

Early Years and Childcare Exeter District Newsletter



Summer 2007

Toy Library Expands

Children and their families in Exeter will now benefit from the opening of a second branch of the Merry Go Round Toy and Leisure Library. It was officially opened by Cathy Baines, the chair of the National Association of Toy and Leisure Libraries. We were very grateful to her for travelling down on a very early train from London to be with us. Based in Devon's flagship children's centre in West Exe, the new Carousel toy library stocks a range of toys and games, many of which are chosen by parents and their children. It is also a friendly, informative meeting place for parents and carers.

Toys include lego, circus skills set, board games, pop-up tents, musical instruments, cricket, dolls houses and many more to choose from.

As well as providing a range of play equipment for children aged from a few months to early teens, Carousel has toys specially designed for children from a range of ethnic groups and with a range of disabilities. Many of these have been chosen on the back of a piece of research amongst families from different ethnic backgrounds and with children with disabilities.

We are very grateful to our funders for enabling this project to move forward. Thanks go to Signpost Housing, Local Network Fund, Awards for All and Early Years and Childcare (zero14plus) and Co-op funeral care based in St. Thomas. We are a registered Charity and rely on grants and without the above help, this would have been difficult to deliver.

For further information please contact Fiona Daughton on 01392 436777 or email Fiona@mgrtoylibrary.org.

Fiona Daughton is the Toy Library Co-ordinator and has been the toy co-ordinator since 1999. Play is such an incredibly important part of a child's life that we are delighted to be opening up a second branch of Merry Go Round.

The toy library not only provides vital opportunities for play to every child, it also helps parents to develop their parenting skills. We help parents and carers to discover the appropriate toys and activities for their children, bring to life the role of play in child development and crucially, get them involved in their children's joy of play.



Cathy Baines, the chair of the National Association of Toy and Leisure Libraries opens the new Toy Library

Childminding Celebrations!



For our 21st Birthday year, DCMA is planning some special events, helped along by Lottery Funding, which has been awarded for the purpose. We already have underway a Photographic Competition, plans for a Childminding Week and special events and a conference in September, of nearly twice the normal capacity.

The theme of the year is 'Celebrating Childminding in Devon!'. We're looking at 4 strands of Devon Culture and how they can be introduced to children – Coast, Farming, Traditions and Holiday Destination. The Exeter and East Devon event will be on Friday 22nd June. The location is at Organic Arts, just outside Ide. The base is an Organic Farm, where children can learn about the connection between food and the land. There will be organised activities and an opportunity to explore the surroundings. It's all free, but there is an upper limit on numbers, so to be sure of a place, contact Jeannette Allen - 01392 681648. Practical clothes are advisable!

Parents of minded children are also welcome to come along - find out more on www.devonca.org

Summer Play Directory 2007

It is that time of year again and we need your assistance to compile our play directory which is distributed to parents, schools and providers across the Exeter district. It is free of charge and generates a lot of interest.

To this end, I have enclosed a short questionnaire within this newsletter which I would ask you to complete and return to Nik Wright, at the address below, as soon as possible. The deadline will be **Friday 18th May 2007**. If your details have not been sent to us before this date they will not be included within the Directory. This will give us time to get the details to our printer and distribute them before the summer.

Nik Wright, Devon Early Years and Childcare Service, Kingfisher House, Western Way, Exeter, EX1 2DE

Dolphins Out of School Club

2006 has been a challenging, but very successful year for Dolphins. Not only did the children, staff and committee have to deal with being located on a building site for many, many months (while the new school was being built), during the summer holidays Dolphins were obliged to move premises to Pinhoe Scout Hut.

This meant going through the whole process of re-registering with Ofsted, not to mention the effort that was needed to move equipment and



resources too. By September we were very glad to be back in our room, on the site of our lovely new school and life could once again return to normal!

Despite this, we have all come through with smiles on our faces and raring to go. This has been reflected in the very positive report we have received from Ofsted who visited us back in December.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

Children are proud of their work and show interest in each others work. Staff take an active interest in what the children are doing and are skilful in encouraging them to express themselves and use their own imagination.

Helping children make a positive contribution

Children are extremely confident and happy they have a very good rapport with each other and members of staff. They are confident to approach staff with any concerns and receive a sensitive understanding response from caring staff. They receive plenty of praise and encouragement and listen well to instructions. Staff know children's individual needs very well. (OFSTED Report)

What Sort of Setting is it?

