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Local Delivery

Newsletter

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Launch of Ridgeway, Chiltern and Wing & Wendover Local Delivery Areas

We are pleased to announce that implementation of the Local Delivery approach will begin in the remaining three areas in May, which will mark the last phase in the Local Delivery Programme's implementation. Although all eight areas will be live from May, work will still continue on refining the model with the aim of a permanent model being in place from April 2010.

A launch event for the remaining three areas will take place on May 8th at the Civic Centre in Aylesbury from approximately 9.30am to 12.30pm, finishing with lunch. The event will cover the national and local policy context underpinning the Local Delivery approach, the Local Delivery model including the Early Intervention & Prevention Process (Common Assessment, Team around the Child, Lead professional), what has been happening in practice, including case study examples and an update on the progress in the five areas that are live, and finally how we will be progressing towards a permanent model to be in place by 2010 including future developments and the recommendations from the Local Delivery Lessons Learnt Review.

To register a place please contact Jackie Bennion on 01296 387609 or email jabennion@buckscc.gov.uk.

Lessons Learnt Review

The Local Delivery Lessons Learnt Review, undertaken by University College London (UCL), is now complete and the Local Delivery Programme Team would like to thank all of you who contributed to the review. Initial findings were presented to the Local Delivery Programme Board on 24th February and the draft report will be sent to us on 13th March. UCL will be presenting its findings and recommendations to the Local Delivery Programme Board and the Children & Young People's Trust Board in late April. The report together with responses and the way forward will then be made public.

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 April**.

Early Intervention and Prevention Panels

Practitioners have asked about the membership of the panels. They meet fortnightly in the north and south on alternate Tuesday afternoons. It is possible to attend a panel as a visitor if you are likely to be a CAF completer – please Contact Vanessa Dunton on vdunton@buckscc.gov.uk or 01494 586363.

Service	Buckingham, Wing/ Wendover, Aylesbury, Ridgeway panels	Wycombe, Marlow, Chil- tern, South Bucks panels
Local Delivery team	Julie Montigue	Julie Montigue
Social care	Shan Bryans	Denzil Brice
Educational psychology	Jane Turner/ Rob Beadel	Peter Whitaker
PCT	Jenny Chapman	Viv Pink
YOS	Tracey Lawrence	Tracey Lawrence
Children with Disability team		
CAMHS		
Outreach		
3 rd Sector		Vivien Salisbury

This panel is not supposed to be representative of all agencies who support children and young people; rather it is a group of practitioners experienced in assessment. They bring any additional information they might have to the meeting and several other agencies also provide information from their case management systems so that there may be a much broader picture on the family than the CAF completer is aware of.

Who to contact if you are unsure about a CAF

If your question is about whether social care should be involved because of child protection or child in need concerns, the Referral and Assessment teams can give advice, or you may have a designated person for child protection within your team.

Most other questions can be answered by the Local Delivery Coordinators, and they will also suggest you speak to social care if the information you give makes it likely that a referral to social care is the most appropriate course of action.

Sharon Groom	Buckingham	07776207710
Karen Howarth	Aylesbury	07717540821
Joyce Gibson	High Wycombe & South Bucks	07500881108

CAF Training

This is now open to practitioners from all 8 Local Delivery areas:

9.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 2nd April, Hazlemere Golf Club, HP15 7LR

Tuesday 23rd April, Green Park, HP22 5NE.

Future dates with locations to be confirmed are 5th May, 12th May, 22nd May, 3rd June, 8th June, 24th June, 2nd July, 6th July, 14th July. Application forms are available from Liza Wormell on lwormell@buckscc.gov.uk and the completed forms go to h david@buckscc.gov.uk

Free Online Training—'Everybody's Business'

Do you work with children? Are you concerned about their emotional well-being? Did you know you are able to access **free** online training?

In 2004, one in ten children and young people in Great Britain aged 5-16 had a clinically recognisable mental health problem. And with an estimated 11.7million young people under the age of 18 in England, this makes the mental health of children a serious issue. As a result, Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP) has funded online training to inform and educate more people about children's mental health.

The Tier 1 online training resource 'Everybody's Business' aims to strengthen knowledge of emotional health and well-being, and target all staff who work with children, young people and their families. It is free and accessible from any computer that has access to the internet. Depending on the level of IT skills and previous knowledge on mental health, each of the four sessions takes approximately an hour to complete. This means that it does not take up too much time and can be done one session at a time when it is convenient for the user. Each session consists of sections of reading, activities, questions and discussion forums, and can be accessed as an individual or as a group, meaning that the training has variety and flexibility.

A brief outline of the content of the training.

