



In the LOOP

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Welcome!

Welcome to our first edition of 2010, we hope you still enjoy reading every issue and all feedback and news items are welcomed at CYPSCommunications@trafford.gov.uk.

Goodbye to Chris Pratt

Monday the 25th January we bade a fond and slightly tearful farewell to Chris Pratt and wished him well in his new post as Director of Children's Services in Doncaster

Chris joined Trafford in January 1998 after spending 18 years with Leeds Council, where he held a range of posts, including a period as Deputy Director of Education and five years as Principal of an FE College.

His first post in Trafford was as Assistant Director of Education. He was promoted to the post of Director of Education, Arts and Leisure in June 1998 and following a restructure a few months later he became Director of Lifelong Learning in December 1999.

The Children's Act 2004 led to the bringing together of Council education and social care services. Chris was appointed to the statutory role of Director of Children's Services, and then in 2006 his vision of creating of a multi agency service bringing together all children's health, education and social care services became a reality when CYPS was fully established.

Chris has led our Children's Services through a period of significant and groundbreaking change and he leaves a very powerful legacy. Everything he has done in his professional life has been about putting children at the centre and he is driven by the wish to provide the best possible outcomes for all children and young people. Heads have described him as child focussed forward thinking, loyal, modest, down to earth, unassuming and non hierarchical – a description we all recognise

He has provided a strong vision for the CYPS and the practical strategies to implement that vision but, perhaps most importantly, he has valued the contribution of front line staff and has gone out of his way to support them. He recognises that, however bold and inspiring the vision, it is these staff who make that vision a reality and who, with the right leadership, make a real difference to the lives of children and young people. He has been an excellent role model for all of us, hardworking and committed, always demanding the highest standards, but sympathetic and flexible when necessary. He leaves a substantial legacy, not just in terms of the creation of an integrated CYPS but in the model of leadership and management which he has set and which many of us strive to emulate.

Chris has faced many challenges in his time in Trafford and achieved much. He leaves us and the children and families of Trafford in a strong position. We wish him all the best in Doncaster where, we strongly suspect, he will face his biggest challenge yet.

Article by Margaret Woodhouse interim Director of Children & Young People's Service.

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

We told him to get on his bike
(previous edition) **but we didn't mean it!!**

Mil Vasic Director of Commissioning
Performance and Strategy

Mil is also leaving CYPS to move to pastures new, he will be following Chris to Doncaster at Easter congratulations on the new job more to follow.

Welcome to.....

Adrian Williams Lead Practitioner and
Angela Connor, Senior Practitioner, to Think Family. Adrian will be supported by Angela in overseeing the development of Targeted Mental Health in Schools, Family Intervention Project and the Parenting Early Intervention Programme. Both based at Cherry Manor and employed by Trafford Healthcare Trust to develop and embed the Think Family ethos across Trafford.

Jim Wagg

Jim Wagg has recently been appointed Parent Participation Worker for Aiming High. He is working closely with the Aiming High Team at Trafford Local Authority, and is also busy working with Trafford's Special Schools to engage with parents, about services they would like to see which would support them and their child best. He can be reached on 0161 912 1050.

Exciting Funding Opportunity

Trafford Children and Young People's Service has £262,000 funding available to pilot new family engagement and support services for children, young people and families. More details of the services we are looking to commission are available on the CYPS website: <http://www.cyps.org.uk>

We would like to hear from current and potential service providers from the public, private and voluntary, community and faith sectors. Interested providers should send an email requesting a Grant Application Form to **Allan Madeley** at allan.madeley@trafford.gov.uk or phone on 0161 912 4149. The return date for this Grant Application process is **12.00 noon on Thursday 18th February**

Private Fostering Week

'Somebody Else's Child' the national private fostering campaign (**22 -28 February**), urges local residents who are privately fostering a child to let their local council know.

Private foster carers – anyone who is not a close or distant relative such as a step-parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt - are legally obliged to notify their local Council if the arrangement will be for 28 days or more. They must also let them know when the child leaves their care and whose care the child will be in.

But why does Trafford Council need to know?

It needs to be sure privately fostered children are safe, being cared for by a suitable carer in an appropriate environment and that their needs are being met.

Trafford Children and Young People's Service will regularly visit private foster carers and the children they are looking after to speak to them. They'll also speak to the parents, providing help and advice where necessary.

If it is felt the arrangement is unsuitable and the child can't go back to its parents, the Council has a duty to safeguard the child's welfare. It will look at providing support to the carer or, if this is not possible, take action to protect the child.

Anyone wanting to let the Council know of a private fostering arrangement should contact the Multi Agency Referral and Assessment Team (MARAT) on:

General enquiries and referrals
0161 912 5125 or
Child Protection referrals
0161 912 5124.



Somebodyelse'schild
National Private Fostering Campaign

Thank you to...

all my friends and colleagues, from CYPS, that sponsored me to run the New York Marathon. I completed the 26.2 mile course in a time of 03.23.04secs. My finishing place was 3692 out of 43,741 people that started the race. Once again many thanks for supporting myself and the charity Children with Leukaemia.



Kevin Davie, Over 11's Outreach

Did you know that eligible two year old children can now access free childcare sessions in Trafford?

As part of a pilot scheme, eligible two year old children in Trafford can now benefit from up to 10 hours per week of free childcare sessions at a registered childcare provider.

