

Youth Matter!



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SWINE FLU: HEALTH MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Be mindful that Swine Flu has not gone away and the likelihood is that another wave of Swine Flu will hit the UK over the winter months.

It's really important that young people are aware of how to stay fit and healthy, by washing their hands and keeping germs at bay.

The 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' campaign is very important to minimising the risks of infection.

It is recognised that the Swine Flu bug affects younger people and can make you very poorly, so please take care to look after yourself, your family and your friends.

For more information about Swine Flu visit

www.warrington-pct.nhs.uk

Thank you
Warrington Primary Care Trust

Welcome to the Youth Matter! Newsletter

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SAFE NETWORK IS LAUNCHED

Safe Network is managed by the NSPCC and Children England to help protect 8 million children taking part in voluntary activities.

Safe Network is funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. A need has been recognised for tailored safeguarding support for the Third Sector following the Departments Stay Safe consultation with charitable and voluntary organisations.

Partners involved in the network acknowledge existing good practice but think that some groups working with children could improve what they do and help keep children safe from harm.

So whether you are new to the issues of child safety or have a lot of experience, the Safe Network is able to offer advice, guidance and support to help your group ensure that it has a skilled and safe workforce.

Visit www.safenetwork.org.uk or call 0116 234 7217.

INFORMATION SHARING GUIDANCE

Not sure what information you can share? You can pop into the CVS office and pick up a copy of the Information Sharing guidance.

Copies of Warrington's Children and Young Peoples Plan is also available from CVS.

What's Out There?

“A Time to Talk” MULTI-ETHNIC GROUP WARRINGTON (MEG-W)

Host a Free Event for Children and Young People (Age 5-19 years) from Black Minority Ethnic Communities in Warrington.

Saturday 28TH November 2009
at
11:30 Am – 4:00 PM

At **WHITECROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE**
Lexden Street off Lovely Lane
Warrington, WA5 1PT.

FAMILIES Welcomed and all parents must ensure that young children are escorted by an adult.

Lots to do and try:
Meet Wolfie and Warrington Wolves Player
Workshops with Vatala Samba Drumming
Table top stalls – items for sale
Local DJ – Ruben (Halo)
Tag Rugby and Football Session

Talk to local services – Health, Education, Community Services, Disability, Volunteering and Employment and many more.....

Share your views about local services on our Graffiti Wall

For information contact Gillian
07548768477 or
07917133465



Warrington Safeguarding Children Board

When A Child Dies – an introduction to the child death review processes

Tuesday November 10th 2009.

9.30am to 11.30am

A small amount of pre course reading to be undertaken by participants

Aim

This awareness raising session aims to introduce participants to the processes of the Rapid Response to Unexpected Child Deaths and the Child Death Review processes as outlined in Chapter 7 of Working Together to Safeguard Children (2006).

Target Audience

All professionals who work with families and thus may be, from time to time, involved in the process.

Charge

There will be no charge to attend this session but there will be a charge of £50 for cancellations after Tues November 3rd 2009.

For more information or to book contact Marcia Dale, WSCB Training Co-ordinator, Children's Safeguarding Unit on Tel: 01925 457079 or email mzdale@warrington.gov.uk

CASH 4 CLUBS

Is a small grants scheme for sports clubs which makes awards of £250, £500 and £1000 for costs of all sorts, ranging from rugby kits to tennis court resurfacing.

Any sports club that is registered with its sports' National Governing body or local authority can apply and preference is given to sports clubs which play an active role in their community.

Details are at
www.cash-4-clubs.com

Septembers' YM! Network Meeting

September's network meeting saw not one speaker but 4! The meeting was interesting and full of useful information. The session started with a presentation from Peter Harris and Stephanie Saxon from the Third Sector team. They highlighted the work of the team, the background to their development and the plans for the future. Stephanie also talked about the Compact and the role of the Compact champions, one of whom is Esstta Hayes, trustee for Youth Matter! Champion. At the request of those, present Stephanie has sent me her presentation, which will go out on an e-mail alert with a link to the YM! website and the Third Sector team webpage. For more information on the work of the team and on Compact, look for the links

Following on from Stephanie and Peter, Dave McNichol, the acting chair for Youth Matter! talked about the new contract that YM! has secured with the Youth Federation and Warrington Integrated youth Support Service. The contract will enable YM! to continue to do what it has in the past but more so! This includes delivering even more Validations with groups.

Alison Cullen, Youth Volunteering Warrington, updated the group on her project and some of the activities they have been involved in over the past 10 years. To find out more about Alison, her team and the projects contact her on 01925 242424 or check out the website link on the YM! Website.

As usual there was the round table information an issue share. And as usual this section prompted discussion and offers of peer support and advice from those attending the meeting .

Check out the rest of the Newsletter for items and links that were mentioned at the meeting .

*The next network meeting is the Youth Matter! AGM and will be held on;
Thursday 26th November 2009 - 6pm to 8.30pm
@ the Gateway Conference Centre.*

Please make a note of the time as we have changed it to enable more people to attend this meeting.



Did you know that ...

... WBC Children's Services is now Children and Young Peoples Services and has a new lead at the head. Kath O'Dwyer joined the team after being deputy director of Children's Services at Stoke on Trent City Council.

CONTACTPOINT - AN OUTLINE

ContactPoint will be the quick way to find out who else is working with the same child or young person, making it easier to deliver more coordinated support.

This basic online directory will be available to authorised staff who need it to do their jobs. It is a key part of the Every Child Matters programme and the Children's Plan, to improve the health, well-being and safety of all children. If practitioners working with a child know about each other they can find the right support quickly, before problems get more serious.

What will the benefits be?

The practitioners who were involved in local 'trailblazer' pilots demonstrated some key benefits:

- Less time trying to find other practitioners working with the same child. Currently practitioners can spend days trying to find the right person.
- Quicker assessment of whether a child is receiving universal services (education, primary health care).
- Enables more effective multi-agency working which leads to less duplication of work and a better service experience for children and young people.

They also helped to establish that

ContactPoint should be a national system to ensure it works for children who receive services across, or move across, local authority boundaries.

What information is on ContactPoint?

ContactPoint holds the following information:

- Name, address, gender, date of birth and an identifying number for all children in England (up to their 18th birthday).
- Name and contact details for: - parents or carers - educational setting (e.g. school) - primary medical practitioner (e.g. GP practice) - other services working with the child.
- Indicator to show if a practitioner is the lead professional for a child and/or if they have completed an assessment under the Common Assessment Framework (CAF).

Explicit consent will be required to record contact details for sensitive services (defined as sexual health, mental health and substance abuse).

ContactPoint does not and will not contain any case information (such as case notes, assessments, medical data or exam results).

For more information about ContactPoint visit

www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/contactpoint

Want to be in the next Youth Matter! Newsletter?

Are you a Voluntary Youth group or organisation that works within or around the Warrington area and want to advertise the work that your group does?

If you would like to be included in the next Newsletter, email alert, or on our website, then send all the relevant information to adrienneg@thegateway.org.uk.

Alternatively you can call Adie on **01925 246885**, or post your information to

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