

Information Exchange

Contact a Family

The office has now moved to :- 33 – 45 Cathedral Road, Cardiff Tel 029 2039 6624. A new Family Support Service is being launched in North West Wales which will offer individual family support including home visits.

Ceredigion Tim Plant Annabl – Eryl Bray – eryl@ceredigion.gov.uk

Autism monies – looking at employing a Development / Project Worker – but are not sure whether the funding is recurring.

Short breaks – have one sitter who can now stay overnight at the families home with the young person while the parents are away.

CCNUK – Key worker networking group meeting – 10th July. A parent representative is needed for this group.

Key working network support group meeting on 18th July – covering Carmarthen, Pembrokeshire, Powys and Ceredigion.

Mudiad Ysgolian Meithrin – Sian Owen – sian.owen@mym.co.uk

Success in bid to Children in Need to create and provide training on autism spectrum disorder for staff – working jointly with Autism Cymru. This will emphasise the importance of early intervention. The training will be offered throughout Wales

Cardiff Council Children's Play Services – Mary Davies – mary.davies@cardiff.gov.uk

New initiative – multi agency group to organise disabled children's play in Cardiff using recent WAG funding allocation. A range of schemes to accommodate the needs of children and young person with complex needs, behaviour - including integrated and inclusive schemes. Group includes play, social services, health, Barnardos, NCH, Parents Fed etc. Pilot schemes are running this summer in Cardiff. Some funding has been put aside for local organisations to apply for funding.

Powys Children with Disabilities Team and Local Health Board – Mike John / Katherine Baker – The Annex, Watton Mount Brecon 01874 624594 Michael.john@powys.gov.uk

Team around the child – joint partnership re children with complex needs – partnership, coordinators, multi disciplinary meetings, coordinator key worker based in Brecon Children's Centre. Also organising a joint children with disabilities register with health.

Review and Development Group for children and young people with autism looking at children and young people being represented re planning service input. Also currently the autism facility based in Brecon is Monday to Friday but there are plans to expand that.

Caerphilly Children's Centre – NCH Cymru – Marlene Anderson – marlene.anderson@nch.org.uk

Caerphilly Children's Centre is a multi agency project providing services to children and families across Caerphilly county borough. The info and advice services offer support and information to families at the point of diagnosis.

Currently the centre is fundraising to complete the new therapy extension which has a sunken trampoline. The centre offers services to over 1,000 children boroughwide and delivered at home, school, community and at the Children's Centre.

Caerphilly Children's Centre – Lisa Adams –
lisaadams0782@yahoo.co.uk – 029 2086 7447.

Looking at funding and activities for the youth group around participation. Lisa is also looking at the Careers Wales transition website.

Social Services Inspectorate – Colin McKay – representing Rhonwyn Dobbing

New guidance regulations for Looked After Children will be available from July 1st. There will also be a Strategy for Vulnerable Children – and Continuing Care for Children's Services.

Tros Gynnal - Gaby Eislee

Tros Gynnal are involved in a review and development group for children with autism in Powys –working with social services.

Learning Disability and Autism Network – parent / carers and children and young people with autism are involved. This offers pertinent and relevant information linked with autism and challenging behaviour.

Downs Syndrome Association – Richard Morgan

Issue around support for children with disabilities who have mental health problems. Apparently the CAMHS are being reviewed but there are capacity issues and the services cannot cope with children with ADHD / Aspergers. Services generally for people with autism are being withdrawn and this has resulted in people in crisis and long 2 hour phone calls to help lines.

(All Wales Forum for Parent / Carers – new coordinator Pat McCarthy)

Issues for discussion – dual diagnosis / CAMHS

WAG Waiting list targets have been imposed for access to OT services – however there is a need to maintain good quality services.