

Children & Young People's Network - New Year Update 2017

Happy New Year to all our Network Members – here are some items of immediate interest:

Next Network Meeting Tuesday 24 January 10:00 – 12:30 (Time TBC) There have been changes to key areas of Charity Law recently: fundraising regulations and data protection regulations. A new code of governance is also in consultation until 3rd February. Alexandra Whittaker of Stone King Solicitors will attend the meeting to update us – further details available very soon.

- **Local News**

Living within our means – Council sets out budget savings proposals. [Read more here.](#) The proposed budget will be considered Council's Cabinet on Wednesday 1st February. The Council's final budget will then be considered by Councillors at a Full Council meeting on Tuesday 14th February. **Please let me know if you would be interested to hear about how these plans will impact the VCS and what opportunities may also arise at the Network Meeting in March.** Directorate Plans- Appendix 4 under each Plan contains Budget Proposals Service Impact Statements: <https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ecCatDisplayClassic.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13506&path=0>

Recruiting VCS Rep on Health & Wellbeing Board. The Health and Wellbeing Board is inviting expressions of interest from representatives of the local voluntary and community sector, for a place on the Health and Wellbeing Board. To find out more about this role and complete an Expression of Interest form please see the related documents on B&NES Council's website W: <http://bit.ly/2hIRmtc> A shortlisting and interview process will then be carried out in order to determine a successful candidate (18 January is the expected interview date). **Please return your completed form no later than Monday 9 January 2017** to: HWB@bathnes.gov.uk Or Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy and Performance Bath and North East Somerset Council Lewis House Manvers Street Bath BA1 1JG

Changes to the C2 Form/'Request for Service' Richard Baldwin has notified us of some changes to the C2 Form which agencies use to make contact with the Children's Social Care Duty Team when there is an identified concern or need. The title of the C2 Form has led to some confusion about whether or not the receipt of the C2 constituted a

'referral' or not. This has meant that on a number of occasions, agencies have understandably assumed that sending in the C2 will automatically lead to action being taken. As a result of this, we have changed the title of the C2 Form to 'Request for Service' as this more accurately clarifies the decision making process.

- Upon receipt of the C2, the Duty Social Worker will need to assess the 'Request for Service' and determine if this meets the threshold for Social Work intervention or whether other Early Help Services may be more appropriate.
- If it is decided that the 'Request for Service' requires Social Work involvement, it will become a 'Referral' and progress to 'Single Assessment'. If it is felt that the concerns could be dealt with more appropriately through intervention with other agencies via an Early Help approach, we will discuss with yourselves and partners how this can be most appropriately progressed.

Please be reassured that this clarification of the purpose of the C2 form does not change any thresholds or decision making in regard to vulnerable families. Rather, it seeks to clarify the existing arrangements and minimise confusion and any misunderstanding that the previous title of the C2 may have caused. **The new 'Request for Service' Form can be found on the following link -**

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/child-protection>. Please can I ask you to delete/destroy any previous copies.

Clean Slate is now taking referrals for their first Induction of 2017 on 26-27 January. The Induction is ideal for anyone experiencing barriers to work, including issues around:

- Childcare
- Lack of confidence
- Homelessness
- Substance abuse
- Mental health
- Spent convictions

Doors are open to all jobseekers wanting to take the first steps back into employment. **For more information on the Induction or to register:** Phone 01225 302200 Email bath@cleanslateltd.co.uk

- **National News**

New VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance launched. The Department of Health (DH), NHS England and Public Health England (PHE) are [inviting applications](#) from voluntary,

community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to join a new VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance. Through the Alliance, the above agencies will work with VCSE organisations to promote equality and address health inequalities and help people, families and communities to achieve and maintain wellbeing. **Applications close on 22 February.** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vcse-health-and-wellbeing-alliance-application-form>. These groups are instrumental in helping develop policy at a national level.

