

Barking & Dagenham SEND Local Offer Newsletter



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From Childhood to Adulthood

High aspirations are crucial to success. We believe children with SEND, with the right support, can also have their best outcomes to achieve their ambitions.

This time we invite our senior colleagues to share how we work strategically and take actions for improvement:

- Message from SEND Partnership Board
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- Accelerating Post-16 SEND Outcomes
- Just Say Parent Carer Forum
- Speak Up Young People Forum
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Useful Contact:

- ❖ MASH Team:
020 8227 3811 (Monday-Friday)
020 8215 3000 (Out of duty hours)
- ❖ Child at immediately risk, call police on 999
- ❖ Travel Assistance:
transport.request@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ Early Help Service:
020 8227 5600
familynavigators@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ Carers' Hub (IASS):
020 8593 4422
carers@carerscentre.org.uk
- ❖ Family Information Team
020 8227 5395
fis@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ Education Inclusion Team
inclusion@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ EHCP Team
EHCCenquires@lbbd.gov.uk
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SEND Partnership Board

The SEND Partnership Board for Barking and Dagenham brings together representatives from the Council, Health, and Parents to lead and oversee services and support for children and young people with SEND and their families.

Two places on the Board are reserved for Just Say Forum members to make sure that the views and contributions of parents are shared and inform our priorities.

The Board is chaired by the Director of Children's Services.

The Partnership has commissioned the Progress Project to lead young people's reviews of services which are important to them, and their findings are reported to the Board.

Current priorities are supporting access to speech and language therapists in schools, extending The Phoenix Project – to support parents of children with Autism, and working together to improve transitions and pathways to adulthood.

Jane Hargreaves
Commissioning Director Education

SEND Preparing for Adulthood

We are working together across the partnership to ensure our young people are well-prepared for their lives beyond school and are supported to achieve the best outcomes. We know that the planning for this needs to start early, to ensure that young people and their families are supported and equipped for making choices about what path to take and opportunities to explore. To support this, the SEND Team and key partners completed a revision of EHCP annual review paperwork, to ensure that the annual review process for young people Year 8 and above, has a clear focus on the four Preparing for Adulthood outcomes: Education & Employment, Friends, Relationships & Community, Good Health, and Independent Living. Further to the revised paperwork, person centred planning training developed for school and college staff who lead review meetings, in the summer term.

Denise Watts
Head of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Statutory Services

Accelerating Post 16 SEND Outcomes

Good progress is being made on our co-produced Action Plan, with 12 six-month actions in place across the 5 themes of:

1. Annual reviews need to focus more on Preparing for Adulthood and real planning for the future and moving to services for adults
2. Information for parents not clear or effective enough and does not address wider needs e.g. housing, health
3. Careers education, information, advice and guidance for children and young people needs to be improved
4. Improving preparation for and access to Employment and Supported Internships
5. Broadening Post 16 education options

One of the most exciting actions is the development of a 'Transitions Charter', which will make clear the wider partnership's commitment to, and aspiration for, all SEND young people as they move into post-16. In July, wider stakeholders will be coming together again to discuss the action plan and review the progress made.

Erik Stein, Head of Participation, Opportunity and Wellbeing



Just Say Parent Carer Forum

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Just Say have been super busy since our Annual Conference in February - where we welcomed over 70 people. All the speakers and stallholders were great - and of course the Trinity Band.

Our Steering Group members Jaime (Chair) & Wanda then travelled to Newcastle for the National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF) Conference. On 8th March we hosted an IPSEA training session, Maria Bloom gave us an introduction to SEND law.

We also attended AbPhab's Career's evening - great to see so many friends there.

We are talking to our colleagues in the council & voluntary sector about more training sessions to start after the Easter break, the Transitions Charter as well as our regular conversations.



Here we are with our partners at Sycamore Trust and Andy & Charlie at the Progress Project.

If you have any time to volunteer to help us run things, please do get in touch - or to tell us your ideas - we'd love to hear from you!



Have an **Eggcellent** Easter!



Speak Up Young People Forum

Busy, Busy, Busy! Since September 2023, Speak Up Forum have:

1. consulted and implemented the design of the new LBBDD Local offer website and newsletter,
2. submitted 3 consultation reports to LBBDD on their services, including:
(a) Libraries, (b) Parks and (c) Careers Advice received in schools and colleges.

Speak Up meet at the Vibe Youth Club on a Friday night. We have 2 groups ages 8-14 (5-6.30pm) and ages 15-25 (6.30-8.30pm) for SEND children and young people. We play games, meet friends, socialise, and play music. We also plan future activities and discuss current issues the young people bring up. Young People are now confident in speaking up. Contact: forum@bdpp.org.uk / 07881 247654

We have achieved this by creating a safe and trusting environment within our regular members where they can be themselves and speak up without being judged.



Updates from NELFT Health and Care



[Dynamic Support Register & North East London Keyworking Service](#)



The Dynamic Support Register (DSR) and the North East London Keyworking Service work with children and young people with learning disabilities and/or autism, aged 0-25 years old who have complex needs or mental health issues that increase their risk of being admitted to a hospital.

The purpose of the DSR is to prevent inappropriate hospital admission or reduce length of stay where admission is due to a lack of the right care and treatment in the community.

The Keyworking Service will play a vital role in coordinating with other involved professionals, working in partnership with support providers, children and young people and their families or carers, to help make the right health and care decisions.

For information and referral: <https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/nel-keyworking-service/> / DSRReferrals@lbbd.gov.uk / keyworking@nelft.nhs.uk / 0300 300 1603

SEND Local Offer

What's On

- ❖ CYP Disability Hub Groups and Springtime Funtime activities
- ❖ AbPhab Quiz Night
- ❖ Valence House Eggciting Easter
- ❖ Easter Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF 2024)
- ❖ ADDUP Drop-in (ADHD support) at CYP Disability Hub
- ❖ B&D Healthwatch Community Dental Care Survey



SEND Drop-in

Good News!

In the coming months, Early Years Inclusion Team, B&D Healthwatch and Just Say will join SEND Team and Family Navigators in the Family Hubs to promote their service and provide early help support for families with children and young people with SEND.

Dates for your diary

9.30-11.30am:

- 15th April, Marks Gate Family Hub
- 13th May, Barking Family Hub
- 3rd June, Dagenham Family Hub
- 1st July, Marks Gate Family Hub