

Effective Peer Support Meeting at Hewett High school, Norwich Thursday 29th September 1.30 – 3.30 p.m.

Has your school developed a Peer Support system to support children and young people or is thinking about doing so?

If so you may want to join a small group of interested schools who have set up a support network which is co-ordinated by Rita Adair, Senior Educational Psychologist and Sue Davies, Education Co-ordinator – both members of the PASS team in Children's Services. We meet termly. So far we have 8 High schools involved.

Our meetings address all the issues of setting up a Peer Support scheme regardless of the stage you are at. As some of the staff present have already got schemes up and running you can learn directly from them about the strengths and pitfalls.

We consider questions such as the following:

- Why do you need a peer support scheme?
- What style of peer support?
- How will you recruit and select?
- How will the peer supporters be supported?
- How will you ensure that peer supporters keep certain things confidential and that they also know when to break confidentiality?
- What is the role of the peer supporter and what are the boundaries of their role?
- How will you raise awareness of the scheme?
- What are the training needs for the pupils?
- How will the scheme be monitored and evaluated?
- How will you keep the students and staff motivated?

Interested? Then please join us on Thursday 29th September at Hewett High school by confirming your attendance with Irene Hoare on irene.hoare@norfolk.gov.uk. Or telephone on 01603 458191 If you need directions contact Hewett High school directly 01603-628181. If you are unable to attend but would like details of further meetings please advise.