

**Notes of Parents in Partnership Forum Meeting
Held on Wednesday
19th January 2011
Lofthouse Suite
Wakefield Town Hall**

Apologies: Gary Stuart, Gillian Archbold, Sabrina Archbold, Alistair Formby, Angels Brocksom, Alicia Tulley, Amanda Courtman.

Present; Fiona Law, Catherine Boothman, Dennice Grinsill, Margaret Cooper, Val Railton, Geoff Tulley, Sarah Scholes, Denise Daykin, Caroline Slater, Gary Cooper, Emma Jukes.

Matters Arising:

Caroline said she could not remember the issues about the data for Short Break so it must be resolved.

Caroline updated the meeting on the progress of the Transition work that was reported on at the previous meeting.

The Interim Activity Report for PPS was presented to the meeting. Gary pointed out that it appeared to be a good start for the year, that much had been achieved this year with additional meetings taking place to raise awareness of the Service. Dawn and Gary had met with most school pyramids to talk to headteachers, attended Team Meetings and support groups. The number of contacts and referrals was also up.

There was a good deal of discussion about the breakdown of referrals, with a high number relating to Communication and Interaction. Fiona thought it would be a good idea to find out what the issues and concerns were. Gary agreed to look into this more closely.

The next agenda item the forum discussed was the future of the PiP forum. The original aims of the forum together with a proposed update were presented and discussed. It was agreed that the SEN systems in place now were much better. The relationships between the forum and the LA representatives were much better and a great deal had been achieved. It was agreed that effort would be made to attract more members. It was hoped to have a representation at the forthcoming Parents Conference and the money (£130) from the DfE for raising awareness of PPS would be used to contribute to the effort.

In the open discussion session, the main topic of conversation was the depth and impact of the proposed changes to DLA /Disability Benefits. Emma commented that there had already been a large increase in referrals to Carers as a direct result.