

Children's Wellbeing Networking Event Round-up Wednesday 20th June 2018

Herefordshire's Early Help Strategy



Welcome

The event was opened by the Children's Joint Commissioning Manager, Richard Watson, who welcomed everyone and spoke briefly on what the event was about. He then introduced Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst, Cabinet Member for Young People and Children's Wellbeing and chairperson of the Children and Young People's Partnership Board.

Following the introductions, Amanda Price (Children's Commissioning and Contracting Lead), gave a brief update on the Children and Young People's Plan and the four priorities identified for the next five years:

- Improving children's health and wellbeing
- Helping ALL children and young people succeed
- Keeping children and young people safe, in supportive environments
- Building up child friendly communities

We then got down to the main focus of the event which was the Early Help Strategy, presented by Nicky Turvey (Early Help Manager). Nicky gave a short overview of early help and of the Herefordshire levels of need supported by the Early Help Strategy.



Useful event with
interesting content...


This led into the workshops where we were asked to look at some case studies and identify:

- What is on offer?
- What are the gaps?
- What could have prevented these families needing support?

We also had to consider:

- What can help us be more effective in preventing need?

The workshops were separated by a coffee break where people were able to catch-up with old acquaintances and make new ones.



Lots of different
organisations

Wellbeing, Information and Signposting for Herefordshire (WISH) – the final session of the event was presented by the WISH team who updated us on the work that has been happening to improve the website which covers information, advice, services and activities

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for residents of all ages across the county. It enables providers to promote their services to Herefordshire's residents, so people are fully informed about what is available to meet their needs.

The presentation can be found on our web page.

Summary of event feedback

Places available – 60 (100%)	Places booked – 57 (95%)	Attended – 43 (75%)
Not attended – 14 (25%)		Feedback received from – 16 (37%)
How would you rate the event:	Excellent – 2 Very good – 5 Good – 7 Fair – 2 Blank – 0	
Was enough time allowed for discussion?	Too much – 2 About right – 12 Too little – 1 Blank – 1	
Were the interactive workshops useful?	Very useful – 3 Useful – 12 Blank – 1	
Positives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies • Networking • Sharing what we do with others • Discussion opportunities • Finding out what is planned • The presentation • To discuss the Early Help plan and what is needed 	
Negatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough time for discussion • Too many case studies • Very focussed on commissioned services • Not enough time to network • No acknowledgement of waiting lists, lack of capacity of local services and effects on funding cuts 	
Suggestions / comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perhaps a little more time to 'chat'/network at breaks • Useful event with interesting content 	