

Sure Start Children's Centres, Extended Schools and Parenting Update

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Sure Start Children's Centres

1. Staffing

Sarah Roberts joins the Children's Centre Services team as Project Officer (Contracts and Commissioning). Sarah will be responsible for developing a strategy for children's centres that will strike a good balance between local and central service requirements.

The following children's centre managers/co-ordinators have been appointed:

Name	Children's Centre	Area: Wards
Isabel Pound	Westside Children's Centre	Basingstoke: South Ham, Brookvale and Kings Furlong, Kempshott
John Percival	The Windmill Children's Centre	Eastleigh: Bursledon and Old Netley
Marion Runalls	Haselbridge Children's Centre	Gosport: Town, Anglesey, Christchurch
Sue Turle	The Orchard Children's Centre	Havant: St Faiths, Emsworth

2. Capital programme

The capital programme linked to Phase 2 has required the development, procurement and implementation of 38 construction projects across the county. 32 of these of projects are now complete with a further four due to finish over the coming few months. The remaining two will commence on site during early Spring and complete in early Autumn or early 2010. When all projects are complete, the total level of capital investment will be in the region of £27 million.

Two mobile service vehicles were also commissioned as part of the Phase 2 programme. Both vehicles have now been completed and delivered to their respective bases in East Hampshire and the New Forest. These vehicles will provide an important link to some of our most rural communities, ensuring that much needed services reach those families that often miss out simply because of where they live.

3. Phase 3

Following widespread consultation, agreement was reached that Phase 3 of the programme would see a further 25 centres developed. This will bring the total number of centres in Hampshire to 85, ensuring that every community has access to the services they bring. A capital programme is currently being developed to provide accommodation within each of the new centre's notional catchment areas.

Initial feasibility studies have begun and it is anticipated that a majority of the sites will be confirmed by the end of May. Once confirmed, schemes will be prioritised and progressed with the ambition of completing a significant number by the end of March 2010. Capital investment in this final phase will be a further £9.6 million, bringing the total investment by the County Council across Phases 2 and 3 to some £36.6 million.

4. Parental satisfaction survey results

In the first year of recording parental satisfaction, 98.7% of parents and carers were fully satisfied with services provided by their local children's centre in Hampshire. The DCSF Sure Start Children's Centre Survey of Parents (published February 2009, available at www.dcsf.gov.uk/research/data/uploadfiles/DCSF-RR083.pdf) showed that on a national level, 92% of parents and carers were satisfied with services provided by Sure Start Children's Centres that were opened in March 2006. So Hampshire is doing really well. Our survey will be carried out year on year in order to monitor the progress of centres in their ability to provide appropriate and high quality services to their communities. To view the full survey evaluation please email heather.zawada@hants.gov.uk.

5. A new look for Sure Start

As you can see – Sure Start have changed their look. From now on all children's centre publications and publicity will follow the new branding guidelines issued by Sure Start in April. If you would like to view the guidelines, please visit

www.surestart.gov.uk/resources/general/brandingguidelines. You can also download the new logos from here. The new brand will be phased in gradually across the 60 children's centres already established in Hampshire, and will be applied to any new projects commissioned by the Children's Centre Services team. The shift in focus of the branding to concentrate on Sure Start Children's Centres reflects the importance of the services our centres provide to their local community and will help build a recognisable identity both locally and nationally.

6. Launching services – All Seasons Children's Centre

All Seasons Children's Centre in the New Forest was officially opened last month by Councillor Ken Thornber, Leader of Hampshire County Council. The Leader recognised the important role children's centres are playing across the county. Many of Hampshire's children's centres have had their launch events, inviting local dignitaries and families to visit and see what local centres have to offer. Many more are planning their events for the summer months, continuing to raise the profile of children's centres across the county.

Extended Schools

1. Extended Services co-ordination

Contact details of all the current extended school partnerships across Hampshire, their lead bodies and extended service co-ordinators, are available on the Extended Schools website or by request from the Extended Schools team (see the back page for contact details).

2. Funding support 2009/10

All extended service partnerships have been advised of their funding allocations for 2009/10 which comprise elements for co-ordination and capacity building and take into account the number of school clusters and special schools, pupil numbers, area deprivation and rurality. The purpose of the funding is to help partnerships and clusters continue to ensure the

delivery of the full core offer of extended services in and around all schools by September 2010. This will ensure that the target of 85% of schools providing access to the core offer by September 2009 is met, and will support setting up sustainable systems to continue service provision beyond 2010/11.

The allocations will be tied to a funding agreement and transferred in three payments to the nominated lead body between April 2009 and March 2010. The lead body takes responsibility for receiving and transferring funding to cluster schools and partners according to locally agreed priorities, acting as the main point of reference for communications, ensuring finance and progress reports are provided at the end of the funding period, and ensuring expected outcomes are achieved.

3. Disadvantage subsidy

Three extended service partnerships - Andover, Rushmoor and Gosport - have been nominated to model how disadvantage subsidy funding available from DCSF in 2010/11 might be targeted to ensure children and young people disadvantaged by economic circumstances, and children in care, can be supported financially to benefit from after school and holiday activities.

4. Quality and development

Three area Quality Development Officers (QDOs) were appointed in February to provide advice and guidance on planning, development, impact and sustainability of service provision. They will promote quality provision and support co-ordinators and partnerships to ensure schools meet the core offer by 2010.

