

From Providers on the Residential Joint Working Group

Following the meeting at Haigh Hall in November 2007 we wanted to feedback and arrange the next steps to the formation and establishment of the Provider Forum NW to influence the agenda of the Placements Northwest from a Residential perspective. With the representation of over forty providers at the meeting we have the mandate to establish a Provider Forum which can influence and affect change for Children, Young People and their families.

This email is an attempt to support the next stages and facilitate an effective meeting bringing together the providers to legitimize and formalize arrangements.

Key points following the planning meeting on 19th March 2008.

1. The Provider Forum NW will elect an Executive which will attend and influence the Placements North West Joint Working Group for Residential Services.
2. The Executive will be formed with a group of the following;
 - a. Voluntary Sector Representative
 - b. Independent Sector (Larger Business)
 - c. Independent Sector (Smaller Business)
 - d. A representative of the National Agenda
 - e. A balancing seat so that all elements of the North West are represented .
3. The Provider Forum Year will run from April to April starting in April 2008.
4. Each member of the Executive will be elected for one year terms.
5. There will be a strict principle on One Organisation One Vote and One Payment.
6. The Executive will need to decide the following positions from within the five posts
 - a. Chair
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
7. Executive members must commit to attending all meetings and are not able to send substitutes from within.
8. The Provider Forum NW will be self financing and independent of Local Authorities so as to be able to influence. There is the ability and option to invite local authority representatives to the Forum in order to meet the customer and move the agenda forward.
9. Proposed Meeting dates for 2008-9 are April 21st at 1:30pm to form the Executive and to agree the constitution.
10. Subsequent meetings to be September 2008, January 2009 and the AGM annually in April 2009.

The meeting has been booked for April 21st at Wigan Haigh Hall in the Douglas Suite and we have space for up to 50 attendees. Tea and coffee will be provided and the meeting will commence at 1:30pm. As with the previous meeting it is vital that individuals attend who can speak on behalf of their organization and commit to funding (up to £200) and their time for the project.

A copy of this invite will be sent to all those who attended the previous meeting and will be posted on the Placements Northwest website to aide wider distribution. In conjunction with the principles and practicalities of Placements Northwest the intention is to bring together

those providers who are active and delivering services within the region to the 21 authorities. At the meeting on 21st April we will have attendance from some of the local authority representative from the Placements Northwest Residential Joint Working Group.

Should you wish to attend we would be delighted to receive confirmation of your attendance with your name and your organization by email to headoffice@northern-care.co.uk

Kind Regards

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