Dolphins After School and Holiday Club is registered

to provide out of school care for 40 children from four years to under eight years; children over the age of eight can also attend. There are currently 130 children on roll. The club is managed by a voluntary committee and six members of staff are employed including a manager and deputy. The staff working directly with the children have relevant childcare qualifications or are working towards them.

Children are cared for by staff that are committed and enthusiastic and work well as a team. For more information on this matter please contact: Claire Honeywill, Manager 01392 464255

Early Support Family pack

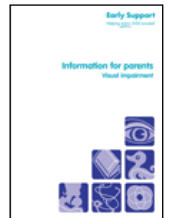
The Early Support Family pack is for families with young children with additional support needs associated with disability. Print copies are available free of charge to parents or carers with a baby or toddler.



Families are normally introduced to the pack by someone who is already working with them. Please be aware that the pack is not normally read in isolation - families get the best out of it when it is explained by someone they know and trust and when used over a period of time. The pack is designed to facilitate effective partnership working with parents and carers.

Early Support Information booklets

These publications complement the Early Support Family pack. This series of booklets gives families basic information about particular conditions or disabilities that are relevant for their child. They pass on information and suggest ways forward. Readers are also signposted to other useful sources of information and support – publications, organisations, helplines, support groups and websites.



Each booklet was developed in consultation with families who have 'been there before' and the content reflects what they say it is useful to know in the first couple of years of a child's life on topics such as autistic spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, deafness, Down's syndrome, if your child has a rare condition, learning disabilities, multi-sensory impairment, speech and language difficulties, visual impairment and when your child has no diagnosis.

New editions of other Information for parents booklets and other materials are being issued in Spring 2007. For more information visit www.earlysupport.org.uk

Redundancy pay and compensation

From 1 February 2007 'weeks pay', for calculating redundancy pay and some other entitlements, increases from £290 to £310. The maximum compensatory award for unfair dismissal is up from £58,400 to £60,600.

Pre-School Learning Alliance News



During the Autumn term we were busy visiting the voluntary committee run groups helping them with a financial health check. We have carried out this sort of support for several years and it is proving to

be very useful. Groups are now using budgets that look at least three terms ahead to allow them to be flexible in the services they provide for their communities.

We had a very successful Conference and AGM of the Devon Sub Committee. The speakers on the progress of the Early Years Foundation Stage Document, Law Call (the Pre-school Learning Alliance free legal advice service to members) and the demonstration of the EY Essential Package were all very popular.

All returned evaluations said they would recommend that their setting send a rep next year.

Committee members were also very interested to hear about their responsibilities from a National Executive Committee volunteer.

Many groups had their AGM's last term

- Have you told everyone who your new committee are?
- Do your contact details need to be amended?

We have a new publication especially for committee's.

Managing a Charitably Constituted Setting. This publication will assist Alliance member settings running to the Pre-school Learning Alliance Model Pre-school Constitution 2005, as well as other versions of the Alliance's constitution.



This publication aims to increase understanding and provide practical information on how to be an effective trustee (committee member). Areas looked at in detail include charity registration, responsibilities of the committee, roles of committee members as well as committee activities. Guidance notes to the 2005 constitution provide an explanation of various clauses, which will prove extremely useful.

Order now at www.pre-school.org.uk/shop or contact the Pre-school Learning Alliance Mailing House on 0870 603 0062 or pre-school.mh@plas-tek.co.uk

As always if you need any help contact your local Pre-school Development worker **Tanya West on 07981 296023** or tania@westcann.eclipse.co.uk.

Or visit our web site www.pre-school.org.uk

Work and Families Act 2006

From 1 April 2007, the Work and Families Act 2006 will extend the maximum period of statutory maternity and adoption pay and leave, whilst also extending the right to request flexible working to carers of adults.

Playdates for Summer 2007

Exeter Playdays in the Parks which have been running for some 20 years now, have had a makeover for 2007. This year we will be visiting more places and six of the nine events will be absolutely free! We will still have three big playdays to mark the special times of year, summer half term, Respect Festival and National Playday, but the others will be Fun4Free, an opportunity to come along with your packed lunch and join in the fun without spending anything. We are hoping that this will meet with the approval of the many overstretched families who groan at having to pay out yet again for bouncy castle rides, ice-creams all round, and so on. So here are the dates:

Date	Time	Location	Theme
Sat 2 June	Noon - 4pm	Possibly the Quay	Environment
Sat 23 June	Noon - 4pm	Belmont	Respect
Fri 27 July	1 pm - 4pm	Exwick	
Wed 1 Aug	Noon - 4pm	Heavitree	National Playday
Fri 10 Aug	1 pm - 4pm	Stoke Hill/ Pennsylvania	
Tues 14 Aug	1 pm - 4pm	Wonford Home Zone	Play in the Street
Fri 17 Aug	1 pm - 4pm	Lakeside Countess Wear	
Fri 24 Aug	1 pm - 4pm	St Thomas	
Fri 31 Aug	1 pm - 4pm	Pinhoe	

Network Meetings

Just to let you know the next network meeting has been planned! The summer term network will take place on Wednesday 27th June 2007, at West Exe Children's Centre. It will start at 6.30pm and finish at 8.30pm.

