



Leeds Parent Partnership Service

Advisory Board Meeting

21st October

July to September Co-ordinators report

Hope you all had a great summer , (*what there was of it I recall a week in June a week in July and a weekend in early August*) and had a chance to take a break and get away from it all and are all fully refreshed and looking forward to all that autumn has to offer.

The team spent the summer out in the community in partnership with the youth service at the breeze events. The summer offers great opportunity to raise the profile of the service and meet parents and carers face to face, a lot of families who do not engage with services attend the breeze events it is good to be able to talk to these families and offer our support.

We took delivery of 15,000 booklets and 3,000 posters We have distributed 10,000 to schools, libraries, doctors surgeries, hospitals, clinics and public buildings such as the Bangladeshi Centre, the Sikh Centre, citizens advice centres, one stop shops, the one stop community centre which is used by refugee and asylum seekers etc . The Family Hub have kindly volunteered to distribute the booklet to all the children's centres.

September is a really busy time for the service, all the schools are having their parent open events in the evenings and at weekends , the parents of year six children have to have their preference for high school in by 31st October so the team are attending all the events to keep the profile of the service high and to support the choice advisers to facilitate information sessions to ensure that parents and carers are able to make informed preferences and understand the appeals process.

The move to Adams court is full steam ahead , the new dates for the move are the 13th and 14th December the packing creates arrive on the 10th and 11th December. We are anticipating a smooth move with all the and IT equipment phones and furniture in place before we go so there should be minimum disturbance to service delivery.

Education Leeds acknowledge excellence on an individual and team level , staff and managers nominate teams and individuals to receive spirit awards, the Parent partnership team has been nominated for the third year form team of the year Angela has been nominated for colleague of the year and Amy Williamson our Choice Advisor has been nominated for putting customers first . There is a ceremony on

Friday to present the awards so we will all have our glad rags on and our fingers crossed, not quite ball gown and red carpet but we try our best I will let you know how we get on.

As you may be aware Chris Edwards Chief Executive of Education Leeds has resigned, Chris leaves on 31st December . Chris has changed the face of education in Leeds . He has always support the parent partnership service , he knows people as individuals and encourages independent thinking. Chris is always the first to congratulate success and acknowledge excellence, he promotes the services and takes time to value staff . We have shared blue cakes to celebrate our Charter Mark achievements and he never shy's away from speaking to parents and carers we work with always keen to listen to their perspective. We will miss him and his leadership style.

I have been requested to be involved in Service Level Agreements (SLA's) between schools resourced provision and Education Leeds the service level agreements set out criteria of service delivery that is expected by the school the LA and parents and carers as well as clear referral routes, this will make the whole process simple and easy to understand monitoring processes are also written into the SLA , parents and carers are part of this process.

There has been further discussions with regard to Education Leeds contract coming to an end on 31st March , there is nothing for me to report as yet .

For requests for involvement please see the engagement forms attached.