Multi-Agency Workshops for People Working Directly with Children and Young People

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to remind you 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. I can appreciate the fact that a lot of events are happening at the moment and taking demands on your time, but I would encourage you to participate in the meetings so we can hear your voice. In order to help you send people to the meeting, there has been an agreement that supply cover will be paid for.

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.

The workshops are:

Northern: Wednesday 12th October, Fakenham Racecourse Eastern: Thursday 29 September, Great Yarmouth Racecourse

Central: Wednesday 5 October, 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.

If you would like to book a place on one of the above workshops, please click on the link http://www.esinet.norfolk.gov.uk/personnel/ECM/ or telephone Christine Shorten on 01603 223482.

Best wishes Lisa Christensen Director of Children's Services