Session 1

Acts as an introduction to mental health, giving an understanding of what it is and how factors of risk and resilience will affect the likelihood of a child having mental health issues.

Session 2

Provides an outline of the structure of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS); explaining how Tier 1 workers relate to the model and what the expectations of them are. This session helps to clarify who's who within the tiered structure and the terminology it uses.

Session 3

In this session definitions of mental health problems and disorders are given. The impact of labelling a child with a mental health problem is discussed, focusing on the positive and negative effects it might have on the child and their family.

Session 4

The final session covers more specific information about some disorders and strategies that can help. It also gives suggestions on what can help all children and young people's mental health, not just those with a mental health problem.

Having completed the Everybody's Business training, I can confidently say that it is easy to navigate and very informative. It has improved my understanding of the structure of children's mental health services and helped me to reflect on what I already knew. Feedback from other professionals who have done the training has been very positive; it has given an improved understanding of children's mental health issues and of the services that are available to children and families who need support.

If you are interested in doing the training, go to <http://learning.camhs.org.uk> and create a user account. Should you have any problems or queries about the training, feel free to contact me via email on suzanna.scott@buckspt.nhs.uk.

Headline Data Since February 2008

The Local Delivery team have recently been evaluating the work that has taken place. The following headline data has been identified:

February 2008 - End January 2009

157 CAFs have been submitted

50 Initial TAC meetings

59 Follow up TAC meetings

76 Children & Young People considered at TAC meetings

This has been achieved because of the commitment of colleagues from many services and without this commitment to multi-agency working this would not have been possible.

This is a very positive start and the team looks forward to building on this over the coming year.

CAF Hints and Tips

On page 2 of the CAF please list everybody present at the assessment. This might include younger children, a friend, neighbour or family member. It covers those present, not other people who might have supplied information. If you have had input from elsewhere the parent/young person needs to be aware of the information and agree. Your details go on page 3 where you are asked for the details of who has undertaken the assessment.

On page 3 of the CAF details of which services/agencies currently involved with the child/young person should be listed together with their contact details and names/role.

All the information on the CAF should be child or young person centred and if there are comments or requests these should reflect the voice of the child /young person/family, not the views of the professional.

Acronyms

This is a reminder of some of the acronyms that are used frequently. If you come across an acronym that you are not aware of please contact the Local Delivery Team.

CAF – Common Assessment Framework

CAMHS – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

CSC – Children's Social Care

CwD – Children with Disabilities

EIP – Early Intervention and Prevention

EP – Education Psychologist

EWO – Education Welfare Officer

HV – Health Visitor

METAS – Minority Ethnic and Traveller Achievement Service

PCT – Primary Care Trust

LD – Local Delivery

LP – Lead Professional

TAC – Team around the Child

TAP – Team around the Provider

RIG – Exclusions and Reintegration Team

SALT – Speech and Language Therapist

SN – School Nurse

Integrated Processes Benefits Survey

We need the views of a wide range of people who provide services to children and young people and their families about:

Integrated Childrens System (ICS) used by childrens social care staff to record their work.

National e-CAF - the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) is currently being introduced across the eight Local Delivery areas in Buckinghamshire in paper format. Later this year it will become possible to complete CAFs electronically, known as e-CAF.

ContactPoint, the online directory that will enable people working with a child or young person find out who else is working with the same child, also becoming available in Buckinghamshire later this year.

We need volunteers to take part in a survey being conducted by the Government's Department of Children Schools and Families (DCSF) **between April and June 2009**. This initial survey of practitioners will assess the benefits of the above data systems. It will be repeated annually for the next few years to see whether the benefits of using these new data systems actually come about.

To get enough data for the DCSF to use nationally and *for us to assess the impact of the data systems on local service delivery*, we require around 200 people from childrens services, including schools, across Buckinghamshire to be nominated.

- **We need these names by WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2009.**
- **We will then contact each nominee to request their involvement.**
- **A final list of participants will be submitted to the DCSF on 19 MARCH 2009.**

Clearly timescales are very short to confirm volunteers' participation.

Please consider **nominating staff from your school, service or organisation to take part in this important work and send their**

- **Name**
- **Job title**
- **Email address**

to meturner@buckscc.gov.uk

by **WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2009**.

For further information please see the attached document or contact Pam Curtis, ContactPoint Implementation Manager, BCC, on 01296 382955.

A Buckinghamshire Partnership:

Buckinghamshire County Council
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
Thames Valley Police Authority
Learning and Skills Council
Voluntary Sector
Buckinghamshire Further Education Colleges
All Buckinghamshire Maintained Schools