



In the LOOP

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Welcome!

Welcome to Octobers "In the Loop" and thank you once again to all staff that have submitted news items. If you would like to include something in our next edition, please submit your news to cypsinformation@trafford.gov.uk by 20th of November. Thank you.

Welcoming New Social Workers

We are delighted to announce that Carla Loftus, Fiona Mackenzie and Hannah Stoner have been awarded their degree in Social Work after being seconded by CYPS. They have all worked incredibly hard with their studies and work placements and we are very proud of their achievements. In addition the following new Social Workers have started. We successfully persuaded 5 agency workers to apply to Trafford for permanent posts;-

Steph Phipps
Stacey Wilkinson
Sophia Mahr
Gail Simpson
Laura Jones
Sarah Johnson
Sophie Stewart
Jo Common
Richard Wyper
Jade Rogers
Sarah Stringer

Congratulations also go to Laura Jones who has achieved an MA. A warm welcome to everyone who has joined Trafford – *From Katherine McKay
Head of South Area Team*

News from Early Years

Celebrating parents achievements

Since opening, Trafford's 16 Sure Start Children's Centres have offered support, advice and guidance to thousands of local families. This helps children get the best start in life, offering play and learning opportunities and giving parents and carers opportunities to develop parenting skills and knowledge. Contact your local Children's centre (call 0161 912 1053) for further information. Comments from some Fathers attending Father's groups;

"The dads have a laugh and enjoy quality time with the children. I enjoy chatting and seeing Paige (3) having such a good time." – Steve.

"Having recently moved from an area without a dads group, I appreciate the support and fun here. It's great to mix with other dads and children – Ashton's dad Mike.

Play work Leadership and Management Programme

Recently Donna Jennings, Out of School and Play Development Officer has taken part in a pilot Leadership and Management course run at Edge Hill University, which was funded through the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC). The course was aimed at middle managers, play rangers, play champions, play leaders with an emphasis on the leadership and management of play and childcare settings, looking at how effectively it can improve the organisation and future development of the settings. If you are interested in finding out more about the course then please contact Jan Jackson on 01695 650 806 or email: jacksonj@edgehill.ac.uk

Trafford Children and Young People's Service brings together council and health services to improve outcomes for children, young people, their families and schools.

The Early Years Healthy Setting Award

The Early Years Healthy Setting award for Children 0-5 years is an award available to Trafford Early Years childcare settings. It encourages providers to develop their provision in order to ensure children's physical, nutritional and mental health needs are met and rewards settings for supporting children's overall development. It replaces the Healthy Eating award previously achieved by mainly Day Nurseries.



This award can be achieved by private day nurseries, pre-school playgroups and Childminders. The award is split into sections so even those who only deliver snacks can achieve sections of it. The award will enable a setting to provide parents and prospective parents with documented, validated evidence. Once achieved, the setting will be awarded with a certificate which can be displayed for one year. Yearly assessments will follow thereafter. If you require further information please contact Sure Start Support Services by either telephoning 0161 912 5619 or e-mail surestart.business@trafford.gov.uk

Inclusion & Equality

CYPIS and Brokerage Service

Trafford's CYPIS run a brokerage service, which means a parent can request support from the Inclusion Officer, Nancy Samuels, to help find childcare that meets the particular needs of their child. Support is provided both for the parent and potential childcare providers and could include visiting settings with a parent, providing information about a child's individual needs, supply of specialist equipment, help with adapting childcare policies, procedures and plans e.g. intimate care policy and liaising with other multi-agency services.

Recently Anne & Peter Roberts, who are network childminders, successfully included a disabled child into their setting. Some amendments were required to their policies and procedures and to the room layout but the child has settled in really well and now goes after school 3 times a week.

Further Early Years information can be obtained from www.cyps.org.uk look for Chatterbox Magazine.

Staff fundraising efforts

Two members of Trafford's Child and Adolescent Mental health team (CAMHS) are planning to run in the New York marathon in November to raise money for children's cancer charities.

