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Welcome to latest newsletter!

Hello All

Welcome to our first newsletter of the Summer Term. There is quite a bit to update on in terms of participation locally, regionally and nationally.

We have a few family based trips and activities to inform you about. We are also looking at planning the next program of support/ training and

information sessions for parent carers.

We are in the process of planning our Annual Conference and more details will be in the newsletter including how to book a place. This year the topics will be The LA Budget, Short Breaks and SEN support to name a few. We will also be joined by Jonathan Lewis, Wendi Ogle-Welbourn and Brian Lamb OBE.

There is a call for evidence as part of a parliamentary inquiry in to SEND taking place and further information on this is in the National and Regional News section. It is important for as many as possible to take part so please do get involved and heard.

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



Trustee Update

Hello all,
The Trustees would like to update you about a few bits:

1. The First AGM of the CIO has taken place and the annual report and accounts will be available on the charity commission website in due course.
2. Claudia Dias is stepping down as a trustee to accept employment as a forum coordinator
3. A recruitment campaign will be starting for parents reps soon. If interested please contact Wendy on treasurer@familyvoice.org

Your Newsletter
Your Voices
Your Participation

National and Regional News

SEND Inquiry

The NNPCF welcome the Education Committee Inquiry launched yesterday exploring the impact of the Special Educational Needs and Disability reforms implemented in 2014.

This inquiry provides an opportunity for parent carer forums to reflect on the successes of the implementation of the SEND reforms as well as identify the areas where improvements are still to be made. We encourage all forums to respond to the inquiry.

The NNPCF will be producing a 'State of the Nation' summary of our key themes, this will form the basis of our response to the inquiry.

You can find out more about the inquiry here — <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/education-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/special-educational-needs-and-disability-inquiry-17-19/>

State of the Nation

A letter from the NNPCF steering group to all forums

Last May, we produced a summary of our key issues for the Department for Education to use in its planning process. This was very well received and we have decided to make this an annual report.

Each May, the NNPCF will produce a "State of the Nation" document that describes where we think we are with regards to

the main themes in SEND. As the following pages state, this is produced using the feedback we get from you, our member forums.

This year, the state of the nation will be used in our briefings for the new Minister Nadhim Zahawi and will form the basis of our response to the Education Select Committee inquiry into SEND.

Whilst this document has been produced using what you have told us, we would still like your input into it. Please review it and please let us know if you have any comments on anything in the document.

You will appreciate that co-producing with 150 forums is a tall order and we will not be able to incorporate all of your comments verbatim. Rather, we will collate all the feedback from you and pull out the key themes and edit the document to reflect them.

Please let us have any comments by midnight on Wednesday 9th of May. We apologise that this a quick turnaround but we have an opportunity to share our findings at an early stage with the clerk of the Education Select Committee and our input will help shape their work. We feel that this is an important opportunity and we cannot let it pass.

Please send your comments to participation@nnpfc.org.uk.

Many thanks

The NNPCF steering group
NNPCF State of the Nation
May 2018

Introduction

At the completion of the implementation phase of the SEND reforms, the NNPCF have prepared this paper to offer a "State of the Nation" overview of the implementation of the Children and Families Act. It is a summary of the key issues that have been identified by the National Network of Parent Carer Forums. In preparing this paper, we have listened to the feedback we have received from our members and stakeholders in the following ways:

- We listen to our members through local and regional meetings.
- Our steering group attended over 60 regional meetings last year. Feedback from our conference and AGM in November 2017 attended by over 90 forums and 200 parent carers
- We conduct surveys of our membership to identify and understand their experience of key themes.
- We looked at the data that came from recent SEND surveys to analyse the key messages that these were giving us.
- We analyse the activity on our social media platforms.

The impact of tightened local resources

- In the last few months we have seen an increase in concerns from forums that

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their local areas cannot deliver the legal requirements of the Children and Families Act with constrained resources.

- An increase in the number of children and young people with SEND, combined with new entitlements mean that many forums report that local areas are struggling.
- The failure of many areas to make meaningful progress with joint commissioning has amplified this situation. What resources there are have not necessarily been deployed in the most effective ways.

Education health and care plans

- The quality of plans is a key focus. Many forums have reported that quality has been sacrificed to meet the conversion deadline of March 2018. Forums are reporting that Local Authorities are also struggling with ongoing requirements to review plans.
- The engagement from Health and Social Care agencies continues to be raised as a concern with reports that attendance at meetings is sometimes sparse and advice is not

written in a person centred or outcome focussed way. In some cases, the required advice is not produced within the specified timeframes, or sometimes at all.

- Where families have good quality EHCPs they report that these do make a difference to their ability to achieve their child's outcomes.

Preparing for adulthood

- Families describe their young people approaching school leaving age as "the cliff edge". Upon leaving school, the offer from many local areas is not clear. Families are unable to see how the services and provision available will serve to deliver the best possible outcomes for their young people. Part time education provision for their young person (often 3 days a week) is a major concern. Families report that frequently, no or inadequate provision is offered for the other days.
- Families are often thought to be behaving "irrationally" and insisting on young people remaining in education post 19. In the absence of a meaningful alternative, families will fight to hang onto what they know works.
- Employment opportunities are regarded as sparse, often of poor quality and with limited choice. Families report that

the information and support for pathways into employment is confusing and inadequate.

