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Joint Area Review CYPS Service Managers Briefing No 1

This briefing for CYPS service managers is deliberately concise: fuller details will be placed as they emerge on the JAR website – www.devonjar.org.uk

Briefings in this series will simply summarise the position, point you to fuller information placed on the website, or make any specific request for your help or support which has emerged.

The current position is:

- you will have received a copy of an electronic newsletter (*Joint Area Review: Newsletter No. 1*) which has been sent to all CYPS staff. This provides an outline of the JAR process, the timetable, and an indication of the ways in which individual colleagues might be called upon to contribute. It would be good if you would discuss the position within your teams as the opportunity arises over the coming weeks
- the point to stress is that we will need evidence of outcomes in the near future, for our self-assessment - that evidence might take the form of updated data; evidence of trends; evidence drawn from what other people have said about our services; achievements; comparisons with national or regional data; any evidence or indicator which allows you to judge how well your service is performing. Your group manager will be very likely to ask you to contribute to this part of our preparations early in March; it would be good to start considering the need to "make the case" at an early stage.
- inspectors' requirements for interviews and focus groups during their fieldwork period should become clear after a briefing by the inspectors on 3 April. Please note that if you will be involved in these activities, they will take place between 12-23 June, inclusive. There's no embargo on taking leave during this period, but if options are open to you it would be appreciated if you would maintain your availability during this fortnight
- please ensure that your service action plan for 2006/2007 is ready in good time
- it goes without saying that the outcome of the JAR matters, together with the outcome of the CPA which it runs alongside.
- an ad hoc team has been set up to manage preparations for the JAR. The members are Geoff Evans (2425); Tim Leishman (3094); David Sullivan (2008) and Julie Mitchell (2338). Any of these will be happy to respond to your questions.
- Please use the JAR email address: jar.team@devon.gov.uk for all email correspondence.

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