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Dear Children's Links Member

Your news bulletin is produced fortnightly and is designed to keep you up-to-date with the latest developments in children and family policy.

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If you have any news or information that you would like to share in the E-Bulletin please email [membership@childrenslinks.org.uk](mailto:membership@childrenslinks.org.uk)

## Head teachers warn of mental health support shortage for pupils

Head teachers at more than half of schools across England and Wales struggle to find mental health services for pupils who need help, research has found.

A survey conducted by charity Place2Be and the National Association of Head Teachers of more than 1,100 primary and secondary leaders found that 56 per cent said there was a lack of suitable local provision for children experiencing problems.

More than one in five (22 per cent) said they had been unsuccessful in finding any services at all when they tried. The most common cause of being unable to find support cited by respondents was a lack of capacity in services.

In total, 36 per cent gave this reason, while 31 per cent blamed a shortage of local services, and 28 per cent cited budget restraints.

[Find out more](#)

## Funding Finder

CYP Now have a directory that lists over 100 sources of funding and grants to support work with children, young people and families. [Find out more](#)

## Right Time, Right Child, Right Service - Cambridgeshire Threshold Document and the Integrated Front Door

You are invited to a workshop to experience the new way of working in Cambridgeshire for our children and families who may be in need of help or protection. These interactive workshops will give you first-hand experience of being in a MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) and provide you with up to date information about how to access help and timely support for you, as a professional, and for our children and families. We will also be sharing with you the development of the new Cambridgeshire LSCB Threshold document and through the use of case studies you will be able to develop your understanding and practice skills to ensure that the right child receives the right service at the right time.

These sessions are for all those professionals (voluntary and statutory) who work regularly with children and families, and / or adults who are parents /carers and for those who have a greater degree of role accountability and responsibility for safeguarding children's welfare, for fostering and adoption and for managers who have responsibility for staff supervision (Groups 2, 3 and 4).

Aims:

- To introduce the development of the new Cambridgeshire Threshold document (formally the Model of Staged Intervention (MOSI))
- To introduce the new integrated 'front door' for all safeguarding and wellbeing concerns – where all MASH and Early Help Hub referrals will go through

Trainers:

Partners from Education, Health, Localities, Police and Social Care

Venues and Dates:

Burgess Hall, St Ives - 24 January 2017, 6 – 8pm

Doddington Hospital – Recreation Hall - 31 January 2017, 6.00 – 8.00 pm

To book your place go to

[http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lscb/info/14/lscb\\_multiagency\\_training/44/cambridge-shire\\_threshold\\_document\\_and\\_the\\_integrated\\_front\\_door](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lscb/info/14/lscb_multiagency_training/44/cambridge-shire_threshold_document_and_the_integrated_front_door)

## Cambridgeshire LSCB and Peterborough Safeguarding Board Joint Annual Conference

Adolescents Perception of Risk: Understanding and Preventing High Risk Behaviour

Date: 28th March 2017

Venue: Deafblind UK Conference Centre, John and Lucille van Geest Place, Cygnet Rd, Peterborough PE7 8FD

This event will be FREE to LSCB Partner Agencies.

Further details about the day and how to book will follow.



### Love your teddy and doll week!

As love is in the air this February half term, we at the Toy Library are celebrating by having a Teddy bear's picnic week!

The play area will be reorganised in line with this theme, With extras such as Face paints, Story time, baked goods for sale, find the teddy and name the teddy competitions

For anymore information please ring 01522546215 or

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## Free Trees from The Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust are offering free trees to schools and community groups.

With funding from their lead partners; Sainsbury's, IKEA FAMILY, People's Postcode Lottery and Yorkshire Tea, they have 3,250 tree packs to give to schools and community groups for planting in March 2017.

For more information and to find out if your group is eligible, please visit their [website](#).

## More than 500,000 children to miss out on free 30 hours childcare

It has been revealed by the Government that more than half of children currently claiming 15 hours of government-funded childcare a week will not qualify for extended hours to be offered later this year.

Under the plans to extend free childcare provision from 15 hours to 30 hours per week, only families where both parents work 16 hours a week, or sole parents in a single-parent household working 16 hours a week, will qualify for 30 hours of free care.

Childcare minister Caroline Dinenage revealed this meant less than half of the current number of children claiming 15 hours would be eligible for 30 hours.

In response to a parliamentary question, she said of the 910,000 children currently receive 15 funded hours, only 390,000 (42.9 per cent) would qualify for 30 hours. This means 520,000 children (57.1 per cent) will not be entitled to it.

All three-and four-year-olds will continue to be entitled to 15 hours a week of free childcare irrespective of whether or not they qualify for the additional provision.

[Find out more.](#)

## Upgrade your Children's Links Membership!

Children's Links' Membership Service is full of relevant children's sector benefits designed specifically to meet your needs. We have recently introduced new membership packages: Enhanced at only £75.00 per year, and Standard which is currently free.

If you would like to become a member please complete the membership application form or contact us by email.

As part of the Enhanced Membership package we can offer bespoke advice and support tailored towards meeting the specific needs of your setting. This will be provided via phone or email, time limited to one hour. The advice will focus on Committees, Recruitment and employment, Ofsted requirements and Finance

You will also have free access to Children's Links resources and guidance documents on key topics and legislation and much more!

To see the full benefits of our Enhanced Membership Package please visit our [new website!](#)

If you would like to upgrade your membership please contact us by calling 0845 3730645 or emailing [membership@childrenslinks.org.uk](mailto:membership@childrenslinks.org.uk)

## Children's Links' Vacancies

Children's Links have a variety of vacancies in the children's sector ranging from Childcare Assistants to Visit Centre Workers in prisons.

To view the current vacancies visit the Children's Links [website](#).