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Safeguarding Roadshows

Booking now. Please register your place.

Booking forms and posters for the upcoming Voluntary and Community Sector Safeguarding Roadshows are now on our website www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk. There will be a free lunch with the opportunity to network. Following these roadshows, we plan to hold a multi agency conference with Calderdale's Workforce Development Team, CMAS, Contact Point

and Calderdale Safeguarding Board. All the Roadshows will run from 10am until 2pm. Dates are

Weds 12/11/08	Lower Valley	Cartwheel Centre, Elland
Tues 09/12/08	Upper Valley	Ground Floor Project, Hebden Bridge
Mon 12/01/09	Central Halifax	Square Chapel, Halifax
Tues 17/02/09	North East Halifax	Mixenden Parent Resource Centre

We aim to structure the roadshows with a very basic awareness raising approach to integrated working, workforce reform and what that means to the sector, along with some clear safeguarding messages around safer recruitment, child protection policies and procedures. Please visit www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/safeguarding.htm and book your place today. Completed forms should be returned by email to kala@calderdalecommunityforum.co.uk or send them by post to Kala Wild, Calderdale Community Forum, The Resource Centre, Hall Street, Halifax HX1 5AY.

Vetting and Barring Scheme to Protect Children and Vulnerable Adults. Next Steps.

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has written to all local authorities, as well as voluntary and community sector organisations, regarding the new Vetting and Barring Scheme. This is part of a continuing programme to ensure the toughest ever vetting and barring system for all those working with, or seeking to work with, children and vulnerable adults. Since 31st March 2008, as part of the transition to the new Vetting and Barring Scheme (which starts in October 2009), the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) has advised the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families on barring decisions (List 99, PoCA, PoVA).

In the next stage of transition, subject to Parliamentary approval, from winter 2008 (precise date to be set), employers must send new referrals under these schemes to the ISA, which will take the decisions. Where the ISA asks organisations for information on a case, they must provide it. By October 2008, employers will need to be aware of these new procedures, while continuing to fulfill existing pre-employment responsibilities: for example, taking up references and conducting checks. Read more at www.everychildmatters.gov.uk

NSPCC Gather Data on Bullying

Ed Balls (Secretary of State for Education) has made an important statement about bullying in a speech at the Labour Party Conference. He announced that he intends to introduce "a statutory duty on schools to record, monitor and analyse all incidents of bullying".



Later in the speech he promised consultation on measures necessary to improve / change the complaints system for schools and LAs, an element of this we would expect to cover bullying.

The DCSF is consulting on whether schools should be given a "duty to cooperate" with Children's Trusts and LAs with regard to Children and Young People's Plans, and if this is agreed we would expect that schools will be expected to pass on their data with regard to bullying.

At the NSPCC Regional Network Meeting on Wednesday it was agreed to hold a special meeting with regard to Data Collection. Possible dates in October / November are being looked into. Given the speech of the Secretary of State, there is a need to be able to influence the debate. Please send, as soon as possible, any comments you have to kala@caldedalecommunityforum.co.uk

Homophobic Bullying and Human Rights

An executive summary, of a youth led research and social policy project, has been published by Independent Academic Research Studies. It looks into the social problem of homophobic bullying. You can read more by visiting our website.

www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/resources.htm

Keeping Children Safe disclosure pilot launch

On 15 September 2008, the Government launched Keeping Children Safe, a 12-month child sexual offender disclosure pilot. This marks an important step in delivering the recommendations from the 'Review of the Protection of Children from Sex Offenders'. For more information, visit www.everychildmatters.go.uk

Integrated Working. Win a team building day for 10!

Putting the child at the centre of all services in the children and young people's workforce is the aim of a drive to promote integrated working. The Children's Workforce Development Council's (CWDC) campaign will give workers the chance to sign up for a monthly online newsletter giving them key information about integrated working. The information-packed e-bulletin will contain top tips for practitioners, as well as useful case studies and other resources to promote integrated working. The campaign as a whole, themed "Integrated working – ensuring a child only tells their story once", focuses on defining the six main elements of integrated working. It will focus on one element per month. These elements are: the common core, information sharing, lead professional, common assessment framework, multi agency working and leadership and management. If interested you can sign up at www.integratedworking.com

Sign up before 31 October 2008 for a chance to **win a team-building day** for you and up to ten of your colleagues.

Contact Point Update

The following is a summary of the Contact Point update. You can read the full document by at from our website at www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/safeguarding.htm

Postponement to ContactPoint deployment for Early Adopters Kevin Brennan announced a postponement of ContactPoint to Early Adopters from Oct '08 to Jan '09. The Contact Point Team are still awaiting confirmation as to when Calderdale will begin deployment, but they expect it to be during summer 2009.

ContactPoint Information Event - 14th October Invitations have recently been sent out- replies no later than the 30th September. If you have not received an please let the ContactPoint team know.

Training Venues If your organisation has any IT training facilities that you would be willing to allow the ContactPoint team to use, please let them know.

