

## CYPN Reps Report

Early Help Board 10 January 2017

**What happened to referrals that do not meet thresholds for social care.** At the moment there has not been sufficient capacity to follow these up consistently and make sure they are referred appropriately.

Additional hours for the Social Care team will mean that this situation will improve from April. The Common Assessment Framework (CAF) team have been following up on some cases as a matter of course but – **if you make a Request for Service (formerly C2) before April and thresholds are not met for Social Care – do make a specific effort to ensure there is an appropriate onward referral.**

GP's have expressed concern about what happens to referrals and in Step-down arrangements – information will be sent to the GP's newsletter and an appointment will be made to address the GP Forum on this issue.

**Training on Thresholds for the VCS** There has been a discussion on delivering training specifically to VCS groups. There was a discussion on what training VCS groups feel they need – apart from the Thresholds training available as part of Children's Workforce training.

- Do people need **sessions with Case studies** so they can get a feel for where the thresholds are met – or
- **advice in how to express your concerns about risk** that will convey the severity to Social Care and assure it has the best chance of meeting the threshold. For now you can phone and have a conversation on how to best express the risk you can see. Contact Caroline Dowson: Caroline Dowson (Integrated Service Manager) on 01225 395092 or email [caroline\\_dowson@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:caroline_dowson@bathnes.gov.uk).

**Responses please** to Sue Evans [sue@bathareaplayproject.co.uk](mailto:sue@bathareaplayproject.co.uk) collated responses will be forwarded to Caroline Downson.

Marie Porter can deliver **workshops on Request for Service and Step-Down arrangements to VCS teams** (max 8 people at a time). Covering:

- what should happen in the Step-down process
- What to do if things don't go in the right direction. What else is available – how to access these services

Contact: [Marie\\_Porter@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Marie_Porter@BATHNES.GOV.UK)

**Request for Information** – The CAF Team request that you update them on CAF's you are working with (reviews, any closures) so that they can keep their records up to date.

## **Early Help Response is being developed for young children & families.**

**Teenagers** – will be supported by Youth Connect but 50% of the Youth Connect budget will be gone in the next 3 years. B&NES are looking to develop partnerships with Community Groups to deliver some services.

**Best Start in Life Support for Young Mothers needs referrals** – this is a really good package of support, delivered by the Family Nurse Partnership, for first time mums up to the age of 24 with two or more vulnerabilities. These have just been extended to include:

- Young people in care
- With learning disabilities

[FNP@sirona-cic.org.uk](mailto:FNP@sirona-cic.org.uk) or phone: **01225 838 262**

**Early Help App** has been launched for phone and android. There will be information available at the next Network Meeting on 24 Jan. For those unable to attend we have requested a podcast to be available on the B&NES website.

### **Children's Centres Closures:**

The Hubs in Keynsham, Radstock and Bath will remain but the others will be gone. B&NES are looking for other agencies to take them over.

- In Weston being taken over by a local church
- MSN and Chew Valley – these are in school grounds and the expectation is the schools will take them over
- 2 year old provision at St Martin's Bath – B&NES are looking for someone to run this.
- Paulton ... ?

**Parenting Sub Group Report.** Uncertain how much money is available for parenting support but Family Link would be the programme of choice if possible:

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Sue Evans – standing in for CYPN Rep.