



CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TEAM



NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2010

THE TEAM

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Lesley Beath, Occupational Therapist (Part Time)
Louise Boyle, Social Worker (Part Time)
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Lindsay Park, Occupational Therapist (Part Time)
Lorraine Scott, Occupational Therapists (Part Time)

Gill Bedwell, Occupational Therapist/Access Officer
Norma Cleland, Social Worker (Part Time)
Jennifer Madden, Social Worker (Part Time)
Kathleen McCormick, Senior Social Worker
Morag O'Dwyer, Team Manager
Myra Robertson, Admin Support
Helen Ruffell, Social Worker (Part Time)

Welcome to the team:- Lorraine Scott & Mary Ann McGibbon

RETIREMENT

Sylvia Tate, former Team Manager, Children with Disabilities Team is retiring on 31st May. We wish her all the very best.

SHORT BREAKS CARERS

We had a very successful recruitment and we currently have 8 people undertaking our preparation and training course. Hopefully they will all go on to become registered carers with us. Our Short Breaks Carers provide short breaks for children with disabilities and an opportunity for parents to have a break from caring.

DUTY SYSTEM

A member of the team is available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for parents/carers who do not have any allocated Social Worker but who may wish advice and assistance on matters relating to their child and/or their health. The worker can be contacted on the number above and a home visit can be arranged if necessary. If they are out they will get back to you as soon as is possible if you leave your details.

INTERNET SAFETY

Every parent is concerned about internet safety. Here are some useful sites:-

www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.respectme.org.uk

SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHEME

The Scheme will run from 5th July – 13th August. It will be based at the Community Education Unit, Abbots Road, Grangemouth. To attend the scheme an application form is required to be completed and returned by 1st June 2010. The scheme continues to receive excellent reports from the Care Commission – please see www.carecommission.com report on Falkirk Activity Scheme.

THE MOSAIC PROJECT

Support following childhood acquired brain injury. Contact Mary Dryburgh, Child Brain Injury Trust, Princes House, 5 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh. EH2 4RG. Tel 0131-337-9523
Email marydryburgh@cbituk.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Help Programme – NAS will be running a course here in Falkirk on 20 Oct 2010 at Falkirk Town Hall, 9.30am to 3pm.

Costs: Free to parents/carers

Target Audience: Parents/carers

Contact Details:

help! team

The National Autistic Society Scotland

Central Chambers

First Floor

109 Hope Street

Glasgow G2 6LL

Tel: 0141 285 7114

Email: help.programmescotland@nas.org.uk

EPILEPSY CONNECTIONS

Epilepsy Connections is a support organisation offering support to people living with Epilepsy. Please see the website

www.epilepsyconnections.org.uk or contact the Forth Valley Project on 01324-692030.



Travel Pass

Travel passes can be obtained from your One Stop Shop. Once completed this will enable your young person to travel free, with their carer, on buses across the area.

Health Pass

These can be obtained by contacting John Banks, Falkirk Stadium, Falkirk.

- state your child's name
- address
- disability
- how many carers are required to take your young person swimming (the child pays and the carer swims free).

Cineworld

Cineworld offers free entry to carers **if** a child/young person has a **Cinema Exhibitors Association Card** (CEA card).

To apply for this please visit the CEA website on www.ceacard.co.uk or call 0845 123 1292 and they will be able to send a form to you.

Should you have any further queries please feel free to contact Customer Services on 0870 777 2775.

* It helps us enormously if carers can access facilities like this free of charge.

Falkirk Council have produced a leaflet "Going Places – A guide for disabled people." which can be accessed via the Council's website, using the A-Z facility and following the links to Concessionary Travel.

Remember, if you don't have access to a computer you can access one free of charge at your local library.

This leaflet gives you information on the following schemes:-

- EasyBoarder Service
- Scotland-wide Free Bus Travel
- Disabled Persons Railcard
- Other Rail Travel Services
- Local Bus Services
- Central Shopmobility
- Blue Badge Scheme (including details on how to apply for this)
- Dial-a-Journey
- Grangemouth Community Care Car Scheme
- Red Permit Scheme.

It also gives information on

- taxi services
- NHS travel costs
- Scottish Ambulance Service
- British Red Cross Transport
- Escort Service, Driving Assessment Service
- Disability Living Allowance
- Exemption from Vehicle Excise Duty
- Motability.

Finally, the leaflet contains a list of useful telephone numbers.

HOLIDAYS IN SCOTLAND

If you are looking for a local holiday this year here are some possible options which offer facilities for children and families with additional needs

ARGYLL

GLENACHULISH HOUSE Glenachulish
BALLACHULISH
Argyll PA39 4JZ
Tel: 01855 811548

COLOGIN FARM HOLIDAY CHALETS

Lerags
BY OBAN
Argyll PA34 4SE
Tel: 01631 564501 Fax: 01631 566925
Internet: www.west-highland-holidays.co.uk E-Mail:
info@west-highland-holidays.co.uk



EDINBURGH

TREFOIL HOUSE (HOLIDAY CENTRE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES) Gogarbank
EDINBURGH
City of Edinburgh EH12 9DA
Tel: 0131 339 3148 Fax: 0131 317 7271

HORSE BOY CAMPS

Offer free holidays to children on the Autistic Spectrum. This is an independent organisation and further information can be found on h

Disclaimer! We don't as yet have any direct experience of these establishments but would be interested to hear from anyone who has or if you have any other recommendations please let us know.

