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| **Conception to age 2 – the age of opportunity** |
| *Supporting Families in the Foundation Years* stressed the vital importance of early life, both in its own right and for promoting future life chances. *‘The Government’s aim is to put in place a coherent framework of services for families, from pregnancy through to age five, which focus on promoting children’s development and help with all aspects of family life’* The 0-2 Special Interest Group was set up as a time-limited task and finish group of expert practitioners supported by officials from  |  |
| the Departments for Education and Health. We explored and considered how best to promote effective implementation of the principles set out in *Supporting Families,* with specific emphasis on children under the age of 2 and their parents and families. The focus of our report is the period from conception to the child’s second birthday. As well as drawing on the knowledge and experience of the Group, a major part of the work was drawing together external knowledge and research evidence of experience and investment in the earliest months of life.This report highlights issues for 0-2s for the attention of two main groups: service commissioners and decision-makers. For these two key groups influencing services for young children and families, significant messages about effective parenting and evidenced practice with 0-2s are set out in supporting chapters 1 and 3. Other, more specific, messages are summarised in supporting chapter 2, which aims to influence those responsible for developing the future workforce to intervene early and effectively in families who have (or are expecting) really young children, and who need help.To read the full report please follow the link below:<http://www.wavetrust.org/sites/default/files/reports/conception_to_age_2_-_the_age_of_opportunity_framework_for_local_area_service_commissioners_.pdf> |
| **FAQ Sheet re direct entry midwifery registered Health Visitors** |
| If this applies to you, this contains information you need to know to comply with NMC regulations to ensure maintenance of primary registration as Midwife with NMC. For action as relevant and discuss with line manager if you are unsure about any aspect. |
| **Spreading the word more widely – sharing practice** |
| **ECCH Annual Children and Families Services Away Day****ECCH Annual Childrens and Families Services Away Day** was held at Great Yarmouth Racecourse on Tuesday 8th October.Organized this year by Margaret Baluta and her team (ECCH Breastfeeding Team), the day was a resounding success. The event was attended by the whole of Children & Families Services’ staff, senior members of ECCH, Children’s Centre Managers, Children’s Commissioner and managers and leads from local authorities and NHS England, just to name a few.The day included some wonderful presentations from each of the teams. There were also guest speakers, including:* **Gill Rapley**, Best-selling Co-author of Baby - Led Breastfeeding and Baby - Led Weaning.
* **John Carnochan**, Co-founder of the Violence Reduction Unit and member of the Scottish government’s early years task force.
* **Charlotte Russell**,   Researcher to Professor Helen Ball - “The science of bed-sharing: risk, reality and practicalities”.

Staff were treated to a tasty lunch and had the benefit of being serenaded in the interval and at the end by talented guitarist Johnny Good.A ‘Bake-off’ competition was entered by many staff hoping to win an individual prize of Mary Berry’s cake book. A team prize of a meal in one of Norfolk’s leading Italian restaurants was won by the Healthy Life Team.The day ended on an even higher note when Pamela Agapiou, Director of Universal Children’s Services, was given a surprise presentation - a crystal inscribed award for ‘The Most Inspirational Leader’ and was also given some beautiful flowers. The presentation was made by the Clinical Locality Managers and Healthy Child Programme Leads in recognition and appreciation of Pamela’s hard work with the EIS project, which enabled the team to invest in Antenatal/Postnatal Promotional Guide Training, and Ages and Stages Questionnaires (developmental reviews). Pamela has also completed a secondment with East of England Strategic Health Authority. All this goes towards putting ECCH at the forefront of innovation and service delivery.Pamela's efforts have given Children & Families Services some great opportunities and she was deeply moved by the presentation |
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| We are now up to **164** followers which is excellent. Keep on following for some more updates! |
| **Reminder – spreading the word more widely – sharing practice** |
| Please ensure you get your article in to us in plenty of time.The sharing practice article contents that we have received so far have been excellent. Schedules have been circulated again, so please note when your next submission is due. Details of the next scheduled articles listed below:- |
| **14 November – Norfolk**21 November – Suffolk28 November – West Essex5 December – South West Essex12 December – North East Essex | Articles of up to 200 words in Word format highlighting an innovation or area of good practice (including contact details) are to be sent to Sophie Lakes, sophie.lakes@nhs.net by the Wednesday |
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