SEN support (including exclusions)

- There is some concerns around the level of support for those young people on SEN support and the settings they are in. The level exclusions is increasing and a recent NNPCF survey found that over 90% of forums that responded had witnessed potentially illegal "unofficial" exclusion practices. Finally, forums are reporting that inclusion in mainstream schools is becoming more challenging for families with a marked drift towards specialist education for children and young people with SEND.
- We believe that adopting a whole school philosophy, a graduated approach, transparency of how notional SEND budgets are used and high quality information advice and support for families are the keys to addressing this. There are examples of good practice in almost all local areas and parents know which schools and head teachers "get it." This suggests that this is a leadership issue.



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www.facebook.com/FVP-Goldhay-Community-Centre

Local Participation News

Annual Conference

Date: Friday 22nd June 2018

Time: 9.30 to 2.30 (arrivals from 9.00)

Venue: The Key Theatre, Peterborough

Speakers:

Wendi Ogle-Welbourn, Jonathon Lewis, Brian Lamb OBE

Talk / Workshops:

Short breaks, Education Matters, The Local Offer

Booking: <https://goo.gl/forms/slfDM4yfwVFeerZT2>

There will be £5 booking fee refundable on the day.

Transport Survey

We have a Post 16 Transport survey running to gather views on provision and why transport is required. Your feedback on this is vital to help us work to inform commissioners and other decision makers know why you require transport and what it means for you and your young people.

Take the survey here

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SW76DJV>

Local Offer Pages

Panels and Decision Making

As part of a you said—we did the Local Authority have added some pages to the Local Offer informing people about how decisions are made at the various Panels in Peterborough.

Your input is required further to shape these pages. You can check out the pages following this link

<http://fis.peterborough.gov.uk/kb5/peterborough/directory/advice.page?id=OF-HKpC5Ylg>

To get involved and have a say in what information works etc contact Claudia on membership@familyvoice.org

Autism

The pages on Autism are constantly under review but not really known about. Your views on the pages, information available, what works or doesn't and what is still needed would really help.

Check out the pages here

<http://fis.peterborough.gov.uk/kb5/peterborough/directory/family.page?familychannel=8-4-10>

Then get in contact with Claudia to find out how you can get involved further.

Feedback Methods



How do you want to feedback on the local offer? Do you like Pop Ups? Do like the option of clicking on a link?

These are questions being asked to make the local offer more interactive and make it easier for the Local Authority to improve and update the local offer based on your views/ feedback and needs.

Wheelchair Services

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG is currently in the process of procuring a new wheelchair service for children, young people and adults across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

We know how valued and important this service is and we remain committed to engaging with public and partners to ensure we develop a service that meets local needs.

Local wheelchair users, their carers and families are encouraged to share their views at the one of the following public meetings:

- **Tuesday 22 May:** 1.30pm-3.30pm at Disability Peterborough, John Mansfield Centre, Western Ave, Peterborough, PE1 4HX
- **Thursday 24 May:** 10.30am-12.30pm at Meadows Community Centre, 1 St Catharine's Road, Cambridge, CB4 3XJ

Feedback from these meetings will be used to help design the new service and shape the final service specification, which will set out the service we plan to commission.

Members of the public can also share their views and feedback through a short

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online survey available <https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughhccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/consultations/wheelchair-services-in-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough/>

To confirm attendance at either meeting please contact the CCG communications and engagement team on 01223 725317 or email capccg.contact@nhs.net

Parent Representative Work Programs

SENCo Network
Transforming Care
Partnership Boards
Local Offer
SEND JCU
Preparing for Adulthood
Cohesion and Diversity
CHSWG (Hearting Impairment)
And others

Commitment

Most meetings are for one to two hours and meeting up to six times per year. A further hour is re-

quired per meeting for administration time.

You choose which boards/meetings are of interest and you will be remunerated at about £10 per hours.

Email participation@familyvoice.org if interested or ring 01733 685510 and leave you name, number and a message and we will get back in contact.