The main focus of the network will be looking at planning outings, risk assessments, places to visit, discounted entry into local attractions, transport issues and the Summer Play Directory.

If you would like to register for a place please contact Nik Wright or Christine Andrews on 01392 385380 or e-mail nicola.wright@devon.gov.uk or christine.andrews@devon.gov.uk

The winter term network, date and venue to be confirmed, will look at issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, behaviour management, inclusion, development and support, and play training.

Do you have a suitable venue where we could hold this meeting? If so, please contact Nik or Christine on the details above.

Managing The Paper Mountain

Document Type	Required Retention Period
Purchase Invoices and supplier documentation	
Payments cash book	6 years
Purchase ledger	6 years
Invoice – revenue	6 years
Invoice – capital item	10 years
Successful quotations for capital expenditure	Indefinitely
Petty cash receipts	7 years
Income/Monies received	
Bank paying-in counterfoils	6 years
Bank statements	6 years
Receipts cash book	10 years
Sales ledger	10 years
Remittance advice	6 years
Bank reconciliations	6 years
Deeds of covenant	12 years
Correspondence re: donations	3 years
Other Documents	
Investment certificates	Indefinitely
Fixed assets register	Indefinitely
Agreements:	
With suppliers	Under seal - 12 years after expiry date
Leases	
Rental and HP	
Licensing agreements	Other - 6 years after expiry date
Indemnities and guarantees	
Loan agreements	
Other contracts and agreements.	

(This information is taken from an edition of Charity Commission News)

Hazard Alert

Accident with Plaster of Paris - In the incident a girl was mixing Plaster of Paris with water by hand, intending to make a plaster cast of her hand. The mix became very hot, the girl suffered serious burns and her hands had to be amputated. This follows a similar incident a few years earlier in which a pupil lost two fingers. The safety Data Sheet supplied with the product did warn against making casts. Although Plaster of Paris is used for setting bones, in such cases it is never put in direct contact with the skin and, in addition, it is used in relatively thin layer so the heat can dissipate. In bulk the temperature can reach 60°C or so. **Before using Plaster of Paris to make casts of the children's hands or feet, please check with the product manufacturer that it is safe to do so.**

Age Discrimination Legislation

From 1st October 2006, the introduction of the Employment Equality (Age) regulations means it is unlawful to discriminate against employees by reason of age – young or old. The new legislation is being seen as the biggest development in employment law for some decades – it means that employers need to review employment practices and make any necessary changes to guard against potential claims of unfair dismissal, discrimination, harassment or victimisation.

Here is a quick starter guide: -

When Recruiting

Do	Don't
Remove age limits from job adverts. Avoid discriminatory language such as 'dynamic young candidate'. Consider where you're advertising – try to attract a wide audience.	Give candidates date of birth to the interviewers – use a separate and confidential form if you want to know the age of candidates for monitoring purposes.
	Specify a minimum length of experience, such as 5 years – this may disadvantage younger applicants

When Selecting

Do	Don't
Focus on skills, not on stereotypes – not all play workers are young!	Make assumptions about the capability or medical fitness of someone based on their age or perceived age.
Use people of different ages on the interview panel, if possible	

When Training Staff

Do	Don't
Make sure training is open to all	Ignore an older worker thinking they may not be interested in career development

If promoting a member of staff

Do
Promote on the basis of performance that you can measure rather than on age or length of service

If having to make someone redundant

Don't
Use age as a criterion.

If retiring someone

Do	Don't
Introduce and circulate a retirement policy to ensure staff understand their rights!	Force someone to retire below 65 unless you can justify your action – staff can now ask to work beyond normal retirement age and employers have to consider their request
Make sure you notify the member of staff within the new notification requirements	

A final point...

This new legislation does not apply to the National Minimum Wage which is set at lower levels for staff aged 16-21 – but it may be only a matter of time before this is challenged.