To be eligible, the child must live in a specified post code area of Trafford. The scheme has recently been expanded so please check carefully as new areas are now included:

Area Post	Codes Starting
Broadheath & Dunham	WA14 5**
Broomwood & Timperley	WA15 7**
Flixton & Woodsend	M41 6** or M41 8**
Old Trafford & Firwood	M15 4** or M15 5** M16 7** or M16 9** or M16 0**
Partington & Carrington	M31
Sale Moor	M33 2**
Sale West	M33 4** or M33 5**
Stretford, Lostock & Gorse Hill	M32



The family must also be in receipt of one of the following means tested benefits: Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, and Extra Working Tax Credit relating to a disability, Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit at a rate higher than the family element.

As there are a limited number of funded places available, if there are lots of applications, priority will be given to lone parent families and families where there are 3 or more children under the age of 5.

Further details about the scheme are available on the website www.trafford.gov.uk/twoyearolds. If you think a child you work with may be eligible, please contact: Carole Sharp – Two Year Old Funding Project Worker, Telephone: 0161 912 2431 E-mail: twoyearoldfunding@trafford.gov.uk



Youth Cabinet News

Trafford's new Members of Youth Parliament were announced at the Trafford Young People's celebration evening. Claire Kellett and Shereen Patel topped the voting and will represent Trafford at regional and national United Kingdom Youth Parliament events. Four deputy MYP's were also elected. They are Angelica Bhatt, Areeq Chowdhury, Chris Pike and Marike Ruther.

Thirteen young people stood for election and campaigned hard in their schools and communities. The online poll allowed young people who live, work or go to school in Trafford to have their say on whom should represent them.



Guests enjoyed entertainment from young people who are currently attending Gorse Hill studios'. This included a preview of a dance which young people are performing at the British Street Dance Championship, and the wonderfully talented group 'The Ashton's' which were both a huge success. The event was a great success and CYPS are looking forward to next year where we hope to see even more young people receive awards.

Youth Achievement Awards

Trafford CYPS held its annual evening of entertainment and celebration on the 21st January 2010 at the Waterside Robert Bolt Theatre in Sale.

This year we have seen an increase in the number of young people gaining national accreditation awards Youth Achievement, OCN (Open College Network), Arts awards, Duke of Edinburgh, First Aid and various others.

Around 150 local young people aged 13-19 in the Borough joined their Youth Workers, teachers' family and friends to mark their individual achievements in completing various nationally accredited award schemes.

The official awards were presented to the young people by Janet Callender the Chief Executive and Fiona Waddington, Joint Director, Children Young People & Families.

A select group of young people were presented with an outstanding achievement award by the Youth Worker attached to their specific project, community or centre who had nominated them for their positive contribution to their project or where they have made significant changes to their lives. For the first time the celebration evening saw Trafford's Youth Parliament election results being announced. Claire Kellett who is campaigning for more apprenticeships and training for young people and Shereen Patel who is campaigning for better equipment and services for the Disabled Children and young people are now elected members of Trafford's Youth parliament for Trafford.





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Trafford Children's Therapy Service

Trafford Children's Therapy Service becomes a 'Skills for Health' Pilot Site for Postural Care Skills. This week our team was successful in becoming one of eight pilot sites across the country for promoting Postural Care Skills across the multi-agency caring community for children and young people with special and complex needs and their families. This project will teach 10 awareness learners from within the CYPS organisation, including parents, in postural management skills over a period of 12 months. Ingrid Stanfield, physiotherapist from therapy team will be the local facilitator for the project and will become an accredited postural care awareness tutor. The Tutor and Awareness courses are accredited by the NOCN (National Open College Network)

Being part of this study will enable the team to standardise training and promote integrated working. We are hopeful that this opportunity and the success of this project will move forward a greater understanding of the postural needs of children and young people and benefit them with improved quality of care and empowerment for parents and carers within the Trafford services.

Commissioning Support Programme Self Analysis Workshop

Between 2009 and 2011, the Commissioning Support Programme is working with Trafford CYPS to support the development of our commissioning processes. A key component of the programme is individual support for a process of strategic change in commissioning, to assist us in achieving better outcomes for children, young people and families. As part of this support, we are holding workshops at Flixton House (M41 5GJ) at these times:

Tuesday 23rd February
9am-11am & 11.30am-1.30am
Thursday 25th February
12pm-2pm & 2.30pm-4.30pm
(Lunch will be provided)

There will be an introductory presentation from Amanda Kilroy, who is Trafford's Commissioning Support Consultant. The workshop forms part of an opportunity to give a wide range of individuals the chance to formulate their views about current strengths and weaknesses in commissioning in Trafford CYPS.

Who should attend?

It is particularly relevant to, Trafford Strategic Partnership Board Members.

Senior staff with commissioning responsibilities in the Children's Trust, its member organisations and other partners providing services to Adults Local voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations. Children's Services Advisers and Strategic Health Authority workers. Children's Centre Workers. Front line staff working in services provided to children, young people and families across all sectors, Representatives of staff associations, Service users, i.e. children, young people and families **You can download a copy of the self analysis questionnaire from cyps.org.uk/commissioning from 8th Feb. if you are unable to attend a workshop**

More information about the Commissioning Support Programme can be found at:

<http://www.commissioningsupport.org>

If you would like to be booked onto one of the workshops or to get further information please contact: Ryan.Healy@trafford.gov.uk



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