

Children and Families Networking Event Round-up
Wednesday 17th October 2018

**Working Together to Improve the Health and Wellbeing
of our Children & Young People**

The event was opened by Chris Baird, Director of Children and Families, who welcomed everyone and spoke briefly about the event.



Karen Wright, Director of Public Health, then took the floor and gave an overview on the health of children and young people in Herefordshire. Questions were invited before we all took part in a speed-dating session, where numerous information stalls had been set up around the room. We were given ten minutes at a mini health information station to find out what the service was about, before being prompted to move on to the next. This was followed by an interactive workshop.

The Public Health Team reports:

The October networking event on ‘working together to improve the health and wellbeing of our children’ provided a good opportunity to showcase some of the great work that is going on across the county. Council Chamber buzzed with energy and conversation with people connecting and networking with enthusiasm.

The workshops covered a range of real life issues and we will pull together some of the key themes that emerged and use them to help with forward planning. Some interesting questions and reflections were raised in the plenary session and although we know that we have some way to go in reversing some of our worrying child health trends, the event demonstrated a real willingness to support and promote efforts to improve health. We all want to do better for our children, young people and families.



Summary of event feedback

Places available – 60 (100%)	Places booked – 55 (92 %)	Booked-in – 43 (78 %)	
Not booked but attended: 9	Feedback received from attendees – 32 (62%)		
How would you rate the event:	Excellent – 6 Fair – 2	Very good – 8 Poor – 0	Good – 16 Blank – 0
Was enough time allowed for discussion?	Too much – 1	About right – 28	Too little – 3 Blank – 0
Were the interactive workshops useful?	Very useful – 6	Useful – 18	Not useful – 5 Blank – 0

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Positives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A focus on public health • Information stands • Networking • Presence of a range of professionals not usually attending • Sharing ideas • Understanding of public health agenda, commissioning arrangements and priorities • Case studies • Inter-activity • Well presented • Made lots of contacts • Good to have a workshop to keep people engaged
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**Networking was excellent...
made lots of contacts**

Negatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table groups too big when doing case studies • Lack of inclusion re MH strategy in 2018-19 service improvement plan • Feels like 'picking our brains' • Chronic underfunding not mentioned • No time for organisations to come together • Should be more reps from early years, schools, after school / breakfast clubs
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Suggestions / comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jargon – no explaining what that means • Nice pen! Best use of limited funds? • Would have liked more on what actual actions are planned • The first half was definitely more beneficial in terms of generating action & impact • It's good that people are leaving with new contacts , improved understanding & opportunities for collaboration • No need for public feedback - table discussions valuable enough
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Suggested topics for future events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health and wellbeing • Multi agency working / collaboration • Young people and crime • Drug and alcohol use • CWD, SEN and transition to adults • Resourcing plans & initiatives - financial, services etc. • Feedback from CYP that have accessed some of the services • Individual networking • Links to and within physical activity / Life coaching
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Organisations present:

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