Dear colleague

I am writing to let you know about a free one-day multi agency workshop for people in your local area who work directly with children and young people.

We are organising area workshops across Norfolk that are aimed at discussing how everyone in a specific area can best work together – in a more 'joined up' way to improve outcomes for children and young people.

To ensure the best spread of representatives from schools, we have written to all cluster chairs in Norfolk asking them to send four representatives from their cluster to their local area workshop. The four people should include a secondary pastoral head, a SENCO and a member of the non-teaching support staff. If you have staff who would like to attend you should contact your cluster chair.

There is no need for headteachers to come to the workshops because a similar theme will be discussed at the annual Norfolk headteachers' conference in October.

These area workshops are a key step in ensuring that people are informed and engaged in what the future of services for children and young people could look and feel like for them, their colleagues and the children and young people themselves.

We are also telling cluster chairs that we would be happy to come along to a local cluster meeting to talk about the issues and answer any questions.

The workshops are:

Northern: Wednesday 12th October at Fakenham Racecourse Eastern: Thursday 29 September at Great Yarmouth Racecourse Central: Wednesday 5 October at Dunston Hall, Norwich

Western: Friday 30th September, Knights Hill Hotel, South Wootton Southern: Monday 10th October, Barnham Broom Hotel, Norwich

After the workshops, a multi-agency working party will review all the information gathered and make proposals for future area structures. Once there is a firm proposal for the design of new structures we will consult widely because we want to make sure that we get the best arrangements we can for the children and young people we serve.

Best wishes

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