



Birmingham Forward Steps e-bulletin



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Voluntary Sector Partner Update

City-wide partners

A key part of the Birmingham Forward Steps model is our partnership with four voluntary sector partners. Home-Start, KIDS West Midlands, Pre-School Learning Alliance and Thrive Together Birmingham all provide services which will greatly enhance our core offer by supporting and developing community and volunteer-led provision.

Home-Start

Home-Start will now be offering family support interventions across Birmingham. There are six different Home-Start schemes within Birmingham and the table below shows which scheme will be covering which areas of the city. Some schemes are fully ready to accept new referrals, whilst others need to undertake some recruitment both of staff and of new volunteers, so may only offer a reduced service in the first instance. Please make contact and start a dialogue with the relevant Home-Start scheme for

your area and ensure they are invited to the Children's Centre allocation meetings.

The Home-Start referral form can be found on their website:

<http://www.homestartbirmingham.co.uk/referrers.html>

Referrals should be made through the allocation meeting process where possible, but please note that a referral form will still be required.

Home-Start Contact details	Wards Covered
<p>Home-Start Birmingham Central & South West The Jewellery Business Centre, Suite 328 95 Spencer Street B18 6DA Email: admin@homestartbcsw.org Tel: 0121 794 7225</p>	<p>Bartley Green Edgbaston Harborne Ladywood Quinton Soho</p>
<p>Home-Start Birmingham North West United Reformed Church 1 Brassington Avenue Sutton Coldfield B73 6AA info@homestartbnw.org.uk Tel & Fax: 0121 321 2277</p>	<p>Kingstanding Oscott Perry Barr Sutton Four Oaks Sutton Newhall Sutton Vesey Sutton Trinity</p>
<p>Home-Start Cole Valley 116 Church Road Yardley B25 8UX info@homestartcolevally.org.uk Tel & Fax: 0121 572 0800</p>	<p>Acocks Green Hall Green Moseley & Kings Heath Sheldon South Yardley Sparkbrook Springfield Stechford & Yardley North</p>
<p>Home-Start Birmingham South Hampstead House Condover Road</p>	<p>Billesley Bournville Brandwood</p>

<p>West Heath B31 3QY contactus@homestartbs.org.uk</p> <p>Tel: 0121 476 3759</p>	<p>Kings Norton Longbridge Northfield Selly Oak Weoley</p>
<p>Home-Start Stockland Green/Erdington Erdington Baptist Church Wood End Road Erdington B24 8AD homestartstocklandgreen@yahoo.co.uk</p> <p>Tel: 0121 373 1376 Fax: 0121 572 5427</p>	<p>Aston Erdington Handsworth Wood Lozells & East Handsworth Nechells Stockland Green</p>
<p>Home-Start Birmingham Tameside The Sanctuary Tangmere Drive Castle Vale B35 7PX homestartbirminghamtameside@yahoo.co.uk</p> <p>Tel: 0121 747 4631 Fax: 0121 748 3301</p>	<p>Bordesley Green Hodge Hill Shard End Tyburn Washwood Heath</p>

Pre-School Learning Alliance and Thrive Together Birmingham (PLA and Thrive)

PLA and Thrive will be working together to support Stay and Play provision which is provided by community organisations and volunteers. More detail about this approach can be found in the Interim Guidance issued last week. By supporting existing community-led Stay and Play groups and promoting and encouraging the growth of new groups across the city PLA and Thrive hope to create a 'Birmingham Community Stay and Play Network'.

Both organisations are in the process of developing the new service and it is anticipated that both services will be up and running by the start of April. In the meantime PLA are keen to hear from you. Service Manager Kerry Armitt is starting to gather information to inform an audit of existing provision and identify target areas for the development of new groups.

Please contact kerry.armitt@pre-school.org.uk to share your local knowledge of:

- Existing community or volunteer-led Stay and Play groups (or similar groups with different names, such as mother and toddler groups or Messy Play sessions)
- Parents or other volunteers who have expressed an interest in leading groups (for instance parents who came forward to express an interest in maintaining groups that were due for closure)
- Areas where Stay and Play provision has stopped due to Children's Centre closures
- Areas where there is no community-led provision which could be targeted for development

KIDS West Midlands

KIDS will be working within our Children's Centres to provide support groups for families with children with special needs. It is anticipated that there will be group in each district of the city. In the long term they want parents to be leading and steering these groups so your existing relationship with parents will be very helpful in developing this new model. KIDS are developing the staff team to deliver this service and are now recruiting to posts. More details about the vacancies are available on their website:

www.kids.org.uk/west-midlands

Health Visitors

1. Health Visitors have continued to deliver support to children and families throughout the period of induction for our partners across the Children's Centre's. The service is continuing to work within the localities to provide baby clinics and developmental assessments.

BFS Contacts

1. The contact details for Birmingham Forward Steps children's centres are on [the new website](#) and also available via reception of the sites. The BFS website contains a postcode checker directing users to their local children's centre and providing the phone number. [A full list of phone numbers is also available on the BCHC website here.](#)
2. Referral forms and consent forms are also available on the website to be **completed** and **discussed** directly to the Children's Centres for any 'requests for services'.
3. The Health Visiting Directory can be found on the BFS website which provides full details of Health Visiting contacts.
4. Secure email addresses for all partner communications relating to children are being arranged

and will be communicated to local stakeholders and multi-agency partners imminently.

5. The [Birmingham Forward Steps website](#) is live to support information for public and professionals and will be developed with further service information and resources for professionals going forward.

Upcoming Events

1. **30th January 2018** - Operational Managers/District Managers 'getting to know each other' event with discussions regarding operational related matters, (invites sent via email).
2. **13th February 2018** – Team Leaders/Children's Centre Managers to 'getting to know each other' event with discussions regarding operational related matters, (invites to be sent via email).



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