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5. School Improvement Planning Framework

A copy of the new edition of the Training and Development Agency (TDA) School Improvement Planning Framework (SIPf) was circulated to all co-ordinators in January and individual copies are being sent by the National College for School Leadership (NCSL) to all head teachers this term. The framework provides practical tools for monitoring and evaluating the impact of extended services and informing a schools self-evaluation process. Partnerships interested in participating in a tailored hands-on training event in their area to try out some of the toolkit techniques should contact Stephanie King (stephanie.king@hants.gov.uk). Further details about the framework and how to order a copy can be found on the TDA website at www.tda.gov.uk.

6. A Safe Place to Be

Five schools from the Alton and Rushmoor partnerships took part in a one day workshop in February, organised by the national 4Children organisation. The workshop aimed to develop the Safe Place to Be offer for young people attending secondary schools during out of school hours as part of the core offer for extended

services. Staff, pupils, parent governors and co-ordinators attended from Amery Hill, Eggars, Wavell, Connaught and Samuel Cody schools, together with key community partners. Each partnership will continue to work with Children's Services and 4Children to develop a framework for engaging young people and an information pack for other schools in Hampshire.

7. Extended Schools leaflet

A new Extended Schools leaflet and poster have been produced for use by schools and partners and copies are with each co-ordinator. Further copies are available on request. A DCSF leaflet titled *Extended Services – extra support for you and your children*, aimed at parents, is also available to order or download from www.teachernet.gov.uk/publications.

8. Staffing

From May 2009, Sam Ward – Information and Performance Officer (Extended Schools) will be taking maternity leave, and Stephanie King - Senior Administration Officer (Extended Schools) will be providing the first point of contact for all extended school matters until her return.

Parenting

1. Parent Support Advisor (PSA)

36 PSAs have now been appointed and completed both a six day TDA induction and Triple P training. An additional 15 PSA posts have been offered using the same exclusion, absence and deprivation criteria as before. The total number of clusters benefiting is now 50.

Cluster (35)	PSAs in post (36)	Additional PSA post clusters (15)
Basingstoke and Deane:		
The Vyne	Allison Powell	Fort Hill Community School
Cranbourne	Vacant	Brighton Hill Community College
Aldworth Science College	Elzbieta Doyle	Bishop Challoner
Everest	Victoria Arrowsmith	The Hurst
Costello Technology College	Carol-Ann Robertson	
East Hampshire:		
Liphook	Sarah de Marcos	Horndean
		Mill Chase
		Eggars
Eastleigh:		
South Eastleigh Cluster Group	Elaine Roberts and Emily Harmer	
Hamble Cluster	Alison Horsley	
Crestwood	Cindy Gilmore and Theresa Holman	
Wildern	Anne Redding	
Fareham:		
Portchester	Wendy Sawyer	Crofton
Neville Lovett	Kate Durant	
Henry Cort Cluster	Estella Pratt	
Gosport:		
Bridgemary	Lynette Hobbs	Bay House
Brune Park Cluster	Linda Scott	
Hart:		
Fleet	Phillipa Prewer and Lucy Ellis	

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Cluster (35)	PSAs in post (36)	Additional PSA post clusters (15)
New Forest:		
Testwood Cluster	Louise Jay-Evans	Hardley
Noadswood School	Louise Wells	Priestlands
Arnewood Pyramid Cluster	Vacant	
Winchester:		
Henry Beaufort	Jo Winterbottom	Swanmore
Havant:		
Staunton	Dawn Kefford	Oaklands
Cowplain	Enid Treacher	
Crookhorn	Laurel Cuffley	
Purbrook	Claire Franklin	
Warblington	Katherine Parham	
Hayling Island	Amber Bain	
Leigh Park	Karen Kierstenson	
Rushmoor:		
Aldershot	Lesley Moffat	Cove
Wavell	Linda Parry	
Fernhill	Tracy Clement	
Oak Farm	Linda Graham	
Test Valley:		
John Hanson	Sarah-Jayne Sheldrake	
Harrow Way Cluster	Michelle Pelling	
Winton	Zara Colwell	
Test Valley Pyramid	Sam Taylor	

2. Parenting experts

Four Parenting Practitioner posts offering targeted parent support to more vulnerable children and families have been introduced in partnership with the Care Matters board. In addition to the four main areas outlined in Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) guidance, these posts will work alongside other agencies to address the needs of foster parents and kinship carers. The posts complement existing provision and three posts are dedicated to support families full time and the senior post involves a co-ordination role to support the Parenting Manager with implementation.

Name	Role	Area
Lorraine Frampton	Senior Parenting Practitioner	Havant, Fareham, Gosport and East Hampshire
Tracy Barnes	Parenting Practitioner	New Forest, Eastleigh and Winchester
Linda Bolland	Parenting Practitioner	Hart, Rushmoor and East Hampshire
Vacant	Parenting Practitioner	Andover, Test Valley and Basingstoke

3. Triple P training

Since the Autumn, training has been provided for 135 practitioners, including over 50 Children's Centre Family Support Outreach Workers. Triple P Stepping Stones training – a one-to-one intervention programme providing strategies specific to children with disabilities – has also been provided.

4. Parenting strategy

The County Parent Support Strategy has been reviewed and is currently undergoing revision to include recent and extensive mapping and a needs gap analysis. It is expected to be available for wider consultation next term.

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