

# CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER



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The Newsletter for Practitioners &  
Managers working with  
Children and Young People in Harrow



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## INSPECTIONS

Children Services Social Care had their unannounced inspection last week (Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December 2009). The main focus was the Contact referral and the assessment arrangements.

Staff and managers are pleased with the positive and encouraging feedback. Ofsted will publish their inspection report on their website on 30th December 2009.

Additionally, the following schools have had their Ofsted inspections with the following outcomes:

- ★ Stanburn First School (October 2009)  
Outstanding
- ★ Grange Middle School (November 2009)  
Satisfactory
- ★ Whitefriars First & Middle School (November 2009)  
Satisfactory
- ★ Glebe First & Middle School (November 2009)  
Awaiting result
- ★ Woodlands School (December 2009)  
Awaiting Result

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## CAF update

**On-line training is available now - email us to log on!**

The CAF steering group have agreed on a new revised form, protocols and guidelines. Some practitioners have found the national form time consuming. Therefore, we are revising and simplifying the form to help practitioners identify what relevant information to include. We have involved young people in this work and they have come up with very refreshing ideas and we think practitioners will value this.

The new form has proved very popular with practitioners in all agencies who find it easy and simple to use. Its speedy and efficient, with practitioners only including what is relevant to the child, but with easy access to guidance - a simple excel spreadsheet.

This is still being edited and will be posted on the LSCB and Children's Trust websites, being available in the new year. It is important to get your on-line training, (e-mail [caf@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:caf@harrow.gov.uk)) read the protocols, and make sure you are familiar with the new form, before you begin to do CAF's. All details will be available on the LSCB website, under Partnership Working.

The CAF steering group are currently commissioning new training to help support practitioners with partnership working and CAF. New training will emphasise the realities of partnership working, developing practice, refreshing our knowledge of information, data protection, confidentiality and developing local trusting networks to enable swift efficient engagement by all partners to help each other help children and their parents. On-line training is a re-requisite for any future training.

A series of seminars will be provided next term to explore partnership working and CAF:

DATE	TITLE	VENUE	TIME
5th February 2010	Partnership Working	Teacher's Centre	12.00 - 14.00
5th March 2010	Partnership Working	Teacher's Centre	12.00 - 14.00
26th March 2010	Partnership Working	Teacher's Centre	12.00 - 14.00
7th May 2010	Partnership Working	Teacher's Centre	12.00 - 14.00
4th June 2010	Partnership Working	Teacher's Centre	12.00 - 14.00



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## AWAY DAY OUTCOMES

### LSCB Away Day

This is an opportunity for the LSCB to conduct a self-evaluation and this time we did this by using the Ofsted inspection framework.

This highlights our positive partnership arrangements and helps us to focus on the importance of widespread consultation on the new draft working together guidance (expected soon), implementation of information sharing arrangements, CAF and implementation of our Laming action plan.

We also looked at our new infra-structure for the Children's Trust, preserving what works well and ensuring we meet requirements through our arrangements.

### Children's Trust Away Day

The Children's Trust away day looked at the impact that the Children's Trust has on improving outcomes for children and young people, with a strong emphasis on developing early intervention and CAF. Additionally, developing targeted support.

Overall both the LSCB and the Children's Trust have two key aims (supported by our infra-structure):

- 1) Safeguarding
- 2) Narrowing the Gap

Final governance documents will be presented to the LSCB and the Children's Trust meetings in January and February with the first sub-committee meetings happening from April onwards.

If you want to know more, see our websites:

[www.lscb@harrow.co.uk](mailto:www.lscb@harrow.co.uk)

[www.harrowchildrenstrust.com](http://www.harrowchildrenstrust.com)



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## Induction Seminar: Working Together for Children and Young People in Harrow

After our first successful seating on Friday 11th December, we have further dates for all to apply:

### **Aimed at:**

Our new termly Integrated Induction Seminars open to **ANYONE** who works with children and young people of NHS Harrow, North West London Hospital Trust, Police, Children Services, Schools and Colleges, the Voluntary, Community and Independent Sector.

### **Aim of Seminar:**

- ★ To learn more about Harrow and its people
- ★ To give attendees an overview of Partnership working in Harrow
- ★ To find out more about Harrow's new Children's Trust and what it will be doing
- ★ Information that everyone must know about safeguarding children and young people, i.e.: who to contact for advice and how to make a referral if you are concerned about a child or young person
- ★ Where to access help, support and advice locally

### **Delivered by:**

The next session will be led by representatives from Harrow Children's Trust

**Date:** 26th February 2010 (closing date for bookings: 12th February 2010)

**Time:** 9.30 am - 12.30pm

**Venue:** Harrow Teacher's Centre Tudor Road, Wealdstone, HA3 5PQ

### **How to book your place:**

Please contact the Harrow LSCB at [LSCB@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:LSCB@harrow.gov.uk) to book your place or visit [www.harrowlscb.co.uk](http://www.harrowlscb.co.uk) to download an application form



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## UKYP House of Commons Debate

By Rhiya Pau, 16 years old, Member of Harrow Youth Parliament

On 30th October, Harrow's two members of Youth Parliament were given the opportunity to sit and debate in the House of Commons as part of UK Youth Parliament's historic debate. This was the first time that any non-MP was given the chance to sit in Parliament and debate on issues.



Before the debate our local MP, Tony McNulty took us for tea in the Westminster café and spoke to us on the issues we were going to debate on, which was a great addition to the day.

*"The day was an eye-opening experience that gave me a taste of what real parliament was like. Having the opportunity to cast a vote and debating with John Bercow as chair made the day particularly thrilling, knowing that official protocol was being followed"* noted Rhiya.



The day was full of fantastic speeches by many young people on topics voted for by people from all over the UK and both of Harrow's MYP's were given the opportunity to speak. Rhiya made a speech about how the government should tackle youth crime, stating that more should be done to prevent youth crime whilst Aakash gave a note of thanks for UKYP and the House of Commons staff at the end of the proceedings.

For more information on the day please visit <http://www.ukyp.org.uk/>



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## MULTI AGENCY TRAINING

**Thursday 4th February 2010**

Child Trafficking Training (Level 2)

**Friday 5th February 2010**

Partnership Working

**Thursday 11th February 2010**

Safeguarding Children: An Introduction to Multi-Agency Working (Level 2)

Fully booked\*

**Friday 26th February 2010**

Integrated Induction Seminar

**Friday 5th March 2010**

Partnership Working

**10th & 11th March 2010**

Advanced Multi Agency Working

Fully Booked\*\*

**Friday 26th March 2010**

Partnership Working

**Thursday 17th June 2010**

Introduction to Multi-Agency Working

Fully booked\*

**Friday 16th July 2010**

Integrated Induction Seminar

*\*Additional dates in April to be confirmed*

*\*\* Additional dates in June/July to be confirmed*

# Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year

## Children's Legal Centre - 3rd Edition

A recently published Children's Legal Centre Third Edition of 'Seeking support - A guide to the Rights and Entitlements of Separated Refugee and Asylum Seeking Children report' can be downloaded from [www.childrenslegalcentre.com](http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com) or for bound copies, call 01206 877 910 or email [mcp@essex.ac.uk](mailto:mcp@essex.ac.uk)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

LSCB Board Meeting

15th January 2010

Inspection Requirements around safeguarding and partnership working

27th January 2010 - **SCHOOLS ONLY**

Children's Partnership Board Meeting

29th January 2010

Children's Trust Commissioning Executive Board

11th February 2010

Information Fair

23rd February 2010

## Comments and Contributions

Please contact us with your comments or ideas for future newsletters

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