



Hampshire Children and Families Forum

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BACKGROUND

During the first quarter as a newly appointed Branch co-ordinator for Gosport and Fareham I found that I had begun a very steep learning curve. A learning curve that would take me on a journey where I have met many people working in very different areas, read many publications and attended as many of your local meetings as my time allows. This mini report that I have written for you highlights the key areas covered between September and December 2006.

CONSULTATION

A piece on consultation work was produced to see how parents receive information on childcare (or how they would like to receive) information on childcare and how their choices have been met. This was a piece of work that I found very interesting and a report was written to show findings.

NEWSLETTER

My first Termly Branch Newsletter was produced and 5,000 copies distributed within Fareham and Gosport. The response from readers was that the Autumn Term issue had been informative and interesting. In addition to the paper copies I also sent out an electronic version to all Branch Members. *The cut off point for the Spring Term Newsletter is 26th January.* 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

This area of my role I particularly enjoy, as it is the main focal point for connecting parents to the services appropriate to their needs.

CHILDREN'S CENTRES

During this quarter a large proportion of my time has been spent working with the local Children's Centres keeping up to date with what is happening and how HCFF can be involved.

MEETINGS

I have been very fortunate within this quarter to have been invited along to many local meetings whereby a two-way communication channel has been established. I have realised very early on that HCFF are a very well thought of organisation that help to make a difference in the community and it's fantastic to be part of that.

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