For more information contact ACAS on 08457 474747 Web: www.acas.org.uk

Out of School Development update

Thank you to all the groups that have taken up the offer of a Sustainability Health Check, I believe most settings have found them to be beneficial. If you haven't done one yet and would like to, please contact Alexa Sclater on 01392 385538 or via e-mail alexa.sclater@devon.gov.uk to arrange an appointment.

After attending The Planning Inclusive Play Level 3 Short Course provided through Liz Carroll at Devon Early Years and Childcare Service, I can not recommend it enough, (see training directory page 71). I feel it is essential training for all managers and or Playleader's in an Out of School setting. To find out more contact Liz Carroll on 01392 396557 or email liz.carroll@devon.gov.uk

Also over the year I will be contacting groups to do a Quality Development Visit. This is another useful tool for myself and The Early Years and Childcare Service to see how best we can support you and your setting.

I would also like to draw your attention to the 'Play Induction Toolkits'. They are available for use in the workplace and would be excellent for 'In house' training as they cover a wide range of issues affecting a Playwork setting.

To borrow a 'Play Induction Toolkit' contact Alyson Edworthy 01392 385528 or alyson.edworthy@devon.gov.uk

The Playwork Principles

A consultation led by Play Wales took place in 2004/05 to update the Assumptions and Values of Playwork and replace them with a new set of Playwork Principles. The new Playwork Principles have now been given formal approval by The Playwork Education and Training

Council and have received endorsement by the Skills Active Playwork Unit. These Principles are currently being used alongside the Assumptions and Values.

These Principles establish the professional and ethical framework for playwork and as such must be regarded as a whole. They describe what is unique about play and playwork, and provide the playwork perspective for working with children and young people. They are based on the recognition that children and young people's capacity for positive development will be enhanced if given access to the broadest range of environments and play opportunities.

- A. All children and young people need to play. The impulse to play is innate. Play is a biological, psychological and social necessity, and is fundamental to the healthy development and well being of individuals and communities.
- B. Play is a process that is freely chosen, personally directed and intrinsically motivated. That is, children and young people determine and control the content and intent of their play, by following their own instincts, ideas and interests, in their own way for their own reasons.
- C. The prime focus and essence of playwork is to support and facilitate the play process and this should inform the development of play policy, strategy, training and education.
- D. For playworkers, the play process takes precedence and playworkers act as advocates for play when engaging with adult led agendas.
- E. The role of the play worker is to support all children and young people in the creation of a space in which they can play.
- F. The playworkers response to children and young people playing is based on a sound up to date knowledge of the play process, and reflective practice.
- G. Playworkers recognise their own impact on the play space and also the impact of children and young people's play on the playworker.
- H. Playworkers choose an intervention style that enables children and young people to extend their play. All playworker intervention must balance risk with the developmental benefit and well being of children.

Extended Services Partnership Working DVD

A DVD resource pack and workshop session tools that show how crucial effective partnership working is to the delivery of extended services is available now. The pack highlights important themes such as working with the voluntary sector to reorganise school staff structures for multi-agency working, and integrated delivery of health and other services. For more information, contact Orbital on 0845 6060 323 or email tdapublications@omsg.co.uk quoting reference TDA/02.07/FH/171

Completing CRB forms accurately

Ofsted registered childcare settings

Day Care Providers (including after school clubs) need to register with one of the three DfES contracted organisations before asking the organisation to process checks on employees (unless they have already registered as an umbrella organisation in their own right). The three organisations contact details are:

Nestor Primicare Services Ltd,
77 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8RS
Tel: 0845 602 1759; Fax: 020 7434 9216
e-mail: crbinfo@nestorpic.co.uk
Web: www.criminalrecordsagency.co.uk

TMG CRB,
3 Wilford Business Park, Ruddington Lane, Nottingham, NG11 7EP
Tel: 0115 969 4600; Fax: 0115 969 1307
e-mail: crb.enquiries@tmgcrb.co.uk
Web: www.tmgcrb.co.uk

Capita Education Resourcing (CER),
Walsh Court, 10 Bell's Square, Trippet Lane, Sheffield, S1 2FY
Tel: 0870 850 2516; Fax: 0114 275 5800
e-mail: crb.enquiries@capita.co.uk
Web: www.capitaers.co.uk

Day Care Providers need to enter into formal written agreement with a 'contracted' organisation. The Provider needs to be aware of CRB 'Code of Practice' and adhere to this (this information should be provided by one of the DfES contracted organisations). The nominated person within the day care setting must ensure forms are completed accurately before sending to avoid delays. All yellow sections must be completed (see 'Applicants Guide'). Capital Education Resourcing reports the error rate of applicants is 11%. The 'Applicants Guide' should be used to help individuals to complete forms accurately. Forms are 'scanned' once they reach the CRB so they need to be completed as the guidance states e.g. in black ink etc.