Rachel Knights is running for the charity 'Children with Leukaemia'. John Stancombe is raising money for The Ruby Barnard-Brady Fund, which is part of the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour trust. Rachel and John need your support, so please dig deep and give them any help you can. It's easy to donate online with a credit or debit card – you can sponsor them at: www.bmycharity.com/V2/Rachinthecity www.justgiving.com/john-stancombe

And don't forget to tick the gift aid box making your donation worth even more!



Congratulations go to Jeannie Battle, Fiona Mackenzie, Jennifer Leveridge, Katherine Mackay and Pauline Sheldon who took part along with hundreds of other women in the Race for Life on 17 May - they raised £750 for Macmillan Cancer

Staff at Stretford Public Hall took part in the Macmillan World's Greatest Coffee morning on 25 September where a range of homemade cakes, biscuits, refreshments, jewellery and handbag stalls raised a fantastic £350 - many thanks to everyone who took part

Directors get on your bikes!

Mil Vasic Director of Commissioning Performance and Strategy, recently got on his and did the Lancashire loop 100 mile bike ride in aid of medequip4kids if you would like to contribute he has a fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/milorad-vasic don't forget to tick gift aid box!




ContactPoint
because every child matters

Update

The ContactPoint Team within the Service Development Team have been working hard to accredit the main CYPS partner organisations for use of ContactPoint. Trafford Council was successful in achieving accreditation on 7th October, and Trafford Primary Care Trust and Trafford Healthcare Trust are on track to accredit by the New Year. (Greater Manchester Police are being accredited by Salford ContactPoint Team).

The first users in Trafford will be trained on 17th November as a managed user group, and wider training will be available in the New Year. For further information: www.trafford.gov.uk/contactpoint

Consultation on proposed changes to the ContactPoint regulations

The Department for Children, Schools and Families is currently consulting on proposed amendments to the Children Act 2004 Information Database (England) Regulations 2007 (more commonly known as the ContactPoint regulations). These regulations provide the legal framework for the ContactPoint database.

The consultation is open to all practitioners and members of the public until Tuesday 29 December 2009. To access the consultation, please visit the consultation section of the DCSF website www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations

OPTIONS FUNDING PLUS – Early Intervention Budget

Options Funding Plus initiative will continue to support children and young people across Trafford engaged in the CAF process.

It provides funding for Lead Practitioners to work creatively with families in a simple way and easy way.

There are new guidelines for practitioners in how to access this funding – see Marie Castle, Service Development Team, 0161 912 5028
Marie.castle@trafford.gov.uk

The information can be accessed on the CYPS website at http://www.cyps.org.uk/commissioning_performance_support/service_development/2009/10/21/cyps_options_funding_plus/





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Local Democracy Week

On the 15th October young people from schools in Trafford congregated in the Council Chamber at Trafford Town Hall to celebrate Local Democracy Week. They met their local councillors and then took part in a question and answer debate. The panel consisted of representatives of the political parties, the police and the Children and Young People's service. They were joined by members of the Trafford Youth Cabinet.

More details and a video of the event can be found at <http://www.trafford.gov.uk/ldw/>



Have Your Say!

(Previously Integrated Working and Commissioning Event)

This awareness raising event will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2009 from 10am to 3pm at Sale West Development Centre, Manor Avenue, Sale. The aim of the event is to inform staff about the benefits of multi agency working, sharing ideas with peers from partner agencies (voluntary, health, council), and integrated service training.

There will also be a session on local commissioning developments.

By attending, you can find out more about:

- One Children's Workforce
- Me Learning – CYPS Integrated Training Programme
- Local commissioning developments
- The One Children's Workforce Tool and it's applications in improving the delivery of integrated services;
- Workforce Development and the Voluntary Sector
- Update on the ISA Vetting & Barring Scheme
- Voluntary Sector Workforce Development Update

Key speakers include:

- Donna Jones - Integrated Workforce Manager CWDC (Children's Workforce Development Council) North West
- Dave Packwood – VCS Engage
- Chris Pratt - Corporate Director Trafford CYPS

There will be ample opportunity to have your say by discussing and giving feedback on particular governance issues of concern to participants. All service managers, heads of service and those who work closely with children, young people and their families within the multi agency service across all sectors are urged to attend.

If you would like to be booked onto this event or for further information please notify by email Ryan.Healy@trafford.gov.uk
http://www.cyps.org.uk/integrated_working/



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