

# Coombe House Newsletter



March 2010

## The Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) .....

..... will come into being in April 2010. It is a new organisation which has been created as part of a system to help prevent unsuitable people from working with children or vulnerable adults.

It came into being in order to implement the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, which was designed to correct the failures identified by the Bichard Inquiry into the Soham murders in 2002.

Anyone wishing to work with vulnerable people will continue to be screened by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) who will pass all information to the ISA.

The ISA will

- maintain records of all people who are either employed or volunteer to work with vulnerable people,
- will make the decisions about what work will be regulated, and
- decide who is allowed or who is barred from such work.

Coombe House already requires all employees to have an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Check completed before they can start work, so ISA procedures are likely to have little immediate impact.

## Staff team information

A brief history of Ruth Egginton, the Deputy Manager at Coombe House.

Ruth first came to Coombe House as a Student Nurse back in 1983. After several placements as a student, Ruth started at Coombe House as permanent staff as a part time qualified nurse in 1986, later becoming fulltime. Ruth got married in 1988, their two children, service users and staff from Coombe House helped celebrate the wedding.

Many changes have taken place since those early days, service users and staff have both changed; a lift was installed, and Coombe's reputation as a respite and residential home developed into providing excellent care for many people with more profound physical and learning disabilities - and Nursing Home status was established. In August 2010, Ruth will have been at Coombe for 25 years; about which Ruth will say that it has been a privilege and pleasure - through the hard times and the good.

We would like to welcome Pat Jackson, who has started in her post as a Health care Assistant on nights. Like all new care staff, Pat has completed her week long induction in Ireland.

Leaving us in Leann, who will be retiring at the end of March, we wish her a very happy retirement. Her post is being advertised.



**Celebrating, making music**

**Maintenance to building and grounds ....**

Consultation is under way between Coombe Staff, Nexus Housing Association and contactors to replace the two reclining baths.

To go with the new sensory garden, we have a new gardening contractor for 2010/2011 - David Phillips Gardening - a local company.

**Training in March :**

Health & safety

Manual handling

Mental capacity Act & Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Documentation

## Celebrating ... preparing for Easter.



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