Common errors

Section A

- Middle names are important and must be included
- C20 – if a woman has not married she still needs to enter her surname again in this section.

Section D – Important Section

- Dates must correspond with details in Section A and cover the last 5 year period – use continuation sheet if necessary
- Do not leave spaces between postcodes or contact telephone numbers.

Section E/F

- These sections do not need to be completed

Section H – Very Important Section

- Do not need to sign point 68
- **Must** sign point 69

Section 32

- Nationality – If English must state 'British'
- Country – If England must state 'United Kingdom'

Section X

- Not all driving licences have issued/valid from dates or Date of Birth details - therefore they **Cannot** be used as Group 1 identification
- A Birth Certificate, if issued after 12 months of birth, **Cannot** be used as Group 1 identification.
- A re-issued Birth Certificate **Cannot** be used as Group 1 Identification
- Original evidence of identification **Must** be seen by the person nominated to accept particular responsibility for this within the setting.

Section Y

- Leave blank – this section is now countersigned by the organisation processing checks e.g. Capita, Nestor, TMG etc.

Additional Information

- Any additional information must go onto a Continuation Sheet with all required information and the section to which it relates.

Errors

- If an error is made a line must be put through it and the correct information written to the right-hand side of the original – correction fluid must not be used.

Other Useful Information

- CRB checks take between 4 and 6 weeks on average.
- Providers must use new style CRB forms with CRB processing organisations details in the top left corner
- Some organisations may charge for repeat checks of existing staff but 'new' staff are free if one of the three DfES contracted organisations are used (for Ofsted registered day care providers)
- Overseas candidates cannot have a CRB check if they have not lived in the UK for at least 6 months – check with the CRB about what to do
- The Royal Mail website can offer information about postcodes. See www.royalmail.com
- Two copies of the CRB disclosure are returned to the 'contracted' or 'umbrella' organisation – one copy for Employer/Employee
- CRB Disclosures should be destroyed safely as soon as possible unless there is a 'dispute' between the applicant and the CRB. Information secured must be kept for 6 months in the event of any dispute
- CRB 'audit' the 3 DfES contracted organisations – follow up complaints from providers/others etc.
- CRB checks are only 'valid' on the day they are processed. The Employer must ensure other policies and procedures are in place to ensure 'continued suitability' of employees/other adults in contact with young children etc.
- There is likely to be a charge for rechecking existing staff via one of the DfES contracted organisations.

For further Information call CRB on:

Tel: 0870 9090811 Web: www.crb.org.uk

Early Years Foundation Stage: Statutory Framework and Guidance

What is it?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is a comprehensive framework which sets the standards for learning, development and care of children from birth to 5. It builds on and will replace the existing statutory Curriculum Guidance for the Foundation Stage, the non-statutory Birth to Three Matters framework, and the regulatory frameworks in the National Standards for Under 8s Day Care and Childminding. All registered early years providers and schools will be required to use the EYFS from September 2008.

Hard copies will be distributed via the local authority and are made up of the Statutory Framework and Practice Guidance booklets, Principles into Practice cards, Wall Poster and CD are available on <http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/eyfs/>. This publication is also available to download from www.teachernet.gov.uk - ref DfES 00012-2007PCK-EN

Employer Supported Childcare

Certain childcare arrangements made by employers, either with their employees or directly with you can mean tax and National Insurance contributions (NICS) savings for both the employer and the employee.

Therefore, the parents of the children you look after, or their employers, may ask you to receive payments in a different way from your standard arrangements with parents, so that they can benefit from those savings. You do not have to participate in these arrangements but if you do, you should not be disadvantaged in any way.

For more information on the differing types of payments available and how to handle these payments please contact Nik Wright or Christine Andrews on: 01392 385380/385538 or by e-mail nicola.wright@devon.gov.uk or christine.andrews@devon.gov.uk

FUNDING

Inclusive Funding Grant

The aim of this funding is to provide childcare for working parents and carers and could be used to provide or develop wraparound sessions to existing respite care. Grants can be allocated up to a maximum of £2000 per setting per annum. This funding will be allocated to increase staffing ratios to promote the inclusion of groups of disabled children in out of school settings offering childcare, minimum ratio one member of staff to support two children.

