

INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS

Littlehampton Child Contact Centre meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday morning of each month at Littlehampton Baptist Church Hall, Fitzalan Road, Littlehampton. We have a pool of volunteers who provide a team for each Saturday.

From 9.00am to 10.00am we are quite busy as we transform the church hall into a play area. We have a selection of age-appropriate toys and activities which have to be put out, together with tables and chairs. There is also a small café area which has to be organised. The two-hour contact session finishes at 12 midday when there is another busy time packing all the toys and games away and clearing up after all the families!

The Team Leader allocates the areas where we will work. There are separate entrances for the non-resident parent and the resident parent, as well as a lounge area where volunteers greet the families.

We do not give advice, nor take sides, but we do listen. Most of our families are initially wary of a Contact Centre but we manage to create a calm and friendly atmosphere which reassures them. We have had great success in enabling families to move on to regular contact away from the Centre.

We ask each volunteer to fill in a short application form, giving the names of two referees as well as completing a form for DBS checking. After your first visit to the Centre there will be a short interview.

In order to keep up to date and to ensure we all know how to react in difficult situations we have three or four training sessions a year.

More details can be found on our website: www.littlehamptonchildcontactcentre.org

If you would like to volunteer, or would like further information, do please contact us – details at the top of page.

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