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Local Delivery

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Newsletter

Local Delivery Coordinators

The first year of Local Delivery was extremely busy and the coming year will be more demanding. However the two new coordinators appointed last year took up their posts at the beginning of January. During their induction period Sharon Groom and Karen Howarth were based in Amersham and plans are being made for them to be based out in the Local Delivery areas. Initially, they can be contacted on the main telephone number for Local Delivery, 01494 586363. Further contact details will be circulated in due course. Each of the three Coordinators in the team will have a specific role in these Local Delivery areas:

Joyce Gibson	Wycombe/South Bucks
Karen Howarth	Aylesbury
Sharon Groom	Buckingham

Therefore if you have an issue which relates to a specific area, please contact the relevant coordinator in the first instance. They will however have a countywide remit and will as appropriate be chairing TAC meetings across the county to respond to demand.

This increase in staff capacity is an important time for Local Delivery and this bigger team will be important in helping to embed the Local Delivery approach in Buckinghamshire.

Please see page 2 for an introduction to the new coordinators.

Contacts

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Future Editions

We would like to keep you all up-to-date with the implementation of Local Delivery across all services and partner agencies. We welcome articles on developments and updates on progress.

Please send articles to Emily Frost by email: efrost@buckscc.gov.uk

The deadline for submissions for the next edition is **3 March**.

Introduction to the new Local Delivery Coordinators

We would like to introduce ourselves as the newly appointed members of the Local Delivery team.

My name is Sharon Groom and I am the Local Delivery Coordinator for the Buckingham area. I have worked on and off for BCC for a number of years. Some of you will know me more recently from Children's centres (as Senior Children's Services Coordinator). I have also worked in the London Borough of Hillingdon as a Programme Manager for Children and Families. Prior to that, I worked in Buckinghamshire for Adult Education in a variety of roles. I have also worked for a national charity as a Development Worker. I also have experience of working with young people with disabilities and in residential care.

My name is Karen Howarth and I am the Local Delivery Coordinator for the Aylesbury area. I have been a Health Visitor for some years working in Princes Risborough and Aylesbury. I have extensive experience of working with families and children. I have a particular interest in couple relationships and am a trainer for One Plus One. In this role I have delivered training to front-line practitioners on a brief intervention model to enable confidence to identify and discuss relationship stress. I have trained in counselling and have experience in working as a HIV nurse counsellor and in private work with individuals and couples. Previously, I was a midwife and had a wide range of experience in general nursing. I will be based at Elmhurst Children's centre.

Our role will include working with professional groups and chairing TACs (Team Around the Child) as well as following up on existing TACs. We will also be assisting enquiries around completion of CAFs, supporting Lead Professionals by providing advice and signposting and building links with other professionals.

We are both very excited about joining the team and look forward to working with old and new colleagues.

CAF and the Youth Offending Service (YOS)

There are changes to the way that young people are referred to CFAST (Children's Preventative Action and Support Team) for support when they are at risk of offending or are known to be engaging in anti-social behaviour. This can now be done by completing the CAF with the family or young person and submitting it to the Early Intervention and Prevention panel via the Local Delivery team based at the Amersham Area office. Until all eight Local Delivery areas are fully operational, the YISP referral form can still be sent to YOS, but the aim is to have all requests for support from CFAST channelled through the Local Delivery programme using CAF.

Referrals will be accepted for young people at risk of entering the Criminal Justice System who meet two out of three of the following criteria:

- Low achievement at school, which was linked to attendance: truancy, exclusion and attainment increased the likelihood of criminal arrest by 90%
- Family problem behaviour, which was linked to family breakdown: criminal family member, abusive relationship and drug/alcohol use in the family increased arrest by 62%
- Criminal and anti-social peers, and truanting or excluded peers increased the likelihood of arrest by 50%

The criteria are based on research commissioned by the Youth Justice Board. Young people referred must be within the following age range: 8 to 15 [on or after 8th birthday and on or before 15th Birthday].

Parent Support Adviser Project

Please find below a brief summary about this important piece of work coming through the Extended Services agenda.