For more information contact: Liz Carroll, Inclusive Play Co-ordinator, Kingfisher House, Western Way, Exeter, EX1 2DE Tel: 01392 386557, e-mail: liz.carroll@devon.gov.uk

Funding Information Contacts at County Hall, Exeter

External Funding Team

Based in the Children and Young People's Service, the External Funding Team can offer advice and information on developing and funding educational and community projects. The team can provide up to date guidance on specific funds, including lottery grants.

Contact Kate Osment, External Funding Team, Children & Young People's Service, Devon County Council, County Hall, Exeter. Tel: 01392 382076 or email kate.osment@devon.gov.uk

Community Council of Devon

Offer support for all rural communities in Devon, encompassing a whole range of services aimed at helping those communities work towards a better future for rural communities in Devon.

Contact Terry Black, Community Council of Devon on 01392 383443 or email terry@devonrcc.org.uk

Free guide to good fundraising

The Institute of Fundraising has launched The Good Fundraising Guide, an introduction to fundraising for charities and fundraisers. This can be downloaded at www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk

Fundraising opportunities for 4Children members

4Children is seeking to gauge support for a fantastic fundraising opportunity for members.

4Children will manage a raffle and the associated costs. All you have to do is sell tickets and your childcare setting will receive half the proceeds.

Sell 40 books at £10 per book and your club will receive £200! If your childcare setting sells the most tickets, it will receive £1,000. The childcare setting that sells the winning ticket, will also receive £1,000!

4Children will work closely with you and will provide the necessary support to help make fundraising for your club work.

If 4Children can make this fundraising initiative a success together, they would seek to run these raffles 2 - 3 times a year to provide a steady stream of funding for your childcare setting.

Register your interest by telephoning the number below. For more information on becoming a member of 4Children please contact: 020 7512 2100

For more information please email: 4Children@ma001.com or call 020 7522 6954

Food Safety Training

Adult and Community Learning are offering a CIEH Award in Food Safety in Catering. Cost £38 - Concessions Available. Call 01803 862020 for details of times/dates/venues. Courses can be arranged for you. Daytime or evening courses available.

Active Club Course

The Active Club is a practical course which has been put together in conjunction with the British Heart Foundation and 4Children. The training is hands on and participants will be able to try out some of the activities themselves.

By attending the course your group will receive a copy of the Active Club resources pack free of charge.

The course would be suitable for all adults involved in out of school clubs, pre-schools, sports and leisure centres, lunchtime supervisors or playleaders involved with playschemes

If you would like to register your interest for the next course which is due to run in the Summer Term, please e-mail me at nicola.wright@devon.gov.uk or telephone 01392 385380

Free training sessions on essential Ofsted information (for childminders, crèches, nurseries, out of school clubs, pre-schools)

Course content includes:

- Essential toolkit for day care providers
- Ofsted Childcare Register
- Childcare Sufficiency Assessment
- Childcare Referral Service

Bookings are necessary. Places are limited to two people per setting and can be arranged by calling Lindi or Sarah, Devon Early Years Inspection Support Team on tel. 01392 385 536. The training is being held at other venues - call for details.

Exeter	4 June (Mon)	10 am – 12 noon
Exeter	7 June (Thurs)	7 – 9 pm
Tiverton	20 June (Wed)	1 – 3 pm
Buckfast	26 June (Tues)	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Honiton	13 June (Wed)	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Okehampton	12 June (Tues)	6.30 – 8.30 pm

Mags Woodley

Many of you will be aware that Mags Woodley a District Co-ordinator for Exeter has been battling with cancer for the past two years and we are really sad to inform you that Mags lost her fight and passed away on Sunday 18th March 2007.

We all know how much Mags meant to us in Exeter, apart from being really committed to her job, she was a vibrant, caring person with a wonderful sense of humour and personality, which many of you knew very well and will miss very much.

In memory of Mags the District Co-ordinator team will be taking part in this years 'Race for Life' for Cancer Research. If you would to sponsor the team please contact your District Co-ordinator.

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Who we are and how to contact us

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CAMHS Training Courses

Free training on child and adolescent mental health and emotional well-being!

Our two day foundation programme will provide you with an introduction to the mental health, social and emotional needs of children and young people. It will look at ways you can promote positive mental health within your work role as well as demystifying mental health difficulties. Dates; 23rd – 24th May 2007; 15th-16th October 2007; Venue; The Maltings, Newton Abbot. Call 01803 861828/861940 or visit www.camhs.nhs.uk to book.

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