

Report from Jayne Ashberry – Havant Branch Co-ordinator, Hampshire Children & Families Forum – 24th April 2006

Consultations & research

In the last quarter Qtr (3) there were 2 questionnaires distributed to Parent & Toddler groups one of which was completed by the organiser of the group and the other was to be completed by parents that attend such groups. In Havant I had a very good response with over 120 questionnaires completed by parents and 14 completed by settings. The final report for this on HCFF web page under consultation button and can be viewed here today at the meeting.

In Qtr (4) the consultation took a different form. Firstly there was research into facilities and support available in Havant for Teenage Parents. Once gathered I talked with 9 teenage parents to see whether they have used any of the settings I had researched, their views on such services and asking of any other services they know of too were noted. I visited Krystal House, the Health Place and the Original place to talk to parents. I would like to thank both Jenny Januski and Taryn Salway for their help and support. Whilst doing this research Taryn had been told that her post would not be funded for 2006/7. I was very saddened to hear this particularly as it in the CYPP reduction of teenage pregnancy was of very high priority, I ensured that at relevant meeting I aired this to heighten the profile. I have recently received a lovely call from Taryn thanking me for my support and also informing me that funds have been sourced to continue her role for a further year. This is fantastic to know and great news for the Havant area.

In the first Qtr of 2006/7 no consultation has been set however there is a remit to research the services available to **vulnerable children and families**. Further details have yet to be provided.

Other tasks

Distributed information on:

- J Parent Carer Information Courses
- J SPOT (Parenting Course)
- J Details of CYPP and deadline for feedback
- J Children's Centre Phase II (distributed twice, second time as a reminder due to lack of responses) Hampshire Strategy for Supporting parents
- J Hampshire Parenting Conference
- J Free training for Children's Centres
- J Empower program & Work 4 yourself
- J Children's Fund Independent Chair info
- J External Funding Fair & Change Up - Planning to Survive and Thrive
- J HCFF Headoffice Newsbrief
- J Autism Awareness Day, Donna Williams - Nobody Nowhere & Clashing Normality

Set up and facilitated a workshop to feedback thoughts on the CYPP. Held on 22nd February at Mill Hill. 13 HCFF members attended. Feedback from workshop has been forwarded to Felicity Roe. All that attended found the workshop extremely beneficial. Request for Participation Strategy was generated from all those attending Havant CYPP workshop

Children's Fund -10th January 2006 (2pm) asked to attend to help decide on funding for projects in 2006/7 & 2007/08

Special Needs Forum -21st February 2006 - attend to keep up-to-date on Special Needs issues and ensure link between HCFF and this forum

0 -19 Havant Strategy group - 1st March 2006 - Feedback CYPP issues raised, important to attend to ensure HCFF profile is part of area strategy

Meet with local Vicar - Rev. Karen Schmidt at her request so she could find out more information about the community and my role. She is interested due to the way churches now work in clusters to support each other. Aim is to keep in contact with her.

4 parents requested directories and P&T lists.

Gary Davis of HCCS requested outline constitutions for a Parent Forum being set up at Links Children's Centre. Sent him details of parent forums in Mill Hill & Trospacc and link names & telephone numbers and also sent SOS Parent Constitution as an example.

Marina Stafford - HBC asked whether I would support her in running a MENCAP training day - contacted her and requested for session to be in new financial year. Will supply data with regards to voluntary groups (Scouts, Brownies etc).

Lorraine Grieves - Health Visitor requested information on a newsletter course for a local special needs group and information on other community newsletters available - details sent.

Virginia Wilkinson called from Havant Health Centre on behalf of the Health Visitors. Tel: 023 9245 5111 ext. 277. Requesting HCFF Directories - 100 left for collection.

CAMHS co-ordinator meeting attended this meeting to feedback on how CAMHS work is progressing and to get a feel for what is required by co-ordinators to carry out this role and to play a part in participation element of the LIGS.

Distributed Chair - Person Specification to all members. No volunteers arose. Targeted Jean Carrick direct via email and met with her to discuss the role. She will be new chair from 24th April 2006.

Annual review carried out on 2nd February 2006, with Jane Parker & Judith Woolley, all paperwork signed and returned as requested.

CAHMS LIG - 10th Jan, 21st Feb & 14th March. Attend meeting on a monthly basis and produce an e-briefing, when appropriate. 2 produced this quarter. Sourced and booked meeting rooms for remainder of the year due to original room now no longer being available. Sent details on Extended Schools to Chair of group. Feedback on East Hants Presentation to LIG too. Supplied Meeting dates to Karen Clark for her newsletter the Vision. Talked with Karen Clarke about e-briefing and amended 2nd briefing to include her comments (Trust Log, date & venue next meeting etc) Identified three new groups, had further information on two groups changing. Updated contacts list for groups so distribution of newsletter etc is up-to-date.

Emailed new list to PLA, Toy Library and to Jayne Spraggs/Julie Stevens/Lorraine Boyes (Health Visitor Manager) - she will be getting health visitors to check my list and feedback any information regarding the groups

You will recall that I have been attending, as a representative of the voluntary sector, the East Hants Children and Adolescent Mental Health Strategy (CAMHS) Local Implementation Group, these meetings are once a month. From January 2006 HCFF have secured a joint partnership with CAHMS, with the remit of acting as a conduit of information to and from the LIG. The remit is to produce an e-briefing, my first attempt has been sent to members. My briefing will be used as a template for other co-ordinators to use when they produce their briefings.

I continue to be requested for the Havant HCFF Directories which are very out of date, there is now an update sheet available and an up-to-date copy available direct online via the HCFF website – www.hcff.org.uk. Please could you keep me informed of any changes that affect the directory so that I can keep up to date? It is hoped that part of our remit in the next contract with the EECU starting in April will be to produce up-to-date directories, I hope to be able to confirm this next branch meeting.

I continue to attend the Waterlooville South Community Board, next meeting is on Wednesday 25th January 2006.

I again continue to attend when time allows the Children Fund meetings for Havant, was part of the subgroup looking at funding in early Jan.

Attend the 0-19 Havant Strategy group

Newsletter

All 500 Spring newsletters were distributed throughout Havant to parents, carers and practitioners, I will be working on a Summer 2006 Newsletter this & next week and would appreciate articles, by Friday 30th April, at the latest. Distribution will be after the Summer half term and in time for any Summer holiday events.

Plans for the next Qtr

Complete Summer Newsletter for 12th May and the distribute 2500 in early June to Parents carer and Practitioners in Havant.

Research the services available to **vulnerable children and families**

Attend the Waterlooville South Community Board AGM on 26th April.

Attend East Hants CAMHS LIG meetings (May & June).

Attend HCFF Co-ordinators meeting on 4th May 2006

Support the Children's Centre Havant groups where applicable

Attend an Extended Schools Cluster Workshop