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**Information – Building Community Capacity Event 9th July – thank you**

A big thank you to all of you that attended the Building Community Capacity show case event at Duxford on 9th July. It was a really successful day with over 400 delegates in attendance.

The speakers were really inspiring with their messages around the importance of leadership, the delivery of the health visitor programme towards 2015 and health visiting within the public health agenda.

The market place presentations and workshops were innovative and insightful and demonstrated the range of Building Community Capacity projects that have been undertaken by newly qualified HV’s.

Congratulations to Norfolk Community Health & Care NHS Trust for winning the prize for the best market place presentation.

We left on a high from the day, there were lots of positive tweets and a real buzz at the end of the day.

**Tweets from the day;**

Really glad EoE promoted this today, it makes so much sense for our communities of practice

@JoHealthVisitor

Fantastic and inspiring day, given me many ideas to take back to work tomorrow, thank you for organising @lucyputney

Today has proved that I have chosen the right profession…..…we do make all the difference @ShellCarter2911

Inspiring conference in an inspiring place; I have the BEST job @louisesyed

Great day! SWECS/NELFT Parents of the world workshop was brilliant! Well done everyone

@sarahjane

Well done @Health Visitors the event was so popular you could barely fit everyone in!

@nhsSimon

Really interesting research from Dr Nasreen Ali into consanguinity in the Pakistani community. Really relevant

Just back from conference in Duxford inspiring day. Especially impressed by NCH+C’s contribution to building community capacity well done!!

@sarahjane123

Inspiring conference in an inspiring place. I have the BEST job

@louisesyed

**We will ensure all the presentations and photos are available on our website in due course.**

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**Information: Important Documents**

**The National Health Visitor Plan: progress to date and implementation 2013 onwards**

This document summarises progress so far, and roles and actions for the Health Visiting Programme 2013-2015, including ensuring the sustainability of health visiting services from 2015 onwards. It has been produced because, two years into the programme, we need to update the plan to build on the progress made so far and to identify how key partners will work together to take the necessary action to continue to expand the workforce and deliver the new health visiting service model.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/208960/Implementing_the_Health_Visitor_Vision.pdf>

**Nursing and Midwifery Contribution to Public Health – Improving health and wellbeing**

The challenges we face in terms of population health and wellbeing are huge. We know the impact of lifestyle factors on health, we understand increasingly the “causes of the causes” and we are learning more about how to support people to make decisions and choices which are positive for their health. We now need to practice in ways which we use this knowledge and our nursing and midwifery skills to make a personal and professional impact to improve health and wellbeing. Specialist public health nurses have specific roles, and every single nurse and midwife can act to make every contact count and become a health promoting practitioner.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nursing-and-midwifery-contribution-to-public-health>

**Professional Guidance**

**Health Visiting and School Nursing Programmes:**

**supporting implementation of the new service model**

**No.5: Domestic Violence and Abuse –**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/211018/9576-TSO-Health_Visiting_Domestic_Violence_A3_Posters_WEB.pdf>

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**Information: Apologies for the lack of weekly news over the past 2 weeks**

Normal service will be resumed now that we have completed our BCC event

We would just like to say goodbye to Lucy Hall who is leaving us this week and thank her for all her work, in particular with the organisation and running of the showcase event this week.

**NB please do not send any further emails to Lucy’s email account. We will confirm an ongoing PA account as soon as we can.**

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**Information – Spreading the Word More Widely – Sharing Practice**

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| **SEPT Community Health Services – Bedfordshire, 0-19 service**The Department of Education (DfE) and DH highlight the importance of intervening early and the role of different services working together to ensure that children and their parents receive early help where needed, in their jointly published document “Supporting Families in the Foundation Years” (2011).In response to this national agenda SEPT Community Health Services – Bedfordshire, 0-19 service have developed a integrated 2 year Development Review for our most vulnerable children in partnership with Bedford Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Borough.This includes 0-19 teams, Early Years practitioners, children’s centre staff and child minders.Currently in most areas Health Visitors carry out a Health Review for children between 2 and 2½ years as part of the Healthy Child Programme which is the holistic universal public health programme for all children and families in the UK (DH 2009a). The revised Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework published in March 2012 requires Early Years Practitioners (EYP’s) to review a child’s progress and provide parents and carers with a written summary of the child’s development in personal, social and emotional development, physical development and communication and language.As both these reviews encompass assessing the same parameters for development it would seem sensible that joint working between 0-19 and EYP’s would enable a more effective and efficient service for children and families. It will also enhance integrated working alongside provision of more holistic and joined up services for children and families.Tools to support reviewsGuidance to support the practitioners in carrying out both progress check and health review has been developed for staff. A joint two year old assessment form for EYS staff to use has been developed across both Local Authorities and identifies all the areas for assessment in age related milestones. The assessment tools for 0-19 health staff utilises the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ3) which puts the focus on the parents to consider their child’s level of development and promotes discussion about that development with professionals at the integrated review appointment. The Pilot in 2 teams is concentrating only on the children who can be identified in the Universal Plus category of vulnerability. To enable the appropriate invitation to be offered to children and their parents at 2-2½ years it was essential to understand the factors which are associated with vulnerability and agree this across all partners. This is best categorised according to the documents named above and best described in the terms identified in the HCP and The Health Visiting Offer. Alongside other challenges including changes to the way we currently manage caseloads on SystmOne the Key outcomes to be measured include:- * A reduction of the number of vulnerable children that do not attend for their 2-2 ½ year check.
* An increase in the number of referrals made from the integrated assessment for early intervention.
* An Increase in number of eligible children placed in 2 year funded settings.
* Greater engagement with families and positive feedback.

We look forward to evaluating this and rolling out across Bedfordshire.Deirdre WisdomLocality Manager 0-19 Central & South BedfordshireDeirdre.wisdom@nhs.net |

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**Reminder – Spreading the Word More Widely – Sharing Practice**

Please ensure to get your article in to us in plenty of time.

The sharing practice article contents that we have received so far have been excellent, and will all be available on our website from next week. Details of the next scheduled articles listed below:-

**18th July – Luton**

**25th July – Cambs**

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 suemills@nhs.net by the Wednesday. Please could you also ensure that you include clear contact details and which organisation you work for.

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**Reminder – Follow us on Twitter East of Eng HV prog@HealthVisitors**

We are now up to **101** followers which is excellent. Keep on following for some more updates

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E: to follow

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Programme Support – to follow