

# Working Together for Change

## Dudley Parent Carer Forum

## Steering Group Meeting

### Wrens Nest Community Centre

25 March 2014

#### Attendees

Hayley Pearce  
Emma Taylor  
Georgina Homer  
Tina Cartwright  
Rachael Gardner  
Emily Turley  
Sally Waldron  
Rob Franklin  
Nicki Burrows  
Donna Roberts

Originally this session was planned to be two separate sessions one for event planning and one looking at a media strategy, but the group felt that because the two were linked they would benefit from having discussions around both so the session was merged.

#### Logo

A number of logos were presented however the group felt that they would like Sally's son to create a logo given his graphics background.



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#### Launch Event

The group discussed the Launch event that will take place on 14 May 2014. It was agreed that the event should open with impact and leave participants with a clear, strong take home message that conveys the purpose of the event and forum.

- Deputy Mayor to open the launch
- It was agreed the event would open with a day in the life story / poem that is told over a backdrop of photos / pictures. It will be powerful and create impact
- Contact a family will then talk about its aims and participation

- The steering group will go onto the stage and introduce themselves, say why they are involved, behind a montage of photos of their children at appropriate stages of their lives.
- John Polychronakis video clip will be shown (Lorraine will prepare this)
- A legal representative, Stephen Baylis (Solicitor) from Maxwell Gillet will be invited to speak about legal framework, local offer, code of practice.
- Short Presentation from Health Watch Dudley
- Question Panel – Invite pre-prepared questions from participants to put to (Gregg / Sue Marshall) from Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust / Cllr Tim Crumpton, Clinical Lead for Children Tim Horsborough, LA Julia Simmonds / Chris Ballenger. Education? And Stephen Baylis
- Cllr Crumpton will then say a few words to close; guidance will be prepared by Nicki.

### Newspaper article

To go out Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> may and to include:

Date

Venue

Time

Contact details

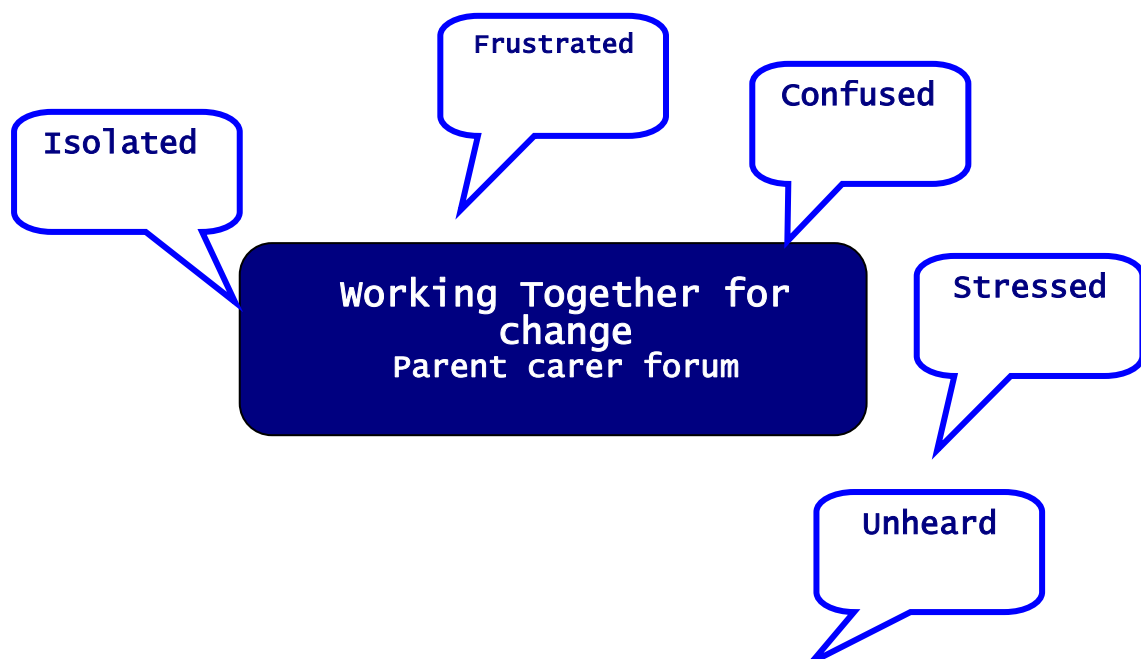
Book for Crèche – limited places available

Lunch is provided

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Text to include

- Supporting Parent Carers
- “empowering parent carers to have their voices heard in a way that influences change and service design”
- “Making your opinions count”
- Are you the parent carer of a child with additional needs or a disability?
- Representing the views of parents
- Working for change
- Symptoms of being a carer...do you ever feel



## **Website to be live by 14 May 2014**

There needs to be a page that states who's involved. We need a photo and personal statement from each member.

- Need a diary that lists dates of meetings, events, groups. All to feed in and edit
- Needs a page for meeting notes to be shared
- Case studies for service users
- Page for useful links / information that all steering group can amend.
- Needs to be clear about who we are and what we do.
- Needs to state that any parent / carer with a child with additional needs or disability can become a forum member.
- Links to partner organisations websites

## **Other ways to communicate**

Libraries Screen Shot

Twitter

Face book

Nicola McGregor

Members Group

Hospital

Clinics

Papers

Support of Key decision makers

Supermarkets

All mainstream Schools

Newsletters

Libraries Museums

GP's

Children's Centres

Radio

## **Dates of proposed meetings**

### **Steering Group;**

Proposed steering group dates have been circulated for preference and will be confirmed in the near future

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Insight for Carers.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### **Township Clinics, (Venues to be agreed)**

June 25<sup>th</sup>

September 27<sup>th</sup>

October 10<sup>th</sup>

December 5<sup>th</sup>

January 29<sup>th</sup> 2015

**End of year celebration and what next? event: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

The group discussed where they would like to meet in the future. It was agreed that we should continue to meet in different venues across the borough, parents had enjoyed going to new places. There was a strong feeling that we should only use community venues and support our local communities.

Donna, Nicki and Rob will draft a report on the agreed way forward and from this develop a facilitator plan for the Launch event and wider activity action plan. Members of the steering group will then sign up to tasks they wish to commit to. To be circulated shortly