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MINUTES FOR HCFF HART BRANCH MEETING
HELD AT YATELEY MEDICAL CENTRE
ON 15th September 2005

Present: Kate Philpot, HCFF Hart Co-ordinator, Niki Densley- Yateley Area SENCO, Ann Norton - Fleet Area SENCO, Margaret Baldwin - Portage, Cay Byford - Contact a Family, , Janet Turnbull - Health Visitor, , Shelia Company - Health Visitor, Audrey Wood - Health Visitor, Helen Butler - NCT, Kandy Redwood - Young Carers, Mark Blackwell - Hart & Rushmoor Youth Office, Elizabeth Stickley - Area SENCO Hook, Mandy Prentice - Senior Development Officer (Childcare) NE Hants, Jenny Radley - Hart Councillor, Julie Walker - Yateley Centre, Anne Duggan - Educational Psychologist,
Apologies, Rhian Lane - Fleet Library, David Price - Church on the Heath, Jo Whitfield - HCFF North Area Manager

Hart Co-ordinators Report

Kate went through the coordinators report, which everybody had a copy of (please see attached). Kate explained that she had been let down by the Community Safety Unit and apologised that the planned presentation for the meeting was unable to take place. Kate said that she hopes to arrange for the Hart Community Warden to attend the next meeting in January.

Sure Start Programme

Kate explained that the current consultation is issues affecting families with special needs children and explained the problems she and other co-ordinators had faced in completing this consultation. Kate mentioned that the next consultation would be looking at Parent and Toddler groups.

Kate had the county wide feedback on the previous consultation of childcare places for 10 - 13 year olds available and suggested that meeting participants looked at the report or downloaded a copy from the HCFF website. <http://www.hcff.org.uk/Bulletins\10to13Childcare.pdf>

Website Issues

Kate asked for any items for the website to be sent to her and also mentioned that the minutes of the meeting will be available on the website, as are results of previous consultations, which are available as PDF files for downloading.

Items for the Newsletter

Kate explained that the deadline for articles was 7th October 2005.

Local Issues/Information Exchange

Kate Philpot - Health Visitor Review

Kate reminded the branch meeting that an area of particular concern that had been raised at the previous meeting were the proposed cuts to the Health Visiting service. Kate asked the health visitors present to update the meeting on the situation.

It was explained to the meeting that an implantation group had been formed to look into the risks of the changes. Six task groups have been formed, looking at areas of concern such as post natal depression and early years.

The task groups set up are:

1. Midwifery/HV - core pathway
2. Primary care/practice nurse/HV
 - standards of 6 week check
 - standards of immunisation - DNA's?
 - networking/professional/links
 - child protection training
 - mental health training (PND)
3. Early Years/Pre-school Learning Alliance/ 0 - 5 range
4. Transition
 - HV - SN
 - neurisis
5. CAMHS
6. Post natal depression.

It was suggested that the chair of the steering committee be invited to the next meeting which Kate will do her best to arrange. Failing that, Ann Norton is part of the task groups and agreed to update the meeting.

Kate Philpot - Yateley Families Matter

Kate said that due to LNF funding a course of story sacks workshops was due to begin at Spring Pre-school in Frogmore on Friday 16th Sept. Further courses will be run after Christmas.

Anne Duggan - Educational Psychologist

Anne introduced herself as an Educational Psychologist covering the Rushmoor and Hart areas. She explained her role covered the age range of 0 - 19 and that her key role was to apply psychology to children's learning.

Margaret Baldwin

Margaret informed the meeting that the Portage Plus service, for children with behavioural difficulties has been made permanent. She also mentioned that Portage currently has an extremely large waiting list, and that a post had recently been lost/

Kandy Redwood – Young Carers

Kandy mentioned that Hart & Rushmoor Voluntary Services would be holding a Voluntary Sector Day on 11 October 2005 on the subject of Understanding Depression. The day is predominantly for volunteers, however anyone interested in attending should contact Evelyn Ball at Hart Voluntary Action on 01252 815652 or evelyn@hartvolaction.org.uk.

Kandy also gave the meeting information about the Young Carers groups that is run in conjunction with the Youth Service. The group is held weekly in Fleet for young carers aged 10 – 18 years. Attendance is by referral only and further information can be obtained from Kandy - kandy.redwood@hants.gov.uk.

Cay Byford – Contact a Family

Cay mentioned that a Carers Rights day will be held on 2nd December which aims to raise awareness of the needs of carers. The event will be run by www.carersuk.org and further information can be obtained by calling 0808 808 777.

Cay also mentioned that a Special Needs funday will be held in Aldershot in October, further details to follow.

Mark Blackwell – Youth Service

Mark introduced himself as representing the Youth Service, which covers the age range 11 – 25, with his particular focus being on ages 13 to 19.

Mark mentioned that the Youth Service are providing two double decker buses with information and activities for young people and that these will be visiting traveller sites and other more rural areas within Hart.

Mark also informed the meeting that a training programme for youth work volunteers will shortly be piloted and more details on this will follow.

Helen Butler – NCT

Helen informed the meeting that the NCT would be holding 'Mum to Mum Peer Support' groups in Fleet and Hartney Witney for parents of babies up to 12 weeks. The NCT will also be running more formal post natal discussion groups once the new facilitator has finished her training.

Helen also mentioned that the NCT would be running a series of first aid courses for parents in conjunction with St Johns Ambulance at a cost of £25 per parent.

Julie Walker – Yateley Centre

Julie mentioned some of the courses which will be running at the Yateley Centre, including a SPOT course (Supporting Parents of Teenagers) and a Confident Parents, Confident Kids course. All courses are free and open to parents and families through out Hart. Further details of courses or leaflets can be obtained from Julie at Yateley Centre. (yateleycentre@yateley.hants.sch.uk)

Kate Philpot - Hart Branch Constitution

The new constitution was discussed and with the insertion of the word 'providers' under the 'Effective Communication' paragraph, the members were happy with the document. A vote was taken and the Branch Members voted unanimously to adopt the new constitution.

It was good to see you all at the meeting and I hope to see you all again next term. The details for the next meeting are as follows:

Date: Thursday 12th January 2005

Time: 10.15am - 11.30am

Place: Yateley Medical Centre

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