

Hertfordshire 'Bedfordshire and Luton Communities of Practice' Event

31st March 2014

The Novotel Stevenage was the venue for Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire & Luton 'Communities of Practice' event held in March this year. Over seventy delegates attended a wonderfully lively event designed, organised, and facilitated by Karen Afford (Hertfordshire), Jacky Syme (Bedfordshire) Hilary Hemmings.

The aim of the event was to learn from colleagues about practice developments in health visiting across regions. To share and learn from each other. After Karen Afford (Educational Lead for Hertfordshire) formally opened the event, delegates were asked to move to the presentation of their choice. The purpose of the table set up came from feedback from a previous event, as it allowed interaction with the speaker and encourage participation.

The speakers were approached specifically by their organisation; they included **The VIG** (project on videoing parents who need support with parenting). **Introducing the New Baby Friendly standards. Integrated 2 year reviews. Bump to babies programme**, we were lucky to commission a psychologist from Crispin Day team to discuss **Restorative Supervision**.

Feedback from the event was highly positive - comments such as 'an excellent event for networking', 'a really informative afternoon', 'I really enjoyed finding out about services in different areas' and 'a great afternoon, 'looking forward to using the VIG' - 'the new baby friendly standards are easier to follow' lots of info' it was good to see organisations aspirations' were typical.

Our next event is in July and we hope many of you will attend. The theme will be Baby clinics in the new world.

Karen Afford (Hertfordshire), Jacky Syme (Bedfordshire) and Hilary Hemming (Luton)