Communication Channels

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

Facebook

www.facebook.com/fvpcommunity

www.facebook.com/FamilyVoiceCaravan

www.familyvoice.com/FVP-Goldhay-Community-Centre

YouTube

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

Twitter

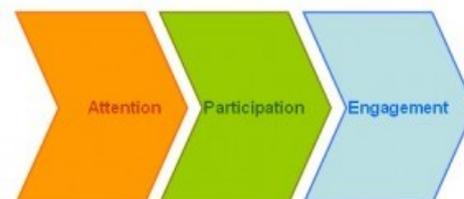
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Useful sources of Participation and SEN Information

National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF)
<http://www.nnpcf.org.uk/>

Contact for families with disabled children
<https://www.cafamily.org.uk/>

National Deaf Children's

Association (NDCS)
<http://www.ndcs.org.uk/>

Peterborough City Council
Local Offer
<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/special-educational-needs/local-offer/>

Council for Disabled Children
<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/>

Government Website
<https://www.gov.uk/topic/schools-colleges-childrens-services/special-educational-needs-disabilities>

Activities/ Events/ Support/ Training/ Fundraising

Family Based Activities

Asian Cuisine Day

Date: Monday 30th July 2018

Time: 2pm to 5pm

Venue: 105 Paynels, The Goldhay Centre

Price: £4 per adult and £2.50 per child

Booking: <https://goo.gl/forms/hWnngDVXv94D35Zo2>

Details: Home cooked Asian Cuisine, Pizza (if you prefer), Face Painting, Henna Tattoos, Bouncy Castle and other entertainment

Chessington Trip

Date: Wednesday 21st August

Time: Depart at 7.30am and return at 4.30pm (return time provisional)

Price (*non-refundable contribution*): £8 per adult and £4 per child and £2.50 for any other children

Expression of Interest: <https://goo.gl/forms/kKswMtMNMkoAOTAM2>

Details: Places are limited. FVP will be in contact to sort payment and confirm places, so please do not make payment until you have been contacted.

Hunstanton Trip

Date: Wednesday 22nd August

Time: Depart 8am and Return 5pm (provisional)

Price (*non refundable contribution*): £5 per adult and £2.50 per child.

Expression of Interest: <https://goo.gl/forms/Tu3AzvqCXKe6ZgjI3>

Details: Places are limited. FVP will be in contact to sort payment and confirm places, so please do not make payment until you have been contacted.

PDDCS Summer Play Scheme

Peterborough District Deaf Children Society are running their Summer Play Scheme again at FVP.

Dates: 6th to 10th August

Contact: Amy Fisher on 07816911744 or amycasselden@gmail.com

Fundraising Events

Fathers Day Lunch

Date: Sunday 17th June

Time: 12pm to 3pm

Price: Adults and over 16 £5 and children Free

Booking: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FathersLunch2018>

Training and Workshops

Cerebra PIP Workshop

Date: Tuesday 15th May

Time: 10am to 2pm

Price: Free

Booking: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CerebraPIP18May>

Details: Light lunch and refreshments provided. Your young person must be 14 or over.

Focus Groups/ Breakfast Meetings

Post 16 Transport

Date: Monday 21st May

Time: 9.30 to 11.30

Price: Free

Booking: <https://goo.gl/forms/8uBp52GLVG6sYJBf2>

Details: Choice of Bacon Butty, Cereal and Toast, Fruit and Yoghurt with Orange Juice to drink.

Topic: Post 16 Transport

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Time: 9.30 to 2.30 (arrivals from 9.00)

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Talk / Workshops:

Short breaks, Education Matters, The Local Offer

Booking: <https://goo.gl/forms/slfDM4yfwVFeerZT2>

There will be £5 booking fee refundable on the day.

To find out more or get involved please contact FVP on.

Phone: 01733 685510

Email: office@familyvoice.org

Spotlight

PDDCS Deaf Toddler Group

Every two weeks we meet to play and chat. We are lucky enough to have an audiologist that comes too to do Children's mounds which will save parents a trip to the hospital! Great place to meet people and share experiences and support each other

Venue: 105 Paynels,
Peterborough, PE2 5QP

Contact: Gina 07752 192735

Pinpoint Cambridgeshire Support Groups

ADHD/ASD groups for Cambridgeshire and

Peterborough Carers and Parents

Does your child have - or do you suspect they have - ADHD/ASD? ADHD/ASD groups for parents run monthl at **Ely, Histon, Peterborough and Huntingdon**, run by Pinpoint in conjunction with our counterparts Family Voice Peterborough. Parents and carers who have children with ADHD and Autism - with or without a diagnosis - are welcome to come along.

So if your children are accessing services, are on the waiting list, or have had a referral turned down, come along for practical

advice and ideas on how to boost your resilience and work with your children at home and help manage their behaviour.

The groups are co-ordinated by Pinpoint staff members Eve Redgrave and Jackie King. This page will continue to be updated after each group we run.

Find out more or book a place at one of the groups: Call us on 01480 877333 or email [Jackie](#) or [Eve](#)

Caravan News and Bookings

There will be a decrease in the prices charged for booking the caravans in 2018. Bookings can be made by emailing holidays@familyvoice.org. Booking periods are for Friday to Friday (7 Nights), Monday to Friday (4 Nights)

Butlins

	High Season	Mid Season	Low Season
7 Nights	620	445	270
4 Nights	365	265	165
3 Nights	280	205	130

Haven

	High Season	Mid Season	Low Season
7 Nights	550	445	270
4 Nights	325	265	165
3 Nights	250	205	130



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Caravans

Dates to look out for

- ⇒ Post 16 Transport
- ⇒ Annual Conference
- ⇒ Asian Cuisine
- ⇒ Chessington
- ⇒ Hinstanton

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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