

Some points of interest from December CHSWG meeting

- The CHSWG is trying to clarify the easiest way for parents to acquire equipment e.g. smoke alarm alerts in Hounslow, Richmond and Ealing.
[If you have been successful in getting equipment (not hearing aids), please share your experience with us]
- A flyer will be made highlighting the "Deaf Awareness" page on the Toy Library's website.
- Penny Allen is the Chair of CHSWG for 2012 and Linda Dhillon is Vice-Chair.
- Janet Lowe was thanked for Chairing CHSWG in 2011 and for all the work she has done.
- CHSWG are planning a fun event in July that will include a visit from the Listening Bus.
- Information and news from Education, Speech and Language therapy, audiology, Newborn screening and the voluntary services was updated
 - Hounslow
 - Hounslow has a speech and language therapist for pre-school children on Thursdays
 - Tea, toys and talking is running monthly
 - looking into setting up An NDCS parent group.
 - Ealing
 - a new secondary unit is opening in September 2012-01-08
 - speech and language therapy continuing in deaf unit, pre-school and primary children
 - post for secondary speech and language therapist agreed for 2012-01-08
 - a pre-school group is being planned
 - Richmond - no-one present at meeting
- NDCS news
 - new quality standards for transition from children > adult services
 - new Black and Ethnic Minority co-ordinator has been appointed. Hounslow has been chosen for a pilot project - e.g. family sign language, parenting and outreach
 - new project for teenagers - "Healthy Deaf Minds"
 - Family Weekend for newly diagnosed children in Uxbridge, 24th - 26th February, 2012
- Toy Library
 - facing a proposed 5% cut for 2012 and 2013
- Parent Reps
 - new guidelines have been published regarding requesting extra exam time for children with special needs. The school is now responsible for applying for this time for each child in writing.
 - speech and language therapy is difficult to access in Richmond. This may change as Richmond and Hounslow are now one service.
 - appointments for moulds are not routinely sent out. Parents need to be informed that they can request an appointment when needed.

The next CHSWG meeting will be in March 2012.