Fair Processing Notices (FPN's) As ContactPoint goes live with the 17 Early Adopter Local Authorities in January 2009, information leaflets will be made available for public distribution. If your organisation has any public reception areas where these leaflets can be made available to the general public please contact the team.

Organisational Accreditation For an organisation classed in the Partner Engagement Guide as high priority in terms of being a data supplier and/or being users, a number of Statements of Requirements (SoR's) have already been issued. If you have not received these documents and feel that you have a need to see them, please contact the team.

Data Extracts The Contact Point team will shortly be issuing the data SoR and will also include a copy of the CMBC ContactPoint Data Quality Improvement document which may assist you with your own data quality strategy.

Calderdale's Improving Information Sharing and Management Project Team (IISaM) The Calderdale Project Team, who have responsibility for ContactPoint and other aspects of the IISaM agenda, consists of the following team members:

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Linda Baillie - Information Systems Officer 01422 392554

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Please feel free to contact any member of the team if you require any further information.

Youth Crime Money



£56.5m to Tackle Youth Crime Across England. More after-school patrols and street-based teams to prevent and tackle youth crime will be funded by a cash injection of £56.5 million into 69 local authority areas in every corner of England, the Government has announced. The funding is a major milestone in the delivery of the Youth Crime Action Plan, which aims to tackle youth crime through a comprehensive plan of early prevention, non-negotiable support and tough enforcement.

www.dfes.gov.uk/publications/youthcrimeactionplan

EYPU Newsletters

Electronic Youth Policy Update (number 223) from the National Youth Agency, is now available. It has articles contact point, children's rights, local communities and more. Download the newsletter, as well as older editions, from our website at www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/newsletters

Quality Books to Read



Book Ahead is a government-funded scheme to get good quality books into Early Years settings. Calderdale Libraries received a grant to buy books, which we have now done, and are distributing them to private, voluntary and independent (PVI) early years settings. There is a list of 38 settings which will have a box of 30 books and a story time session. These settings were suggested by Children's Services as having a definite need for some quality books. In around 6-8 weeks, the books will be collected and another box of 30 delivered. After that, it is hoped the settings will borrow regularly from their local libraries.

The Book Ahead ticket is available to ALL PVI settings, but only those on the list will have visits from the Book Ahead Officer, Amy Harwood. The others can go into their local library, get a ticket and borrow up to 30 books for 6-8 weeks with no fines for overdue or damaged books. The books bought with the grant have been dished out between the branch libraries, but the settings are welcome to borrow any of the children's stock (not just the new books). For more details contact Amy Harwood, Book Ahead Officer, at the Central Library; 01422 392638 or by email amy.harwood@calderdale.gov.uk

Mental Health First Aid

To promote mental health in and out of the workplace, Community Links is delivering Mental Health First Aid training throughout Yorkshire and the Humber. This is achieved via a two-day, nationally recognised training course aimed at all sections of the public. The National Lottery fund has enabled limited spaces to be offered at a cost of just £80 for the two day training course, including lunch and all course materials. The course is aimed at those who have little or no knowledge of mental health. Trainees will not become 'therapists', but will gain the knowledge of how to act when confronted by someone in distress. Participants will gain a better understanding of mental health and more confidence about mental health problems and how to offer early help to others. The training aims to reduce stigma about mental health and raise awareness of your own and other people's mental health issues. To book your place contact Naomi Cordiner at mhfa@commlinks.co.uk or phone 0845 838 9928 For more information on Mental Health First Aid go to www.mentalhealthfirstaidyorksandhumber.org

Black History Month.

Black History Month has been celebrated across the UK every October for over 30 years, each year growing from strength to strength. Black History Month is a time when the achievements of the black community are highlighted and celebrated and the hidden history about the black community can be uncovered. Black History Month runs throughout October. There is more information, and a timetable of events available on our website www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/other_events.htm

National COMPACT Week 08

The Calderdale COMPACT Annual Celebration and Information Event is being held between 10.00 and 16.00 on 4th November 2008 at the Elsie Whitely Innovation Centre on Hopwood Lane in Halifax. The event will share the results of the recent survey about the COMPACT in Calderdale, including examples of how using the COMPACT has changed thoughts and ways of working in partnership. The Event will launch the consultation period for the revision of the Funding Code, to benefit from a wide range of views before producing the new Code in Spring 2009. As well as the Celebration Event, there will be two seminars on the 5th November: The COMPACT – What's it all about? at 10.00, and COMPACT Champions at 13.30. There will be time for one-to-one sessions between them. Both will be held at Voluntary Action Calderdale, Resource Centre, Hall Street, Halifax HX1 5AY. Bookings will be on a first come, first served basis so book early so you don't miss out!

Visit www.cvac.org.uk/homedir/events.htm

Newsletters

The following newsletters are available via our website at www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/newsletter.htm

The Children's Mental Health and Psychological Well-Being E-Bulletin for February 2008 has information on consultations, events, training and more.

The September edition of Net Zone includes articles on healthy eating, community enterprise, and the department of health on YouTube.



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Keep up to date with events, information and news from the network by visiting our website: www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk
We are currently working to develop our website and newsletter. Any thoughts, suggestions, or comments are welcomed.

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