Through Extended Services the Government has allocated the Local Authority some money to develop the Parent Support Adviser (PSA) project. In 20 pathfinder Local Authorities this involved the introduction of a Parent Support Adviser role specifically to work with parents in schools.

This parent-centred role has proved successful in building constructive relationships with parents and providing support that impacts positively on the children, young people and families. The role has been particularly well received by schools as well as parents. The preventative work of a PSA involves working with parents to engage them in their child's learning, early intervention on issues around school attendance and exclusions and the provision of parenting support and information to improve parenting skills.

Now that the pathfinders have concluded this work it is being rolled-out nationally. It is in the very early stages in Buckinghamshire and at the point where no decisions can be made on allocating the role until a proper needs analysis is undertaken and some proposals developed for thorough consideration. Unfortunately the limits to this resource mean that it is highly unlikely that there will be one PSA per school. We will be entering into discussions with headteachers to inform some options on how the PSA role could be implemented. These options will be put out to schools for consultation before a decision is made. The PSA project board is very interested to find out more about any roles in schools that are already working with the parents of children aged 5-19 years old.

The work is being project managed by Lucy Eaves, through Extended Services and is being sponsored (supported) by Steve Edgar, Divisional Manager, School Improvement. The project board will develop models for consultation and work on the project to see through the recruitment and induction of the posts. The aim is for Parent Support Advisers to start work in September 2009.

For more information about this piece of work please do not hesitate to contact Lucy Eaves (leaves@buckscc.gov.uk, 01296 382696)

Children's Centres Change of Name

Please note that as from 1st January 2009 the Buckingham East & West Children's Centres have changed their names:

Buckingham East is now

Buckingham Children's Centre

Grenville Combined School

Chandos Road

Buckingham MK18 1AP

01280 821467

Buckingham West is now

Steeple Claydon Children's Centre

Steeple Claydon Combined School

Meadoway

Steeple Claydon MK18 2PA

01296 738510

(Also covers the Winslow area)

This decision was made by the Children's Centres Advisory Board and accepted by Together for Children as a result of a parents consultation. Families were having problems identifying which centre was East or West and had resulted in parents missing appointments. I would appreciate it if you could update any records/information that you may have on these centres so that we can help parents access the correct centre.

If you have any queries as a result of this email do not hesitate to contact Ann Winsor at Steeple Claydon Children's Centre.

New Information-Sharing Guidance

Recognising that most decisions to share information require professional judgment, this cross-government guidance aims to improve practice by giving practitioners clearer guidance on when and how they can share information legally and professionally about an individual with whom they are in contact. It seeks to provide clarity on the legal framework for practitioners sharing information and give practitioners confidence in making decisions.

The cross-government information sharing guidance originally published in April 2006 has been brought up-to-date to reflect current policy and **extended to cover practitioners working with adults and families as well as those working with children and young people**. The revised guidance and supporting materials were published in late 2008.

Hard copies of these publications can be obtained from DCSF Publications. Please quote relevant reference (details below).

Tel: 0845 60 222 60, Fax: 0845 60 333 60, Textphone: 0845 60 555 60

Or write to: PO Box 5050, Sherwood Park, Annesley, Nottingham, NG15 0DJ or on TeacherNet

Information Sharing: Guidance for practitioners and managers - Hard copy and download
- PDF 00807-2008BKT-EN

Information Sharing: Pocket guide - Hard copy and download - PDF 00808-2008BKT-EN

Lead Professional Workshops

If you have completed a CAF and/or been a Lead Professional, this workshop gives an opportunity to explore the role and discuss issues with colleagues

There are 2 sessions planned:

- Wednesday 18th March 10am - 12pm at the Sure Start centre in Castlefield
- Thursday 26th March 10am - 12pm at County Hall (Ireland Room 3)

If you would like to attend please contact Liza Wormell at lwormell@buckscc.gov.uk

A Buckinghamshire Partnership:

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Aylesbury Vale District Council
Chiltern District Council
South Bucks District Council
Wycombe District Council
Buckinghamshire Primary Care Trust
Oxfordshire Buckinghamshire Mental Health Trust
Buckinghamshire Hospital Trust
Strategic Health Authority
Buckinghamshire Local Safeguarding Children Board
National Probation Service, Thames Valley
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