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Peterborough**
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Welcome to latest newsletter!

Welcome one and all to our latest newsletter. This newsletter comes to you as we move into our sixth year as a registered charity. Our AGM marked the fifth year we have been a charity.

In this edition will update you on some local and national news and give you a bit more overview of the charity in our charity news section.

Make sure you also look out for the news about our move with new address details provided. We are now in a bigger premises and this means we can do much more and be more accessible to the public. This is always a good thing.

The caravans are also mentioned again as we are still taking bookings and have a small amount of holiday availability.

We are also planning our next conference and hope to see many of you there as this is your chance to share your views on the topics of the day.

Thanks as always for reading this newsletter. Also do not forget to pass it on to others once you no longer need it.

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Don't bin me, pass me on to other parents!

Trustee Update

The AGM took place on 26th April 2016. The Trustees are now John, Mandi, Sara and Ralph.

The board says goodbye to Jenny would like to thank her for her time as a trustee and fundraising lead.

The annual returns and trustees annual report will be available soon. When available you will be able to download them from the charity commission.



National and Regional News

Department for Education Confirms Grant Funding for Parent Carer Forums

The NNPCF Steering Group and Contact a Family were delighted to hear the news that the Department for Education have confirmed grant funding for parent carer forums at the same level for next year and pledged to continue this funding for 2017/18 too. This is a practical demonstration of the value that is placed on the strategic involvement of parent carers through parent carer forums. We are hugely proud of the recognition this brings for parent carer participation and is a direct result of all the hard work you do and many hours of volunteer time that you have given and continue to give to achieve this level of value and credibility at a national level.....

How Ofsted and the CQC will Inspect Special Educational Needs Provision

Charlie Henry, Ofsted lead on special educational needs, explains what the processes for inspecting special educational needs will be.

When does the process of inspection begin and end?

In one sense, that's an easy question to answer. It begins when the Ofsted inspector turns up, laptop in hand, and ends when the inspection report or outcome letter is published. On the other hand, publication is the beginning of the process. In highlighting key strengths and in identifying problems, the inspection report acts as catalyst for change, and change for the better. That applies across all remits which we inspect: schools, early years, social care, and further education and skills. But I'd argue that this concept of publication as a starting point will particularly be the case when we publish the first of a new kind of inspection outcome letter in summer 2016. It will be concerned with some of the most vulnerable people in our society: children and young people with special educational needs up to the age of 25.

Whole local area

From May 2016, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission will inspect local areas to see how they are fulfilling their

responsibilities to children and young people who really do need, and are often dependent upon, local public services. These are the services they receive from their nurseries, schools and colleges and from the specialist therapists and other professionals in educational, health and social care services. These inspections are about how the whole local area meets the needs of some of the most vulnerable children and young people. But we will not just want to see that these services are being delivered well. Inspectors will want to see evidence that children and young people are progressing, whether to their next stage of education or employment. The new inspection is not just about holding local areas to account; crucially it's also about helping the area to develop and improve. I want to stress this key part of our inspection outcome letter - which will be jointly written with the Care Quality Commission. We will highlight key strengths of local areas. It is my hope and indeed my expectation that local areas' key strengths will be seriously considered by other local areas.

Potential

So, what will we actually do from May next year? Special

Communication Channels

Facebook

www.facebook.com/fvpcommunity

YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/user/FamilyVoicePeterboro>

Twitter

@familyvoice1

Website

www.familyvoice.org

Email

participation@familyvoice.org

You can keep informed by linking with us through all these channels of communication.



National and Regional News Cont.

educational needs is, of course, a wide spectrum. We are talking about young children with profound learning or physical disabilities on the one hand, and those with, for example, Asperger's or social, emotional and mental health issues on the other. It's a wide range but the aim of special education is the same: to make the young person fulfil their potential, and lead as independent a life as is possible. Inspectors will look at the wide range of children and young people, and consider the services they use. In most cases this will include a school or college of some type.

