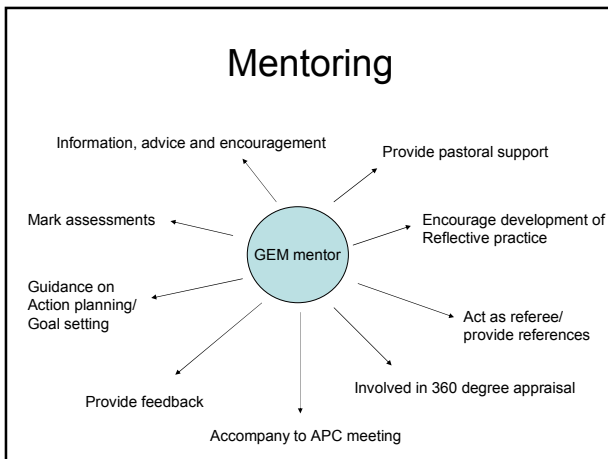


University student services

- Counselling service (bereavement, mental health issues, anxiety, stress)
- Workshops and courses entitled “coping with.....”
- Financial advisory
- Students Union offer lots of support (housing, legal etc)
- University health services
- Problem for our students is the geography

Mentoring



GEM PBL Medical Family

- Each second year group is linked up with a first year group for the **first 4 months** of the academic year
- A time tabled slot in the first couple of weeks enables the second year PBL group to visit their first year PBL group.
- A buffet picnic is provided in each of the 13 first year PBL rooms which is sponsored by the MDU and MPS.
- Positive feedback
- Some groups meet up at other points in the year

Additional support A new buddy system

- Student initiative
- A group of second year students have signed up to be available to buddy the new first years from Sept 2009 until the end of the course
- This will mimic the medical families that run in the Nottingham undergraduate course
- At moment the senior tutor will oversee and provide advice if required
- In future will hope to recruit a member of staff for each buddy group

Very supportive caring staff

- Academics and University teachers
- Clinicians
- Administrators
- Librarians
- GEM office staff (Annemarie, Sarb, Cathy, Victoria and Rebecca who know everything!)
- Phil and Jane the building attendants
- Karen the café lady

Support system discussion

- What support systems do others have in place ?
- What works well and what doesn't?
- Why do some access the support and others would rather struggle!
- How do we get these students to be more open to the available support?