



Hampshire Children and Families Forum

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BACKGROUND

The first term of 2007 has been extremely busy undertaking tasks within HCFF's service level agreement with the EECU. Also, I am pleased to report that HCFF partner organisations such as yourselves are more aware of my local role and are accessing information on a regular basis.

CONSULTATION

A huge amount of preparation has taken place during this quarter in conjunction with my colleague, Linda Knowles, from Eastleigh and Southern Parishes to ensure that the forthcoming Special Needs Pamper Day on Saturday 28th April runs without a hitch. During the pampering event local families with children age 5 to 16 years with special /additional needs will be consulted on Childcare.

NEWSLETTER

Again, as previously reported the Gosport Branch Newsletter for the Spring Term was produced and 5,000 copies distributed within Fareham and Gosport. Interestingly, the response from partner organisations has been wonderful as they can see real benefit in using the newsletter to publicise information about themselves to parents/carers. In addition to the paper copies I also sent out an electronic version to all Branch Members. ***The cut off point for the Summer Term Newsletter is 18th May.*** If you have any articles that you wish me to include then please e-mail them with related logos (if applicable). If you do not have an article then maybe you would like to consider giving me a useful fact, a hint or tip for parents in my new column "Snippets" which literally just contains snippets of information.

SIGNPOSTING

Signposting can and does come in many shapes and forms not only from parents, but also from services providers/partner organisations wishing to share HCFF information. This is an area I am keen to promote, as it is key to my role.

CHILDREN'S CENTRES AND EXTENDED SCHOOLS

Children's Centres and extended schools are on the top of everyone's agenda including mine. I have been keeping up to date with local developments within Fareham and Gosport.

MEETINGS

This quarter I have been building on links made with organisations last term and I am very fortunate in being invited along to their meetings to represent the views of local families and to provide input from HCFF.

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