Inspection teams will usually consist of an SEND specialist HMI from Ofsted, a Children's services inspector from the Care Quality Commission and a specially recruited and trained SEND Ofsted inspector from another local authority. And I want to stress that these inspections will not just be about the local authority. While I recognise that local authorities have a key leadership role for their area, they cannot implement the special educational needs reforms on their own. We will tell the Director of Children's

Services and the Chief Executive of the clinical commissioning group two working days before the inspection starts. Once they have got going, the inspection team will meet the important managers and leaders from the area's education, health and social care services. They will also visit early years settings, schools and further education providers. On these visits Inspectors will not be inspecting the nursery, school or college themselves since these are covered other inspections. They will be exploring how the whole local area fulfils its responsibilities and how providers contribute towards them, to ensure disabled children and young people and those who have special educational needs are identified and that their needs are met and their outcomes improve.

Contract

We will assess how well schools and colleges are fulfilling the responsibilities of the education and health care plans - a kind of contract between the child or young person who has special educational needs, and the public service. But it's not just about those young people who have the new education, health and care plans; it's as important that we look at those who receive additional support

but whose needs are not severe enough to require one of these plans. Our inspections will be thorough, and last five days. We will talk to school leaders and managers of the services the children and young people use. So, for example, we may ask about the effectiveness of reading support for pupils who have particular problems, or the success of specialist support for deaf children. Inspectors will also ask health service managers how they are meeting the needs of children and young people who use their services. And, of course, we will talk to children and young people with special educational needs, and to their parents too. They are at the heart of this process.

News taken from the March NNPCF and CaF Newsletter. The full newsletter can be downloaded from their websites.



Investing in our children and young people and facilitating a good future and better life chances for them all requires participation from the whole community

Local Participation News

Work Streams

CAMHs Transformation

Work is still ongoing to transform the CAMHs service across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the work has involved parent carers across various levels from both FVP and Pinpoint. A briefing paper was produced by Peterborough City Council to be shared with professionals and it was also made available on the FVP website. The news to note is that locally the transformation monies given to clinical commissioning groups has actually been spent where intended. A brief description of current plans are as follows:

"Our short term plan is to invest in the following services:

- *Counselling for children and young people delivered by the voluntary sector*
- *Expert parent programmes delivered by our parent representative groups*
- *Parenting programmes aimed at supporting parents with their children's presenting behaviour that are causing concern delivered by a range of providers locally*
- *Locality mental health workers*
- *Additional investment in specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services*
- *Additional investment in specialist ASD and ADHD services*
- *Additional investment in specialist Eating Disorder services*
- *Extending crisis support in accident and emergency units in hospitals*

Our aim is to have the above up and

running incrementally between April and September 2016. During this time we will provide further updates of the work we are doing."

This has been taken from the briefing paper mentioned above.

Local Offer

The Local Offer is still a work in progress and input from parent carers is very much needed. The parent representative supporting this area of work is Claudia Dias who has been attending strategic meetings to discuss what the LO is like currently and what changes may be required. Claudia is seeking parent carer views and will be looking to host a focus group and run a survey so please look out for further updates. To get in touch if you want to be involved please email participation@familyvoice.org

Parent Carers

The Carers Partnership Board will run in a different format going forward and organisations attending meetings will need to be representative of groups of carers and be able to demonstrate this. This work has been carried out by Sarah King in her capacity as a parent representative and she has worked to take forward parent carer issues. Sarah will continue in this role and is seeking your views on issues to take forward. This is about you as parent carers and what support you need. Look out for a survey coming out soon that is being produced to gather your views. As well as having a parent rep on the board FVP are working with Carers Trust to hold a series of drop-in sessions just for parent carers. These provide you with the opportunity to share your views and get direct support from

Carers Trust. Look out for further information via social media and any leaflets.

EHC Data

FVP are still involved in work relating to EHC plans and processes and would welcome your feedback on how things are going. Do you have a plan? are you going through the assessment process? Have you applied for a plan? How were you involved? All these questions are ones that help us show if the system is working or not.

