**SUPPORTING FAMILIES NETWORK MEETING - 4 JANUARY 2019  
PARKFIELD YOUTH CENTRE**

**Introduction**

A warm welcome from Steve to everyone at the meeting.

**Levels 2 (Supporting Families)**

Vikki McGeough – Supporting Families Co-ordinator. Vikki mentioned support levels and Targeted Help being at Level 3 above this would be MASH/Safeguarding. If anyone should require advice on this please do not hesitate to contact her at [Victoria.mcgeough@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:Victoria.mcgeough@torbay.gov.uk).

**Supporting Families Nomination Form**

Available on our Website.

* Consent – must be signed by parent/guardian, verbal agreement accepted if confirmed via email from the Referrer (FOR Supporting Families). Electronic signatures accepted if indicating that the individual has given consent. If not sure, please contact us.

\*\* Powerpoint - Supporting Families

**Supporting Families CCW role**

Lucy Watson will be supporting the Torquay Area based at Tor Hill. Steve will be offering drop on Friday’s in Brixham (The Edge). They are both available to meet Level 2 families and/or professionals to assist in helping on TAF’s or will attend Training Sessions. In the not too foreseeable future, MASH and Targeted Help will be one form to complete.

Lucy Watson and Steve Leech are not working at level 3 or in any crisis situations and involvement would be for partnership support, signposting focussed at level 2.

Please note they are not responsible for taking Minutes or booking TAF Meetings.

Please feedback if there are any problems with pathway.

**Upcoming Community Partners Engagement EVENT**

An event will take place sometime during May of this year, Steve to look at availability of venue. This event will be available to all Partner Agencies and access to a table and stand to meet and greet. It will be free and within Torbay area only. Depending on numbers there may be one or two sessions. There will be no key speaker.

**Guest Speaker – David Bevan (Elective Home Education)**

David introduced himself to everyone and engaged with them assessing their knowledge of EHE.

* Parent/guardians do not need to register with Local Authority if they select EHE, however they do have to inform the school to take the young person off the role.
* No funding is available for EHE
* Young people being EHE do not have to take exams and/or test.
* They cannot do part education at school and part-time at home.

\*\*A power-point slide show was shown.

David would welcome feedback, please text who you are, what you do, or send a picture of your business card and/or if you have any concerns or require decisions about EHE

Contact details: David Bevan 07824529627

Don’t forget to emoji ☺ Dave if you have not done so already

**Guest Speaker – Aisa Withey (Senior Restorative Justice Practitioner)**

Aisa introduced herself and explained to us about Restorative Justice. A service that delivers a choice of restorative opportunities that seek to heal the harm caused by crime, conflict, ASB and harmful actions of others. To meet with the person responsible for causing the harm in order to get answers to their questions.

* Meeting must be voluntary on both sides and both parties consent
* Facilitators must be impartial
* Both parties must be honest and their safety is key
* Accountability – in that one party must take responsibility of the harm done
* Confidentiality and boundaries
* Data Protection.

Please follow Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHT7QsM9Chc>

\*\* Leaflet ‘Make Amends’, Referral Form, Observation

\*\* Powerpoint Slide show

Referral: By Professionals or Self-referral request forms or [makeamends@shekinah.co.uk](mailto:makeamends@shekinah.co.uk)

The Restorative Justice service can attend Multi-Agency meetings if required. They can make visits within a school setting.

The Service is free. Non-reported crimes requires consent from both parties. If it is a reported crime or engagement with Police, only 1 consent.

**Questions**

Raised that problems had been experienced sending the referral online due to firewall trouble, or problems with email address. (This has now been resolved)

Steve & Lucy are available should anyone wish to make connections and/or require consents with family.

**Next Meeting** will be Community Partnership Engagement Event.

**Date/time and venue to be confirmed.**

Please contact [nadia.cooper@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:nadia.cooper@torbay.gov.uk) if you are interested in displaying your Service/Agency and require a table. (Unfortunately we cannot supply stands).

\*\*If you would like any of the mentioned supporting documents please email us your request at [Supporting.familiesperformance@​torbay.gov.uk](mailto:Supporting.familiesperformance@​torbay.gov.uk).