

Common Assessment Framework Seminar
What should be learnt from today similar multi-agency events are planned?

Format worked well - more on Lead Professional?

Other than suggesting breakout rooms next time the event very good with good mixture of people attending
Acronyms - pre-reading may help. Follow up from today's learning by more focussed learning set discussions/problem solving sessions.

Needs more talk throughout area for parents as Lead Professionals. Please - next event for implementation/after the pilots/budgets for lead Professional- partners.

Continue with most of today's processes - perhaps more smaller groups for afternoon discussions.

Ensure practitioners are present too (in greater numbers).

Try and attract more representatives from the voluntary sector. Give some time for local networking.

Well organised events. Good venues, Good food.

Screens to section of discussion groups to cut down noise.

Wonderful food and refreshments - what a treat to have a day out to reflect on practice and meet other staff different agencies.

Bring in the Lead Professional role more into the presentations. Make sure speakders to not use so many abbreviations as it means certain people miss the point or are left confused.

GP's - tell them what is going on - let them know.

Huge disparity of knowledge with delegates. Perhaps more focussed/smaller events.

Large numbers are not necessarily a hindrance! Wide variety of people worked!

Have all TLA's explained, there are so many!

Not to have workshops in one room. Otherwise stick to same format - very good, Thank you.

Would be good to focus down on certain age groups/places eg very young children.

It seems that many people appreciated having real life situationsre implementation on CAF and outcomes for children. More on this please.

This is a large enough programme of change, but there is also a wider context of local authority change that needs to be acknowledge.

This is also a large enough conference, but very few representatives from youth work and the voluntary sector.

Update/follow up - 1 year down the line.

Different levels of implementation of CAF - very little on Lead Professional.

Very useful to bring people together. Some participants had very little initial knowledge re CAF - perhaps a pre-event leaflet explaining CAF.

I liked the economic use of resources and hope the savings will be redeployed to increasing capacity of workers at the front line in rural areas.

It was a very good event, very good mix of participants.

More involvement of voluntary sector. Smaller workshops would have been good.

I thought everything worked well, especially with such a large group.

Practical issues including Lead Profession as they go hand in hand.

More time for workshop discussion.

Problem solving in delivering CAF.

Mix of professionals attending has made event successful. Voluntary organisations and statutory agencies.

This was a well planned and executed event.

More time for discussions between different agencies and different areas.

Use of well-informed facilitators. More case studies as this makes training 'real'.

It's been good to have a day as interactive as this.

Waiting list for this event showed much needed. Some more locally focussed regional training so not quite so far to travel.

Really enjoyed today - I don't usually fill in evaluations - but this one was worth putting pen to paper. Found it really motivating - listening to people in the workshops - their enthusiasm sold it to me. You did make it make sense
Hard to hear in groups and someof the presentations were full of abbreviations. This is constructive criticism as it takes a lot of work to organise and it is appreciated. It would be good to have parents/young people take part and tell us what's changed for them.

Please take on board use of one room - having smaller rooms could have been helpful.

Control numbers, but you did manage this very well.

Build in more time to debate and discuss issues.

Recognise voluntary sectors as part of and to be included in multi-agency teams. Very important roles as they are often closest to the child/family.

What is working and why? What isn't working and why? Consult agencies of needs.

Common language needed. Shared targets. Involve child and parent throughout process.

The afternoon group work did not enable a good discussion due to the size of the group.

To ensure more inclusion of voluntary sector and recognition that they cover a lot of support services.
Content of day very good - programme challenging.
Ensure voluntary sector get to hear of events. Not many of us here.
Communication is important.
Some information of attendees.
A brilliant idea - involving all different organisations.
Involve school governors/ they are responsible for school as well as headteachers.
Fewer people - topic creates a lot of issues/need for discussion. Need time and space to do this thoroughly.
Involve the service users! Stop using abbreviations within presentations. Common language - how apt.
Perhaps a little more facilitation in the afternoon sessions - a little chaotic due to ? Lack of planning.
Not so many groups working at once.
Practical information on the role of Lead Professional - less use of jargon.
Nice to have seen a CAF form. Not to use acronyms if we are talking about a common language - I missed a lot trying to work out what they meant.
Cover the whole age range - emphasis today seemed to be on school age plus. An 'Early Years' conference would be very valuable re CAF/LP.
More opportunities.
It is excellent to be able to network via these events. Multi-agency working is key.
The workshops worked well and there was enough time for formal and informal discussions.
Allow time for presenters to view other presentations. Try to identify partners who have not attended today and promote ownership across all partners.
Could have more projects to reflect the work with pre-school children.
Market place workshops - very effective.
Well organised. Good time keeping.
The formal enabled the sharing of resources very well.
Needs to be more continuity between areas in how CAF is used to make it less of a minefield.
Different understanding of CAF by agencies and how to implement the Framework.
Multi-agency networking a key feature of this new agenda - it seemed a little strange to then ask if people wanted to work in sector/similar background groups.
The workshops in the morning were very informative.
It is positive to share good practice and learn from others.
Practical exercises - could be attempt a 'dummy' CAF?
Willingness and interest from across the region from all agencies.
A well organised conference (a good volume of people, good for networking).
Look at who this event is targeted at. Some people had a very basic understanding awareness of the CAF agenda and it was not helpful to the overall content of the day and its aims and outcomes.
Look at good examples of positive outcomes coming out of the CAF process - Promoting PR and where the Lead Professional role has worked well and why it has.
Would be good to re-visit. Where are we 12 months on?
Planning was excellent and so was multi-agency working and participation.