

Youth Focus Training Day – 25 November 2006

Information Sharing for Voluntary Youth Organisations Workshop

Half Day (Morning) Workshop

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What is Information Sharing?

A major requirement of the Children Act 2004, the legislative framework of the Every Child Matters Green Paper, is that all services that work with children and young people from both the statutory and voluntary sectors share information about individual children, especially those at risk of significant harm. Arising from the tragic consequences of the Victoria Climbié case and the subsequent findings of the Laming Inquiry, this is a significant step towards safeguarding children and young people.

Why is it important?

One of the responsibilities of the Buckinghamshire Children and Young People's Trust is to put the mechanism in place for information sharing. Voluntary youth organisations need to be able to share information in a way that is both practicable and workable. Organisations may lack the necessary resources and the capacity to take on this additional work and this workshop will enable participants to come together to discuss and explore what action should be taken to address this.

Who should attend this workshop?

The workshop is aimed at volunteers and staff of voluntary youth organisations who have managerial responsibilities and take decisions regarding how the policies of the organisation are implemented. This also includes Trustees.

If you attended the 'Building the Trust Conference' on 6 May 2006, the workshop will offer you an opportunity to explore some of the critical issues that were raised in more detail, including confidentiality, and to play a part in creating a local plan to take this forward.

By the end of the session participants will:

- Understand the importance and challenges of Information Sharing
- Have worked on ways to overcome barriers to sharing
- Understand how to treat concerns about children and young people at risk of significant harm
- Know the role of prevention
- Have drawn up a wish list of support they might need
- Understand the key principles and how to apply them
- Know how to make decisions on information sharing
- Know what sources of information there are
- Have planned what might be the next steps locally

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DPEAP Drug Training Taster Session - Pat Green

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Drugs Prevention Education and Awareness Project

DPEAP are a well-established charity who have developed an expertise in working with young people and adults in drug education. They work with young people, parents, and members of the general public across Buckinghamshire in an age appropriate interactive way to enable them to make choices about their life styles to stay healthy and be safe.

DPEAP's work is carried out with young people in various settings, during the day, in the evenings and at weekends

The workshop on offer on Saturday 25th November will be delivered by an experienced member of the DPEAP team giving first hand experience of the work they are able to deliver to your members whilst at the same time developing the leader's understanding of the issues facing young people.

This workshop will cover areas including:

- Knowledge and understanding
- Current Laws
- Attitudes and beliefs
- Sites of help

Attending this session will give you the first hand opportunity to sample how DPEAP would work with your young people on drug education. You will be able to book the worker to come and present a session to your club or unit. DPEAP have a service level agreement via Youth and Community enabling voluntary and statutory youth groups to have the benefit of these experienced workers working with their group free of charge.