Cluster Meetings
During the summer term we held 13 cluster meetings across the county. Your feedback tells us that you have appreciated not having to travel so far and have also enjoyed the smaller numbers in the groups which has enabled us to have very productive and pertinent meetings. We are going to repeat this model in the autumn term with the hope that more of you will be able to attend. We are not aiming for very large groups but running more sessions is costly and our numbers attending were not much higher than when we only offered 4 sessions so we have to prove that it’s worthwhile. PLEASE make clusters a priority – attendance is a requirement for those of you with enhanced status… but more importantly it means we can sustain your excellent work effectively. The resources used at cluster are now available on our website. Here are some updates for the end of term.

Hello and Goodbye
Last term we welcomed back Louise Perry from maternity leave and just as the team was feeling they were a little ‘back to normal’ Alex Williams decide to rock the boat by announcing that she would be leaving ‘time to talk’™ in September. This obviously will result in some big changes in practical terms but not in passion or creativity! Alex has been gradually and quietly handing over all her settings during the past few months so many of you will hardly notice the change! If you are interested in following what Alex is up to take a look here vergingonvicaring.wordpress.com

Website
Our ‘time to talk’™ website has been designed with you and the families you meet in mind. Resources and documents are available to download using the password “Champion2014”.

Data - it’s not too late… but hurry
Thank you to everyone who has provided data so far. If you still have data waiting to be sent please hurry so we can include your information. The form is available on our website. Do contact one of us if you have any queries regarding data collection.

Autumn Training Brochure Available Online
Our Autumn training brochure is available online so please take a look and book soon. We are able to offer Tier 1 training in-house for a whole staff team (two half days or one whole day) as well as chatter matters training (one half day). Settings could pair up to organise these sessions. Let us know if you’d be interested. We are also keen to hear from settings that can offer space for us to run other training from.

Enhanced Award
If you feel that your setting is fully implementing the ‘time to talk’™ strategy then you could apply for enhanced status. Please refer to the guidance on the website, the requirements handout and speak to your ‘time to talk’™ therapist.

chatter matters
The new chatter matters sessions for nurseries and Children’s Centres are now available. The training looks at how to implement chatter matters sessions with babies and toddlers and you will be given with the newly developed resources as appropriate for your nursery or children’s centre.

VERVE is live!
We are excited to share that we are now able to offer VERVE training. This is available to settings who would like support in developing high quality interactions with specific children. It involves weekly video reflection for members of your team, with a Speech and Language Therapist.

‘the abc of talking with me’
Have you seen our new resource called ‘the abc of talking with me’? It is available to buy at £4 a copy or £3 for a poster version. It is another quality resource to share positive strategies with parents and your team. Contact the team to order.

2 – 2½ year integrated review… pretty please
As ‘time to talk’™ champions you are able to provide valuable information to the Health Visiting team when a child attends their health and development review. Many of the children are unfamiliar with the Health Visitor and may not show what they are capable of OR some may arrive with a very positively filled in questionnaire which may not give the Health Visitor a true picture of their needs. This is where YOU can make a difference. Please put up the integrated review poster. Please make a note of the children who are approaching their second birthday and ask their parents when their review is. Please put together some information on their progress summary – we have developed a one-sided form to help you if your setting doesn’t use a format which is easy to share. Please give the information to parents and please remember to ask parents how the appointment went. They should have a postcard for you from the Health Visitor which will give you contact details and any relevant information from the review. Look on our website for more information – there’s a PowerPoint under resources – joint working – and ask if you don’t have a poster or flyers.

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