Lincolnshire Parent Carer Council

Hosts the

Big Coffee Morning

and

Information Event

Monday 18th June 2012

Supported by LCC

On 18th June 2012, the LPCC hosted a big coffee morning and information event at the Bishop Grosseteste University College in Lincoln. We had already hosted a successful event in Spalding and wanted to give parents who live in the North of the county a chance to attend nearer to where they live.

The aim of the event was to give parents and professionals as much information about the services and support that is available to families of children with disabilities and SEN.

The format of the event was similar to the Spalding event where the morning consisted of a number of presentations by statutory and voluntary organisations.

Refreshments were provided at regular intervals and a light buffet lunch finished the morning of formal presentations. After lunch parents were given the opportunity to look around over thirty stands consisting of service providers and statutory and voluntary organisations.

Comments from parents included:-

- Thank you for a lovely day
- Well run and organised
- Thank you for holding this event, really helpful
- Excellent working, great venue and event

- I really enjoyed this event, it was very informative
- Thank you for a brilliant day
- Information will enable me to help clients
- Informative day – especially Buckles solicitors. Thanks Again.
- Really pleased about the format in relation to questions not being during the talks but time after.

Presentations were given by the following:-

Welcome
Coralie Cross, Vice Chair LPCC

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Council
Parents' Workshops
Hil Gibb

Personal Budgets
Barbara Simpson

Sensory Impaired Service
Michelle White

Short Breaks
Rosemary Akrill

Buckles Solicitors
Sarah Westwood

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Council
Thérèse Lord, Chair

Early Support
Michelle White

Carers Connect
Paul Hewlett & Sarah-Jane Nadin

Carers Partnership
Jenny Gammon & Pauline Mountain

As well as the many statutory and voluntary Organisations who have a stand here today, the following people from Lincolnshire County Council were also available for parents to speak to after lunch.

Short Breaks - Rosemary Akrill Short Breaks is the new name for respite. Consists of provision of range of activities for children who are disabled and/or Sensory Impaired.

Personal Budgets - Barbara Simpson Responsible for the implementation of personal budgets. This involves ensuring there is meaningful involvement of parents and young people during the consultation process.

Parent Partnership (Education)- Rachel Boothby Provide support to parents of children with SEN or Disabilities in the following ways: giving telephone advice about the SEN and School admissions systems; providing leaflets on a range of education matters; help with letters and forms; support at meetings in school; giving information about other sources of help and support.

Early Support –Jan Burgess, Rowena Corbitt Enables families of Children 0-18 to have access to information & coordinated support, to be at the heart of decision making about their lives, are enabled to take part in community life by accessing universal services and provision of Short Breaks, have their needs identified early and having a family key worker.

Sensory Education and support Service - Michelle White is the Children with Disabilities Team manager with responsibility for the Sensory Education and Support Service (SESS) and Early Support Care Co-ordination Team (ESCO) (see above). Can provide information specific to both services and in the wider context of Children with Disabilities and/or Children's Services in Lincolnshire.

Children with Disabilities Team - Lissette Watts is practise supervisor with the CWD team. The team is made up of two team managers who manage the Social Care Teams and 3 Principal Practitioners. Each Principal Practitioner supervises a team of Qualified Social workers along with Child & Family Officers–service can provide overnight short breaks services. Direct Payments can also be provided in lieu of a Social Care service. Referrals via Customer Service centre.

Speech and Language Therapy - Sarah Seamer works for Lincolnshire Community Health Services, Child Therapy Team and one of three locality co-ordinators. Her role is to help co-ordinate speech and language therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and therapy assistants in a variety of settings from home to school. All three therapies follow care pathways which clearly set out input they provide, how, where and by whom. Own therapy is Speech and language where an open referral system is offered and advice and support on a range of speech, language and communication difficulties.

Physiotherapy Covers children from 0-19 who present with physical difficulties which range from low muscle tone to complex physical needs e.g. Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy. Also manage children with long term respiratory conditions e.g. Cystic fibrosis.

Home 2 school transport - David Robinson School transport Policy is designed to help children get to their nearest school or suitable school when it is too far to walk. Transport is offered to all children who live more than two miles (primary) or three miles (secondary) to their nearest school. If children live nearer than this and the route is not suitable to walk or the child cannot be expected to walk, transport support is also given. Also happy to look at any cases for transport where it is not practical for a parent or child to make their own arrangements to get to school.

Additional needs - Julia Andrews & Paula Dunwell deal with the Assessment and Statementing of pupils with Special Education Needs. Can advise on any aspect of the Statutory Assessment process, Statements, Annual reviews, Special School Placements and general queries relating to SEN.

4all/Family Information Service - Irene Cook is a co-ordinator of the 4all database based within Children's services at Lincolnshire County Council. The database is part of the 1989 Children's Act legislation and provides statistics to help and support in the planning and development of services for children with disabilities/ additional needs. Children on it will receive newsletter 3 times a year and an information pack.

Carers Partnership - Jenny Gammon and Pauline Mountain - engage carers, public bodies and service providers in the co-production of Carers Support in the County Of Lincolnshire. Their motto is 'By Carers For Carers'.

Therese and Coralie earning a well deserved cuppa!

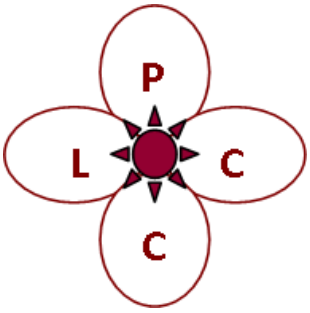
Your host for this event:

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Council

is an independent registered charity run **by** parent carers **for** parent carers in Lincolnshire who are raising a child (even beyond age 25) with disabilities and SEN. Parent carers participate in influencing policy and shaping services in the county.

The LPCC represents all families on their network and offer various events including coffee mornings, family cinema shows, parent workshops and much more.

See our website for more information:
www.lincolnshireparentcarercouncil.org.uk



The LPCC Team would like to say a huge Thank you to Lincolnshire County Council for supporting them with this event, the many Statutory and Voluntary Organisations who have committed to being here and especially to the parents and carers of children with disabilities and SEN who have given up their valuable time to attend.