



Newsletter

Promoting Children and Young People's Wellbeing in Worcestershire.
Common Assessment Framework, Lead Professional and Information Sharing.
Visit the website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/iwp

I hope you enjoy reading the October 2007 issue of the Integrated Working Programme newsletter. The training and implementation phase has begun! Don't forget to book your briefing session and appropriate training sessions! See the website (above) for the common assessment form and practitioner toolkit.

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Number of staff across Worcestershire briefed in phase 1 so far (up to mid October):



Training

There is a phased approach to implementation and training delivered through the school and community clusters.

Phase 1 – began at the end of September 2007 (Tenbury, Pershore, Redditch)

Tenbury Go Live date: 18th October 2007
Pershore Go Live date: 1st November 2007
Redditch Go Live date: 19th November 2007

'Go live' means those trained can begin to use the Common Assessment Framework straight away.

For specific training dates and venues visit the website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/iwp or contact cafraining@worcestershire.gov.uk

Future training phases:

Phase 2 – Jan 08 (Worcester, Bromsgrove)
Phase 3 – April 08 (Wyre Forest, Hagley, Evesham)
Phase 4 – June 08 (Droitwich, Malvern, Martley)

Briefings and training available for all of the children's workforce across Worcestershire

including Children's Services, Health, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Voluntary Organisations, Housing, Leisure Services, staff in Adult Services who work with parents, West Mercia Police, Youth Offending Service, Extended Services, Schools, Colleges, Young Persons Substance Use/Misuse Service, District Councils, Youth Support, Connexions and Early Years settings..... and so on.





What Training do you Need?

Briefings

All of the children's workforce in Worcestershire will need to attend a briefing, covering information sharing, common assessment awareness, the role of the lead professional and ContactPoint. Briefings will be 2 hour sessions available throughout the County.

CAF Practitioner Training

This training is for professionals who are likely to carry out Common Assessments or undertake the Lead Professional role as agreed by their agency. This will be a 2 day training course available throughout the County.

Managers / Supervisor Training

This training is for managers responsible for staff carrying out Common Assessments or undertaking the Lead Professional role. This will be a 1 day training course available throughout the County.

For more information on training, please visit the website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/iwp

You must book a place for all briefings and training. For a booking form go to www.worcestershire.gov.uk/iwp or contact caftraining@worcestershire.gov.uk

Thresholds Event

The Integrated Working Programme Board is working closely with Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board and it is important that we establish a shared understanding of existing thresholds of services for children, young people and their families. A workshop was held on 12th October to begin this process.

Feedback on this event will be reported in the next newsletter, but you can contact Debbie Key - email: dkey@worcestershire.gov.uk to become involved in this work. There will be an opportunity for wider consultation on this issue.

Practitioner Toolkit

Everyone who is trained (excluding briefings) will receive a copy of the Practitioner Toolkit. This provides guidance for completing a common assessment, being a lead professional and guidance for information sharing.

The toolkit will be updated and improved as we learn from the implementation of the Common Assessment Framework process, so please send in any comments on the toolkit to help us improve it.

For further information or to become involved, contact Jessica Glenn, Project Manager

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For more information on the common assessment framework, lead professional & information sharing you can visit: www.everychildmatters.gov.uk



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