- **Funding**

[Bath & NES smokefree Sports Club grant programme](#) - The Bath & North East Somerset smoke free sports club grant programme is open until **Monday 9th January 2017** to charitable sports groups based in Bath & North East Somerset which coach young people (aged 6-17) in outdoor team based sports. Applications via Quartet CF. **Closing on 9th January 2017**

B&NES Council Arts Grant Funding Update – this funding has now all been allocated for the current financial year and the Arts Development team will not have any grant funding available in future financial years.

- **Training**

Courses for volunteers in B&NES Courses, date and venues are listed on the website W: <http://bit.ly/2hKrHNH> or if you would prefer to speak to somebody T: 01225 831 820. Thursday 19 January 2017, Diversity and Inclusion. Booking is essential and **most courses are free**. For full details and to book your place W: <http://bit.ly/2hfMREm>

T: 01225 831 820 E: enquiries@wellbeingcollegebanes.co.uk

A ½ day workshop on making sure we see the young person behind the ‘risky’ behavior. Run by Dez Holmes, Director of Research in Practice. **The session will consider how adolescent risk can be addressed more effectively, by:**

- › Reflecting on the evidence on attachment patterns in adolescence;
- › Briefly exploring evidence around adolescent development, including brain development;
- › Considering adolescent risk and behaviour, and challenging notions of ‘choice’;
- › Highlighting how services and practice can better build resilience including the role of relationship-based practice;

› Enabling participants to apply the evidence-informed principles of an adolescent-centred approach to services and systems and start to plan for change.

Date: **January 9th 2017**

Time: **9.15am – 1.15pm**

Venue: **Community Space (above Keynsham library)**

Open to anyone who works or directly fosters with this age group.

To book a space, please email Jean Williams at: jean_williams@bathnes.gov.uk

Slavery and Trafficking, Mon 16th January, 09.30 – 12.30, Community Space, One Stop Shop, Keynsham. The course aims to provide frontline professionals with an initial interaction with the issue of slavery. Throughout the training attendees will develop greater knowledge of human trafficking and slavery and explore the issues facing individuals who have been trafficked, how to correctly identify and spot the signs of potential exploitation and learn about what is available to support those who have been trafficked. **Booking Procedure** Visit <http://bathnes.learningpool.com> under the heading 'Safeguarding & Child Protection' to see further details about this course. For help with booking, contact: Children's Workforce Training, 01225 394210
childrensworkforce_training@bathnes.gov.uk

Are you interested in the creative therapies profession? The Trauma Recovery Centre are hosting a taster day on **Friday 10th February** to let people experience it for themselves. This course will be running from 10am-3pm at the main centre in Bath at a cost of £80. "Exploring the role of creative therapists. A whole day look at art therapy, music therapy and play therapy" will be led by Ellie Williams, MA (Music Therapist); Nicki Rosser, (Play Therapist) and Emma Reeves, MA (Art Psychotherapist). To book, please email training@trc-uk.org.

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- **Recruiting:**

BLACK FAMILIES EDUCATION SUPPORT GROUP, SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR. Salary £18,450 Full Time Fixed Term Contract to August 31st 2019. We are looking for a dynamic individual to co-ordinate our Supplementary School Programme in Bath aimed at enhancing the education of Black and Minority Ethnic children and young people. For an application pack please email manager@educationequals.org.uk. Please call 01225 787 924 if you require more details **Closing date: 5.00pm Wednesday 11th January 2017.** Requires an Enhanced DBS check.

Join Off The Record B&NES as Chair of the board of trustees (Voluntary Position)

– do you have an inclusive leadership style and a desire to ensure young people are empowered to have a voice and make a difference? Off The Record in Bath and North East Somerset exists to improve the emotional health and wellbeing of young people by providing them with a safe space to be themselves. The charity has recently appointed a new director and management team that have just established themselves under the leadership of a committed and experienced board. If you're interested to find out more then please contact David Gledhill – interim Chair. David's email address is davidgled@gmail.com. If you're interested in putting yourself forward for the position, then please submit an up to date CV with a short summary (max 1 page) of how you meet the specification and why you think you'd be the right candidate for this role. Please submit to Phil Walters, Director philwalters@offtherecord-banes.co.uk by midday 3rd February 2017. [Download Job Description here.](#)