

**Aiming High
for
Disabled Children**

NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

We are pleased to introduce Jim Wagg and Kaye Hadfield, who have recently been appointed by Aiming High. Jim is the new Parent Participation Worker, and Kaye is the new Short Breaks Co-Coordinator.



Jim Wagg

Jim will be working closely with parents to help shape services in Trafford. He will be championing your views to other services in Trafford.



Kaye Hadfield

Kaye will be able to provide you with advise about what activities there are available for children and young people in Trafford.

Message from Kaye on Page 3.

Pamper Sessions

We have arranged the following sessions after the Christmas Holidays:



- Monday 18th January, St Matthews Church Hall, Chester Road, Stretford, M32 8HF. 930-1130 am. Some free parking.
- Saturday 23rd January, VCAT, Park House, Northenden Road, Sale. M33 2DG. 930-1130am. Lots of free parking

If you are interested in coming to these sessions, there are limited places available, so you will need to book a place in advance. Please contact Trafford Parent Partnership Service on 912 1050 or email nicola.montes@trafford.gov.uk.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet a representative from Aiming High and give them your views.



Leisure for Autism took 13 young people riding to Ashton Hall Equestrian Centre on 14 November. We will be taking at least 11 young people to the SNAP (Special Needs Adventure Playground in Cannock) on Saturday 12th December. The next event will be 30 January. For more details or to look at pictures from the events, please look on their website www.leisureforautism.org.uk or on the Facebook page - search for Leisure Forautism (no gap between For and autism).

Hi Everyone

My name is Kaye Hadfield and I have just joined Trafford as the Short Breaks Coordinator for Aiming High. My role will be to answer any of your questions on short breaks and give information on what activities there is for out there children and young people to access.

I will be giving you updates on new projects and chances for you to get involved in shaping our activities for the future.

I would also like to hear any of your opinions on the activities and short breaks as a whole so don't hesitate to give me a call for a chat on 0161 912 4023 or email kaye.hadfield@Trafford.gov.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Best Wishes

Kaye Hadfield

SERVICE PROVIDER PILOT SCHEMES IN TRAFFORD

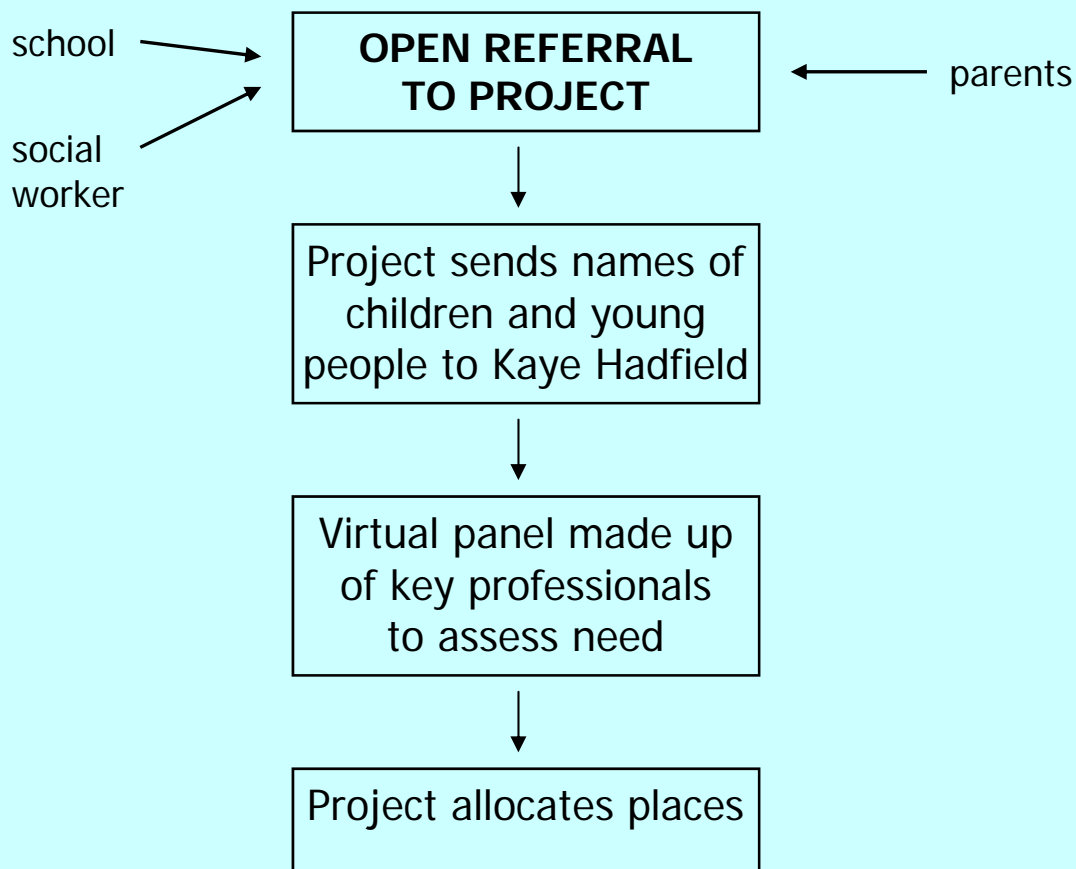
We have recently been asking lots of local service providers to apply for funding to start new projects, or to continue projects that are already successful.

