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What is the GPPF?

Greenwich Parenting Practitioners Forum

(GPPF) is a termly meeting to hear about parenting support and parenting classes running in the Royal borough from both voluntary and statutory agencies.

It is open to all workers / professionals in Greenwich who support families.

The forum is unique in that it includes workers from

- Social care
- Health Care
- Schools
- Voluntary agencies

After each forum a newsletter is sent summarising presentations

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if you are not on the mailing list and want to be!

Find all GPPF newsletters about parent classes & parent support on the web at oxleas.nhs.uk/gppf

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The 11th GPPF took place on 10 June 2014 at the Memorial Hospital.

Part 1 of the meeting contained three informative presentations (see below).

Part 2 was an opportunity for networking and updates about parenting support and classes running in the Royal Borough with an update about the Families Information Service (FIS) resources directory.

1 Community Group Programme for Children affected by Domestic Abuse and their Mothers

Debbie Edwards talked about this 12 week programme for mothers and children (aged 5-11). The programme is delivered by Housing for Women & Children's Services (Inclusion, learning & Achievement). Criteria for referral includes mother and child(ren) exposed to DV where separation has occurred and the perpetrator is not living in the family home. The mothers & children's groups include being able to talk, understanding more about what happened, that DV is wrong and not the fault of mothers and children, managing feelings, safety planning etc.

Further information / possible referrals: debbie.edwards@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

2 ICAN: helping young children to communicate

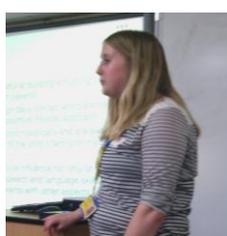
(based at Mulgrave Early years & Children's Centre)

Anna Corker, Speech & Language Therapist, talked about the ICAN ten week 'themed approach' to supporting young children approaching the age of 3 with specific speech & Language delay or disorder. While at ICAN children receive an intensive package of speech & language intervention for one term before transferring to their local community nursery. Referrals to ICAN are made by Speech & Language therapists and the service at Mulgrave (with additional places at Pound Park) is open to all children living anywhere in Greenwich. The package includes a strong emphasis of working with parents. For more information contact anna.corker@oxleas.nhs.uk

3 The Amber Project (Greenwich DV Early Intervention Service)

Rosa Sampson-Geroski talked about this joint Barnardos / Greenwich project that promotes an understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships. This is through a 6 week programme with individual women or running workshops for groups in children's centre's or other venues. The service is open to women who have been in an abusive relationship or who are currently in an abusive relationship. After the intervention, women are made aware of or referred to other domestic violence services in Greenwich.

Further details / possible referrals contact: rosa.sampsongeroski@barnardos.org.uk



Debbie, Anna and Rosa presenting their services at the parenting forum.

Next Forum: Please note change of date:
from ~~Thursday 23 October~~ to **Tuesday 2 December 2.15 - 4.30pm**
at Memorial Hospital, Shooters Hill, SE18 3RZ.

Special theme: **Children and ADHD** (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).
Booking essential. Please email pete.brown@oxleas.nhs.uk