As of 6th April 2016 when data was last analysed there were 278 EHC plans in place in Peterborough and 1126 statements. The statements are still part of the transfer process which has to be completed by 2018.

0 to 25 Redesign

A new area of work taking place is focussing on children/young people with disabilities and mental health needs. This work is looking to develop a commissioning strategy that encompasses various aspects including:

- I. Partnership working with private and voluntary sector
- II. Tendering for supported living/care providers
- III. Housing development
- IV. Residential living/ Respite-16-25

This work may be of interest to families who have young people aged 14 and over at

Local Participation News cont.

Phoenix School. Transition to adult services can be difficult for many especially when services in children's and adults are so very different. This work will be looking at this area too. To get involved, share your views and attend focus groups/ listening events please email

participation@familyvoice.org

Preparing for Adulthood (PFA)

This work area focuses on young people with special educational needs and disabilities as they approach adulthood so really aged between 14 and 25. There are discussions about employment, post 16 education and independent living. The parent rep on this group Jason Merrill has asked questions about what support will be available to those who will need far more support in adulthood and he would like your input too. Have you views on this? Have you experience of adult services that can be shared with families with younger children? Have you concerns you would like to share? To attend any upcoming focus groups or find out more get in touch. This will also be a work shop topic at the FVP annual conference.

Participation Opportunities

Annual Conference

Date: Friday 1st July 2016

Time: 9:30 to 2:30

Venue: The Fleet

It is time for the FVP annual conference again; this is an opportunity for parents and professionals to come together to get informed and involved. We are also pleased to welcome back Brian Lamb OBE and will be covering top-

ics such as OFTED/ CQC Area Wide SEND Inspections and CAMHs. There will be speakers and workshops plus our ask the panel section.

To book a place complete the form by following this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/conference2016booking> and completing the booking form. Alternatively call 01733 685510 and one of our admins will complete the form over the phone for you.

Surveys

The following are surveys you can take the results of which will be fed back into service development
Personal Budgets:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PBMay16>

Parent Carers:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CarersJune16>

Training and Support

Through work conducted by FVP and Pinpoint that has been included in the CAMHs Transformation a series of support and training sessions have been established for parent carers. The support groups are for parent carers who have a child/ young person; on the ASD/ ADHD waiting lists, looking to have an ASD/ ADHD assessment or who have been assessed. The support groups are run by Pinpoint across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The support groups are also attended by professionals from different sectors who can provide first hand support and information.

The next few months have already been organised until July 2016 and then will continue from September

2016. Details can be found by following this link <http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/events/forthcoming>.

As well as the support groups a series of training opportunities have been made available to parent carers. The Expert Parent Programme (EPP) is running currently across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire with dates set for June and July and more to follow between September 2016 and March 2017. The EPP locally helps parent carers understand commissioning and provision of health services, gain confidence on knowing where to go and who to speak to for support and also lead to increased confidence in relationships with health professionals. The EPP also helps parent carers to understand about person centred approaches and some of the new SEND processes such as EHC plans.

Other workshops being planned due to start in September will be about gaining a basic understanding of behaviours in ASD/ ADHD/ LD and hints and tips on how to manage them. These are a re-working of workshops that ran between September 2015 and March 2016. They are being adapted based on parent carer feedback.

Activities/ Events

Carers Week 6th to 12th June

Look out for events being run by Carers Trust and the joint FVP/ Carers Trust Parent Carer Get Together on 11th June

Sleep Solutions Workshop

Monday 27th June 2016
From 10.00am - 2.00pm
Peterborough Education Meeting Centre, Central Library, PE1 1RX
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE call Maxine on 07966004704 or

Email max-ine.mcculloch@scope.org.uk

Expert Parent Programme

Peterborough 9.30 to 12.30
June 7th and 9th
July 5th and 7th

Cambridgeshire 10.30 to 13.30
June 28th and 30th
July 19th and 20th

For details contact FVP on 01733 685510

ASD/ ADHD Support Groups

Thursday 9th June 6.30pm to 8.30pm

To book contact Pinpoint on eve@pinpoint-cams.org.uk or 01480 499043

Caravan Bookings for 2016

Bookings for the 2016 season opened on 1st November 2015 and some holiday dates have already gone.

