one practical resource/opportunity would make the biggest difference to your ability to effectively support service children's success? ▪ How can schools work with Universities to improve children's education and wellbeing? ▪ What research question would you like answered? ▪ What does an effective hub look like? |
| 0803/05 | Future meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decide date and location of future meetings |

SCiP Alliance practice hub framework

The framework was accepted by the group, with some suggestions for the central practice group to consider:

- Plot timescales so hub meetings take place after central practice group/steering group meetings.
- Meetings should also take into account HE timescales eg. Before deadlines for access agreements.
- The central practice group should send key messages to group to disseminate and discuss.
- In return, someone in the group should report back to the central practice group any key discussion points from the regional meeting.
- The regional hub should have a @scipalliance.org email address and its own tab/section on the website where anyone can download minutes from regional meetings and find links to local organisations.
- Stakeholder consultations should also be timed after regional meetings.

Discussion Breakout

The discussion moved away from the discussion points on the agenda, but focused more on how we can do more work to actively engage schools. The following points were made:

- We should look at what progression is like in rural areas, where they don't have a university on their doorstep.
- Identifying service children in schools is dependent on parents telling the school that they are service family. Info collection isn't consistent and parents sometimes don't tell schools.
- It would be interesting to know what questions are being asked during the admissions process
- One big issue is that schools don't know that it is an issue that Service Children don't go on to University/HE.
- MJ noted that most secondary schools in York have 5 – 15 students which are small numbers. To convince them, he suggested the schools would like having a document that offers support.
- The SCiP Alliance need to make the website more accessible to primary and secondary school teachers – eg. What can they get out of it and why should they use it.
- After the SCiP/SCISS stakeholder consultation could the answers be distilled into a flyer which schools can read?
- It was also suggested that we ask the research group to create a report that shows regional picture, including breakdown by rank.

Future Meetings

The group is considering holding future meetings in schools to encourage school participation.

- Meetings could be 2pm - 4:40pm.
- The first two suggestions are Boroughbridge High School and Huntingdon School.
- Suggestion that we could offer CPD at meeting.