



Integrated Working Multi Agency Support Teams

Bulletin 2

For practitioners

THIS BULLETIN WILL UPDATE COLLEAGUES WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MASTS.

Where are we with MASTs and when will they start?

This is an important stage in the development of MASTs when a lot of the operational detail will be developed and agreed. Clearly, MASTs will also evolve over time but it is crucial to ensure that operational delivery

- is underpinned by the principles agreed by partners across the city at the start of the process,
- can be responsive to local and individual needs,
- meets the requirements of partners, and
- is embedded into Integrated Working processes, such as the Common Assessment Framework (CAF), and the Wolverhampton Supporting Children Model.

MAST Managers

The recruitment process for MAST Managers took place at the end of February and posts have been offered to:

Barry Cole	BEST team (Bushbury)
Elaine Higgins	Deansfield High School
Tanja Korfkamp	BEST team (Bilston)
James Quinn	NSPCC
Rosalyn Simpson	Connexions
Helena Webb	Youth Service
Phil Whyte	Connexions
Sarah Woodbine	SIPS team

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Provisional start date now Monday
22 June 09. Operational start Monday
6 July 09.

We hope that they will be able to take up their posts as soon as possible but there continues to be delays in receiving CRB clearance and medical checks for the appointees and, consequently, a start date for all the Managers has yet to be negotiated; we will notify colleagues as soon as this can be confirmed. Managers will undertake an intensive two-week induction/preparation programme on starting that will develop an agreed and consistent approach to MAST service delivery across the city.

MAST bases

Just a brief update to the previous bulletin on this – the final list of sites where MASTs will start is as follows:

MAST 1	Deansfield High School
MAST 2	Parkfield High School, Bilston
MAST 3	The Workspace, All Saints
MAST 4	Warstones Primary School
MAST 5	Valley Park Campus
MAST 6	Priory Green Primary School *
MAST 7	Berrybrook Primary School **
MAST 8	Jennie Lee Centre

*MAST 6 will continue to operate from the current Bushbury BEST Team offices pending the completion of the accommodation at Priory Green.

** MAST 7 will operate from Jennie Lee Centre until the building works are completed – estimated September 2009.

NOTE

Some of the bases will temporary, pending more permanent solutions that provide improved access to other services for children, young people or as a result of area/school regeneration programmes.



The atrium at The workspace, All Saints

Parent Support Advisers (PSAs)

These new posts will be effective from 01 June 2009. After a short induction period, they will work as part of the MAST teams and will be operationally managed by the MAST managers. If MASTs are not operational by 01 June, they will work with the current MAST Area Teams in the interim.

The Parent Support Adviser for your area is:

MAST 1 - Eddie Mitchell

MAST 2 - Ben Bond

MAST 3 - Joan Blake

MAST 4 - Davina Johnson

MAST 5 - Marie Jones

MAST 6 - Annie Fletcher

MAST 7 - Simone Chinn

MAST 8 - Jan Lay

NOTE

Two of the PSAs have asked for flexible working arrangements and, therefore, we will be advertising shortly for two more part-time PSAs to make the team up to 8 posts. The PSA's come from a broad range of backgrounds and bring, therefore, considerable expertise in a number of areas to the team.

That expertise will be really helpful in taking forward the Integrated Working agenda.

A further Briefing Paper will be issued shortly – this will cover both

- Local Management Arrangements for MASTs, and
- Information Sharing.