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Press Release: – Calling Children’ Nurses, paediatric therapists, nursery nurses and health support workers!

Children and Family Health Surrey (CFHS) is taking part in a seven day community engagement event in Woking from Monday 19 March to Sunday 26 March 2018.

CFHS is raising the profile of Surrey’s children’s community nursing services, with the aim of recruiting nurses, therapists, nursery nurses and health care assistants/support workers to join the service.

Clinicians and others from the service will be available each day on the stand in the Peacock Shopping Centre, outside the H&M and Pandora shops.

A short video will showcase the important work the teams do, which ranges from health visiting and school nursing to specialist services such as paediatric therapies (Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Dietetics) and three specialist community nursing services for children with more complex nursing needs.

The Surrey-wide service provides community health services to children aged from 0 months to 19 years of age, some of whom have complex health needs.

Sarah Baker, Interim Director of Children and Family Health Surrey says:

"This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference to the lives of around 500 children and young people in Surrey who are living with complex illnesses and disabilities. Our teams have 'Good' overall rating by CQC and are rated 'Outstanding' for how caring they are. We want to welcome nurses, therapists and healthcare assistants to join our passionate and dedicated teams who have the privilege of caring for children with life-limiting conditions at home or in school. Our teams are determined to ensure that these children in need get the right health care to keep them safe and well."

Nurses, therapists and healthcare assistants interested in working with us can find out more if they visit www.jobs.nhs.uk and search for 'CSH Surrey' or contact our friendly recruitment team via email on csn.recruitment@nhs.net or call them on 01372 384 338. You can also contact the specialists children’s nursing services directly on 01483 783 157 and visit the service website, www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk.

The Children’s Healthcare Team is a passionate and dedicated team that in December 2016 won a Team Spirit Award for their commitment to promoting the children’s abilities to be independent and access nursery, school and after school clubs.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Children and Family Health Surrey is the new, Surrey-wide NHS community health service for children and young people from birth up to 19 years of age (up to 25 for young adults with additional needs) and their parents and carers.

The new service has been designed around the needs of children, young people and their families and carers in Surrey. It focuses on the prevention of ill health, promoting and supporting child development and providing targeted and specialist medical, nursing and therapy services.

Children and Family Health Surrey includes health visiting, school nursing and school-age immunisation services as well as specialist paediatric, nursing and therapy services to support children and young people who have additional needs requiring on-going care.

Our health services are closely linked to Surrey's mental health services, which helps improve the care and support families receive.

Families also benefit from closer links to wider health services, such as the therapies for school-age children provided by Surrey County Council.

Children and Family Health Surrey services are provided under one contract by three established NHS providers in Surrey: CSH Surrey, First Community Health and Care, and Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust.

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