

Welcome!

You may recognise this newsletter from last year and hopefully you'll be pleased to know it's being brought back to life!

It is an effective way of sharing news, events and supporting the SEND Reforms. Don't forget that you can view the Local Offer on Somerset Choices Children and Families along with news, resources and information about SEND:

<http://www.somersetchoices.org.uk>

We hope that you enjoy this newsletter and if you have any suggestions or requests for articles or information please do [get in touch](#).

SEND 0-25 – Nine Priorities and Leads

- 1) Joint Commissioning (Philippa Granthier)
- 2) Health Engagement (Lydia Woodward/ Alison Bell)
- 3) Transitions (Mel Lock)
- 4) Participation (Ruth Hobbs)
- 5) Early Help for SEND (Philippa Granthier)
- 6) Statutory Assessment (Len Brazier)
- 7) Complex Cases (Julian Wooster/Sandra Corry)
- 8) School Improvement (Neal Chislett)
- 9) Ofsted preparation (Rowina Clift-Shanley)

Why not visit the SEND Engagement and Participation Team's Facebook page or the Somerset Parent Carer Forum website?

Click on their logos to the right to visit their pages.



An update on SEND 0-25...

As part of our drive to improve Children's Services, lots of you have probably heard snippets of information about SEND, a peer review and Ofsted inspections so hopefully it will be helpful to outline some facts for you.

Gloucestershire County Council held a peer review with us in May to prepare us for an Ofsted inspection. Whilst they found evidence of good practice and initiatives, an Ofsted inspection is likely to find 'significant weaknesses' in our practice.

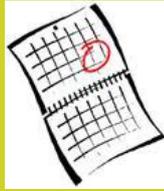
To address this, we need to adopt a multi-agency response with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Health, Education, Adults, Social Care and the Voluntary Sector. Nine priority areas have been identified by strategic leads from these areas (these are in the box to the left). Groups have been formed to address these and the five SEND outcomes as per our co-produced strategy.

We are very aware that lots of good practice and initiatives are going on but we need to make sure that this is being shared across the county.



Dates for your Diary

Multi-agency SEND conferences are being planned for September/October. Please watch out for further details!



A quick reminder that all practitioners should be using the [Early Help Assessment](#) (available on [Professional Choices](#)) for all assessments and referrals, including services for SEND 0-25.

Calling examples of good practice...

SEND Outcomes: a reminder

- Outcome 1:** our families, **children and young people report a positive experience of our SEND systems** and support, feel empowered and confident to engage and to make decisions
- Outcome 2:** **timely and accurate assessment and identification of SEND** across education, health and care services
- Outcome 3:** **inclusive and equitable access to good quality local education**
- Outcome 4:** **smooth and effective transitions** happen at key points for the child and young person
- Outcome 5:** creative **partnership working delivers effective, fair and transparent** systems and services

Have you come across a situation that you believed was a really good example of:

- Person centred planning
- Child, young person or family participation
- Accurate and accessible information
- Partnership working
- Working with aspirations and outcomes

If so we'd like to hear all about how it made a difference. Please [contact us](#) to request a case study template.

Useful Resources...

Resource	What is it?	Who is it for?	Where can I get it?
SEND online suite of e-learning modules	A suite of online modules	Everyone	SCC – Learning Centre Outside of SCC – log in as 'guest'
SEND Strategy	Our joint SEND strategy which sets out roles and responsibilities for the LA and partners	Everyone	Somerset Choices

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