



SENCO NETWORK NOTES 4TH FEBRUARY 2010

1. Surrey's Model for Provision Management

Dianne Pickford gave the background for the drive for all schools to link their provision (for SEN) Management to the school budget demonstrating effective value for money conference held in Surrey 23rd and 25th February, 1st and 4th March subsequently.

A draft example of Surrey's Provision Mapping for one aspect of the SEN Code of Practice – Communication and Interaction Needs/Autistic Spectrum Disorder Needs, was available. The full set of advice promised to be available on the Surrey SEN Website by half term. (The conferences have subsequently told us that this is not yet ready so keep an eye on the bulletin!)

2. Behaviour Support

Anne Halliday updated the network on the work of SCC Behaviour Support and reiterated their availability to support behaviour problems in school by using the STEPS Referral form to Karen Woosnam. Anne confirmed that their (BS) involvement will always continue with attendance and advice if a child's behaviour needs it.

3. Inclusion Development Programme IDD

Thalia Grant Consultant for inclusion SEN presented a DVD of teachers' experiences of the value of following the programme. The DCSF's IDP DVDs in school have been difficult to use. The content of the ASD disk is good, thought provoking and extremely worthwhile and can be recommended.

Thalia recommends the old site, which seems to be working best at the moment is

<http://www.nationalstrategiescpd.org.uk/course/view.php?id=249>

Alternatively the new site is:

<http://nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/node/177221>

The link to the Staffordshire tool, which makes navigation of the Phase 1 materials easier is:

<http://education.staffordshire.gov.uk/PupilSupport/SEN/SENCOResources/IDP/>

4. Portesbery – SENCO – Claire Walker

- Claire presented a draft bid to the Confederation SENCO Network regarding the employment of a support worker for schools with a specialism in ASD. She surveyed the SENCOs present for a level of interest. There were 18 very positive comments in favour of the need for such a worker. The bid will be presented to the Confederation steering group later this term.

- Claire showed the network a newly developed computer programme designed to teach reading to children with Autism/SEN. It is an alternative way to teaching reading to phonics.

5. Networking Ideas /Suggestions/Requests

- Speech Language and Communication Needs – Training for schools / individual staff may be organised with Jill Chapman or Ann Blair, Speech and Language advisors. Please use STEPS booking form.
- Request for Family Support Workers to meet with SENCOs to discuss the needs of schools in relation to FSW's work.(Next Network Meeting.)
- Sub Group Training on sections of the IDP were requested. SLCN, Dyslexia, ASD, Behaviour. The IDP is for **all** staff so groups of schools may benefit from shared INSETS.
- Secondary SENCOs request opportunities to work with feeder SENCOs and classes on strategies gained from IDP for inclusion. Junior / Upper Primary SENCOs please arrange mutually convenient visits.
- **Occupational Therapy.** Referral to the service is causing concern as children without statements are not eligible for referrals.
- **Physical and Sensory Support Service.** This is accessible for support by referring to **HEARING:** Carol Maudsley, Grosvenor House, London Square, Guildford, Surrey GU1 1FA Tel. 01483 517851 Fax: 01483 517808

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- **Speech and Language Therapist shortage** .Many SENCOs are very concerned about at lack of therapists since the retirement of Wish Walters (Since the Network Meeting, the Confederation Steering Group has received a bid for the confederation to employ its own Speech and Language Therapist. The cost and appropriateness of this move is being looked into.)

Agenda ideas for Network Meeting 20th May 2010

- Networking session Family Support Workers
- CAF Surgery **North West** Lesley Chandler Quadrant Court, Guildford Road, Woking, GU22 7QQ . If you need to speak to a member of the team, please ring the Contact Centre on 0300 200 1006
- Confederation Speech and Language Therapist update
- Working in Transition Groups

