

# SHC

## SENCO NETWORK LAUNCH MEETING THURS 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009 MINUTES

The launch was well attended with nearly all schools in the confederation represented. Some of the quotes by delegates included:

“Excellent opportunity to network and plan with other SENCOs”

“Has been really useful.”

“Opportunity to hear about and discuss new initiatives both within the confederation and further afield”

“Everyone liked the new STEPS forms” and “Can we have more opportunities to network with coffee and nice biscuits?!!”

**Jan Church, Chairman of the Surrey Heath Confederation**, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and saying what a great opportunity this was to raise the profile of SEN and to emphasise the important role SENCOs can play with regard to strategic planning in schools. She explained that confederation funding was available to support a variety of Network activities and that individual schools could put in bids for money just so long as they could show that it benefitted other schools as well as themselves.

**Dianne Pickford, Head of Hammond Junior School**, went on to speak about the SHC Action Plan and that through the work of this Network how we could contribute to meeting objectives outlined on the plan. Dianne went on to briefly mention the resources available for supporting the IDP, the SEN Self Evaluation Form issued by 4S and P Scales Standardisation Training.

**Clare Walker from Portesbery School and Keira Young from Carwarden House School** outlined the outreach available to any of our schools from their specialist knowledge and provision. They can be contacted personally for information, advice and help, but also look out for training sessions posted on the SHC website.

**Barbara Tresidder from Gordon’s School** reported back from the SENCO reps meeting held last week in Guildford, where Kemala Mehat from REMA had given a presentation.

**Karen Woosnam, Head of LLS and BS for the North West Surrey** talked us through the referral process for the new STEPS service and outlined what was available.

**Lesley Chandler, CAF Area Implementation Manager for the North of Surrey**, explained that her area had now been increased but that she would do all she could to ensure that those of us needing support to use the CAF would receive it. She is running a series of twilight training sessions to help colleagues learn how to fill one in.

The meeting then divided up into Phase Groups and was asked to consider agenda items/ideas/training etc for future meetings.

**See over for responses and Agenda for 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

<b>Training Opportunities</b>	<b>Training Requests</b> <i>Responses in Italics</i>	<b>SENCO Comments/Questions</b> <i>Responses to questions in Italics</i>
Katrina from Dyslexia Action -whole day INSET for the IDP at Collingwood on 22.02.2010. This will focus on SpLD and be cross phase. £150 per school for up to 20 members of staff or £50 per attendee or 3 for 2! Contact Jayne Marin at Collingwood <a href="mailto:j.marin@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk">j.marin@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk</a>	Collaborative work on provision mapping /management.  <i>4S Training to be arranged</i>	Can all ELSAs to be included in the ELF training that has been set up or does a separate bid have to be submitted?  <i>Enquiries being made and will report to next Mtg</i>
Val Golding will be running a series of Social Skills sessions for ASD pupils and their families at Kings during the spring of 2010. These will be for Year 7 and 8 pupils but she does intend to hold some follow up sessions for Year 8 and 9 pupils who attended last year.*	First couple of areas on the SEN evaluation form.  <i>Session at next SENCo Network</i>	Issues surrounding parental involvement?
	<i>Training for both SENCOs and TAs on how to run Social Skills Gps.</i>	All training opportunities to clearly state the school phase at which it is aimed.
	Info/advice re Disability Equality Schemes <i>Ref: www.fours.co.uk and search Disability Equality Scheme</i>	Advice and support on medical problems. <i>Advice on toileting issues for pupils with hyper-mobility, can I suggest that you contact Jenny Catcheside at the Physical and Sensory Support Service – 01483 519205 or <a href="mailto:jenny.catcheside@surreycc.gov.uk">jenny.catcheside@surreycc.gov.uk</a> or give me a ring at Gordon's - BMT)</i>
	Language based training for TAs and visits to other schools.	Primary liaison with feeder Secondary schools. Plan time to work together on producing transition IEPs KS1/2, KS2/3 <i>Meetings to address these requests to be arranged a next Network</i>
	More training meetings at Carwarden aimed purely at Infant phase.	Forums in which we can discuss the needs of individual children, something which is now not done at MPT meetings.
	Information, help and advice on behavioural support and for Early Years pupils in particular.	Funding to be acquired to release Teachers and TAs to study IDP. <i>Suggest Sch. Imp. Initiative 2010/11/12 or Bid to Confederation by group of schools</i> <i>See Collingwood Training opportunity</i>
*Currently exploring personnel to deliver social skills/social stories sessions for KS1 and KS2		Support is available from LLSS support assistants. This support to be made more widely available to schools as their work with pupils has proved invaluable.

Meeting closed at 4.15pm **Barbara Tresidder** Secondary SENCO rep for SHC