

Integrated Working Newsletter

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Do you need some extra support with the CAF process? ... Would you like to improve the impact of the CAF? ...

... If so then please come along to our **OPEN CAF SURGERY** at St Martins Garden Children's Centre, 1:00 to 4:30pm on Thursday 13th October 2016.

Members of the Integrated Working Team will be on hand to answer any of your CAF queries or to provide hands on support with any current assessments you would like to discuss.

Perhaps you are struggling to engage a parent or not sure you are really capturing the child's voice? Maybe you are simply unsure whether the CAF is the right tool for a particular case? The team will be tackling CAF FAQ's all afternoon on a drop-in basis or if you would prefer a more bespoke response then please contact a member of the team in advance to book a 20 minute one-to-one slot.

Looking forward to seeing you there (coffee and cake is on us!)

Early Help works!

We are delighted that at last we have been able to compare our performance as a Local Authority to Early Help with another area. Since 2014, we have consistently kept the conversion rate from CAF to a social care assessment well below 10% - indicating that preventative, co-ordinated packages of support do work! In a recent Ofsted inspection in March 2016 of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea praised the authority for keeping the conversion rate below 15%. A good benchmark for Bath and North East Somerset and at 10% conversion rate, we hope you agree that this proves our multi-agency commitment to a preventative approach.

Thank you to Anjula Kaushik and Welcome back to Lyn Tapping

Lyn Tapping has now returned to the Integrated Working Team following her sabbatical. We would like to thank Anjula Kaushik from Children's Centre Services for successfully covering Lyn's post on secondment between September 2015 and June 2016 with no disruption to the service we provide.

Help us to help you



Please remember to log all common assessment that you complete with us. The benefits to you are:

- ✓ A bespoke response from the team who may suggest further support or agencies who may be of help to the child.
- ✓ Recognition for your services or school in initiating the assessment.
- ✓ The CAF can follow the child at transition points such as starting school or transition to secondary school.

Did you know ...?

There is a practical guide to completing the CAF form which can be found at www.bathnes.gov.uk/earlyhelp

We continue to be keen to support you when children's social care recommend that a common assessment (CAF) is completed. Therefore, if, after a discussion with social care, a CAF is the right way forward, we will endeavour to support you to make this happen.

Of course, we would much rather offer this support at the earliest point that you identify that a child or young person has emerging needs.

Forthcoming Training

- **CAF E-Learning Module**
Available via Learning Pool for new starters or those wanting a refresher.
- **Common Assessment training**
23rd September 2016
9.00am - 1.00pm
Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Lead Professional and Team Around the Child training**
17th October 2016
9.30am - 4.00pm
Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Initiating and recording difficult conversations workshop**
15th November 2016
10.00am-12.00pm
Civic Centre, Keynsham



To book your place or to find out more please visit <http://bathnes.learningpool.com>.

What should I write in this box?

Please do not leave this box blank.

If the parent/carer is happy for all professionals, current and in the future, to see the assessment, please write 'All services'.

If they would not like to share the assessment with a specific agency please write 'All services except'.

This way, when a request comes into the team we are confident the information contained within the assessment is accurate and the parent/carer is happy for it to be shared.

If you have any questions regarding consent, please feel free to contact one of the team.

I understand the information that is recorded on this form will be stored and used for the purpose of providing services to:

Me
 This infant, child or young person for whom I am the parent
 This infant, child or young person for whom I am the carer

I have had the reasons for information sharing explained to me and I understand those reasons.
I agree to the sharing of information, as agreed, between the services listed below. Yes No

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

Assessor's signature
Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

Exceptional circumstances: concerns about significant harm to infant, child or young person
If at any time during the course of this assessment you are concerned that an infant, child or young person has

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