



Children and Young People's Forum (CYPF)

CVS Hounslow

Thursday 24th September 2009
2.00pm – 4.00pm,
Civic Centre, Hounslow Council

Item	Description	Actions Arising
1	<p>Present: Chair (Rachel Fryatt RF) CVS Hounslow Minute Taker (Sagal Jama SJ) CVS Hounslow</p> <p>Speakers Colin Peak – LBH Children Services (CP) Ruth Meader – LBH Children Services (RM) Lucy Curtis Prior – LBH, Targeted Youth Support Services (TYSS) Sagal Jama - CVS Hounslow (SJ)</p>	n/a
	<p>Apologies Susan Hafid – The Arab Group in Hounslow Sheila Kane - Pre-School Learning Alliance Sharon Walsh – Sure Start Hounslow Sally George – LBH, Connexions Debbie Hughes – Hounslow Action for Youth Shirley Emmins – LBH, Extended Day Care Linda Eversley – LBH, Hounslow Integrated Youth Support Service Rakhi Sood - Natraj Arts Society</p>	See Attendance list attached none
	<p>Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting on <u>July 3rd 09</u> were accepted as a true record.</p>	none
	<p>Intros Rachel introduced forum speakers Colin Peak and Lucy Curtis Prior</p>	none
2	<p>Lucy Curtis Prior, LBH Targeted Youth Support Services (TYSS) Lucy went through a PowerPoint presentation on an introduction to the work of the TYSS programme. Please see the attached which covers all the points from Lucy's presentation.</p>	Sagal Jama to disseminate this information to the forum members

3 **Children
Services
Update**

**Colin Peak,
LBH Children Services**

From April 2009, OfSTED have commenced two types of Inspections of Local Authorities and their Partners in relation to Safeguarding and services for Children In Care:

- 1.) An "unannounced inspection" lasting for 2 days – with no prior notice given (focusing on "Front-Line" Social Care services). These inspections will take place annually.
- 2.) An "announced inspection" lasting for 2 weeks – with a two week notice period.

There has been an unannounced inspection of Hounslow in July 2009 and the announced inspection has just been confirmed for 30th September 2009.

Background:

Around £4-500 million gets spent on Services for Children in Hounslow each year (when you consider funding coming to the Local Authority, the PCT and the Third sector). The Children's Trust arrangements are about aligning the money that come in to the Borough, so that it is spent in a joined up way. As part of our inspections, the inspectors requested a questionnaire be sent to 20 organisations from the voluntary and community sector who were involved in the Children's Trust arrangements and/or commissioned by the council. The deadline for the questionnaire is tomorrow. The questionnaire outlines the key themes inspectors are looking for.

They would also like a "face to face" audience with some of the 20 voluntary groups for a focus group session, usually lasting for an hour. The date for this is Wednesday 7th October 2009, from 1.30 – 2.30pm. The judgment which comes in the end will be a judgment on Hounslow as a whole.

On the Children's Trust front, there will be a Children's Trust Executive Board meeting next Tuesday for approving the proposal of moving from 5 sub group themes to 3 Area groups. Colin Peak introduced **Ruth Meader, consultant to Children Services** to the forum.

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Ruth explained in detail about the threshold systems for Children's services. There will be an opportunity to have a debate on this for the next 6 months. It is important to look at cases from the voluntary sector and where the thresholds lie.

Sagal Jama to disseminate this information to the forum members

Please see attached presentation which covers all the points from Ruth's presentation.

6 Training Survey Update

Sagal Jama , Networks Development Officer

Sagal went through a PowerPoint presentation of the main Findings from the training survey launched in July 2009 and they are as follows:

- ✚ Many of the groups have some awareness of the Every Child Matters Agenda
- ✚ There is mixed feedback when groups were asked about the training that is available to them from the Council.
- ✚ When asked: Have you accessed children and young people/families training from your Local Authority within the last 3 years? 55% of respondents said no, 45% said yes and 5% typed not applicable.
- ✚ The majority of groups understood what the term 'Safeguarding Children' meant. However, 60% felt that they need more information around safer recruitment e.g. CRB, procedures for checking allegations.
- ✚ The majority of groups have a nominated person in their organisation whose responsibility it is to lead on safeguarding issues.
- ✚ There is mixed awareness of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF). 81% of respondents have not filled in a CAF form.
- ✚ 72% of groups were not aware of the Common Core of Skills and Knowledge; however there was good interest in learning more about it. Common Core ranked 4th in subjects for priority.

If you would like receive a copy of the full training report, please email sagal@cvshounslow.gov.uk

7 Vote for a Representative for: Hounslow Local Safeguarding Children's Board HLSCB

Sagal Jama Networks Development Officer

Vote for a representative for:
Hounslow Local Safeguarding Children's Board HLSCB

In June 2009, we launched a recruitment process for representative from the voluntary and community sector for those who are interested in safeguarding children and would like to contribute and be part of the HLSCB. Due to internal changes on the LSCB, this item has been deferred.

Deferred time

8 AOB

**Children/Adult Services
Forum members**

At our last Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector Forum, held last week on Thursday 24th September 09, there were concerns raised by forum members regarding support offered by Adult and Children Services for families and parents in need.

It was agreed at the forum that this issue needs to be addressed and put forward to the attention of relevant staff at the Hounslow Council.

Clare Sewell

Groups Development Officer, CVS Hounslow

Clare announced that there will be an information session held on the new Vetting and Barring scheme on 9th October 2009 at The BridgeLink Centre, at Ivybridge. Please contact Clare at CVS Hounslow for further information.

An update on this will be provided at the next meeting

Next meeting

Rachel stated that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd December 2009 at LBH, Civic Centre, Open Area Annexe from 2.00pm – 4.00pm, *1.45pm registration.*

Sagal to notify all groups for venue

Networking

Members had the opportunity to network for 15 minutes. The meeting closed at 4.00pm.