We have commissioned the services on pages 4 and 5 to provide some pilot schemes to support families.

Places are not allocated on a first come first served basis, but in relation to need. The pilot services are open referral so your child/young person does not have to have a Social Worker, but we cannot give a place to every child.

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We also cannot give one child everything, so to avoid duplicating services, we have devised the following assessment system :



National Autistic Society

A befriending scheme to recruit and train volunteers to befriend young people with ASD aged 11-19.

A Saturday activity group for young people with ASD who require 1:1 support, aged 5-11. Starting in January 2010.

For further information contact Julia Butcher on 945 6830 or email julia.butcher@nas.org.uk

Scope

4 holiday activities over Christmas and February half-term. Will support young people with complex health needs. The closing date for applications for Christmas activities is 16th December, and for February activities is 1st February.

For more information, please contact Yvonne Latham on 746 8313, 07786 337793 or email Yvonne.latham@scope.org.uk

Rainbow Trust

Trained carers supporting 5 families, but with a possibility of more. These carers will provide continuation of care and bereavement support for those young people with life limiting illnesses and their families.

For more information, please contact Wendy Thompson on 336 4328, 01434 602961 or email wendy.thompson@rainbowtrust.org.uk

Crossroads

Trained carers to support families both in and out of the home. Can provide day and night carers.

For information, please contact Diane Wright and Karen Cassidy on 905 1986 or email trafford@stscrossroads.co.uk

Stockport CP

Youth group offering community based settings in everyday environments, so that young people can enjoy everyday activities.

Residential short-break weekends in an activity centre for up to 6 young people, in February 2010 half-term. The closing date for this will be published shortly.

For more information about both these services, please contact Graham Tring on 0161 976 2139.

Leisure For Autism

Monthly Saturday scheme for young people with ASD, for up to 15 children. Led by parents for children who would not normally be offered other services.

For more information, please email info@leisureforautism.org

AIMING HIGH UPDATES

We will be unveiling our new Aiming High logo at a future date. This is something that Kaye will be looking at.

There will also be an Aiming High e-forum where you can express your views. It will be live in January. The forum address is :

www.traffordparentpartnership.co.uk/traffordforum.aspx

This newsletter is available as a pdf on the Parent Partnership website www.traffordparentpartnership.co.uk, on the CYPS website www.cyps.org.uk (Children and Families section) or on our Facebook page at Trafford Parent PartnershipService (no space between Partnership and Service).

If you know someone who would like to receive a copy of this newsletter, or you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email, please contact Nicola Montes on 912 1050 or email nicola.montes@trafford.gov.uk

BOOK A DATE IN YOUR DIARY!!!

We are organising a LARGE event on Sunday 7th March, so that parents can come along and meet the Aiming High team, along with some of the groups that are involved with Aiming High. There will be some activities for young people, supported by the groups. Further information will be available shortly. **WATCH THIS SPACE!!**

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