

Children with limb difference: preparing for primary school. A multidisciplinary transition evening run by the limb deficiency clinic.

Background

An education evening for parents of children with limb difference between the ages of three and seven was identified as an important addition to the Limb Deficiency Clinic (LDC) service due to parental and patient anxiety related to starting primary school.

Method

A multidisciplinary event was held in August 2016 with a total of 30 attendees. A prosthetist chaired the event with presentations from a Social Worker, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist and a teacher from the Education Institute.



Topics included:

- Primary school considerations
- Communicating with teachers and students
- Support for transition to school
- Access and inclusion

Parental engagement

A patient and her mother also shared their insights from personal experiences of transitioning to school. This was received very positively by the audience and facilitated constructive group discussion.

Resources

- Attendees were provided with a resource sheet with up to date educational resources at the end of the night.
- Networking between families was facilitated through informal discussion.

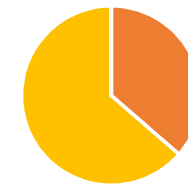
Results

- Feedback was provided in a de-identified satisfaction survey completed at the end of the night.
- All respondents reported that they would recommend the information session to others.

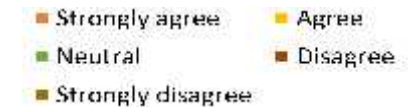
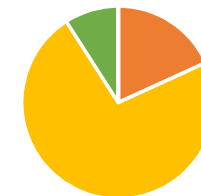
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I was satisfied with content of the course



I am confident for my child to start school



Conclusion

Based on positive feedback, the LDC at RCH plan to run similar multidisciplinary events in the future