

Hi all

Our study day, held on Friday, 12th October, proved to be another inspiring and thought provoking event. It was organised by our Specialist Section Children, Young People and Families, South and South West CAMHS Network.

The event was held at our familiar setting in Bath and, as ever, the specialist knowledge of our presenters didn't fail to impress. We had a range of presentations including:

- An introduction to Sensory Integration Dysfunction - Emotions, Behaviours, Social Skills and Attachment Patterns. This eye opening presentation really bought to light the issue of differential diagnosis and got us all thinking about our own caseloads with a sensory slant.
- Case study presentation of a young girl seen in CAMHS with Benign Intracranial Hypertension. This case study gave an insightful glimpse into the methods used, and challenges faced, with this young lady and again recognised the possibility of differential diagnosis.
- We had an informative overview of the OT Psychological Assessment of Learning (OT PAL) and its use by OT's within the school setting. The assessment is said to have provided structure to assessments in schools and enabled school assessment to be more OT specific.
- We also had feedback from a group for Young People with Tourette Syndrome. The refreshing, informal set up of the group left us all questioning and reflecting on our own practice and encouraged us to look outside the box.

We had feed back from the NEC and regional reps, and even managed to squeeze in our popular resource share and help slot. We send out a massive Thank You to those who presented and attended, making it a great networking opportunity!

Our next event is on **Friday 7th March 2008**. For more information contact **Gemma Abitabile** at gemma.abitabile@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call me on **07789926415** and I will keep you posted!

Looking forward to hearing from you,

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