The caravans are sited at Butlins Skegness and Haven Caister and both sleep 8 people. Prices include the cost of renting the caravan (not per person), utilities and wristbands/ passes to access the resort facilities.

Dogs are welcome for an extra

fee but this must be agreed upon before the holiday starts with FVP to ensure site rules are not broken.

The caravans can be booked for Friday to Friday seven night Breaks; Friday to Monday three night breaks and Monday to Friday four night breaks.

Prices are available on request and can also be found on the FVP caravan Facebook page and FVP

website.

www.facebook.com/FamilyVoiceCaravan and www.familyvoice.org

All enquiries should be directed to 01733 685510 or holidays@familyvoice.org

HOLIDAY SPACES NOW LIMITED (so book straight away to avoid disappointment)



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Family Voice Peterborough—Charity News

Five years as a charity

FVP has been registered as a charity five years this year. The AGM held on 26th April 2016 saw the acceptance of Mandi, John and Sara as Trustees and the board has now been joined by Ralph. This year there will be some new work streams and opportunities for engagement, an increase in training and a move towards further community engagement. FVP have gone having 50 households on the mailing list to over 650 in the past five years.

New Address

If you haven't heard yet then we will tell you again now. FVP have moved premises to a much bigger office and this will make it easier for parent carers to access the charity.

New Address:

105 Paynels
Peterborough
PE2 5QP
Tel: 01733 685510

The new premises means FVP can hire space for use by other

groups and organisations as well as provide a base for running the charity.

Caravans

There seems to be some confusion about the caravans that FVP own which are used to provide families with children and young people with SEND with short breaks.

The caravans are owned solely by FVP and as part of an agreement are made available to families in Peterborough as part of Peterborough City Councils short breaks offer. The caravans are not funded or owned by Peterborough City Council and they do not fund short breaks for anyone accessing the caravans.

Priority for the caravan use is given to families across Peterborough who meet the local short breaks eligibility but are also made available to families from other local authorities who also have children and young people with SEND.

The caravans cost approximately

£12,000 jointly to keep running. Over the past three years over 110 families have benefitted from the use of the caravans. FVP Trustees will look to ensure the sustainability of this service.

Staffing

FVP now have four staff members; one participation lead, one participation officer and two admin staff.

Trustees

John Ravenscroft (Chair Person)

Mandi Rennie (Treasurer)

Sara Rourke (Secretary)

Ralph Middlebrook

Family Voice Peterborough—Fundraising News

Family Voice needs items for tombola's and raffles, can you help? If so call the office and ask for Caroline on 01733 685510. This will be used for Bretton Festival, The Fire Works Fiesta and

Network Dinner. FVP are pleased to be supporting Inspire Peterborough and PDDCS at the Network Dinner this year.

FVP would also like to thank The Rotary Club for the generous dona-

tion of £600 for the caravan's.

If you want to help in any way contact us and ask for Caroline.

Thanks as always for all the support.



Dates to look out for

- ⇒ Carers Week Drop-In
11th June
- ⇒ Annual Conference 1st
July
- ⇒ Bretton Festival 16th
July
- ⇒ Robin Hood Festival 6th
August
- ⇒ Hunstanton 3rd
September
- ⇒ Various Expert Parent
Programme Sessions,
ASD/ ADHD Support
Groups and Carers Drop-
Ins

All About Us

FVP started as group of parent carers who came together to actively seek to improve services in all areas of the lives of children and young people with disabilities or additional needs between the ages of 0–25 years. The main aim is to be the strategic consultative body within Peterborough for families, providing a liaison point for statutory and voluntary bodies. FVP also endeavour to bring parents and carers together to have a strong voice ensuring the future for their children and young people is a good one. As well as this FVP arrange national and local trips and activities for the whole family and provide short breaks at the seaside.

FVP are also a registered charity.

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Together improving services for
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