

SHROPSHIRE FOCUS ON SEND

Issue 4 Spring 2018

News, Views and Information from the SEN Team

Welcome, to our Spring edition of Shropshire's Focus on SEND newsletter where you will find updates on The Local Offer, EHCP assessment process survey, the new annual review paperwork, high needs review, Autism Education Trust and key dates for you diary.

Don't forget to book your place on the Summer SENCo network meetings. These are a great opportunity to network with other SENCos and keep up to date with all things SEN.

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Local Offer Update

We have been continuing to develop and improve the webpages and their content on the [Shropshire Local Offer](#). This has included revising current pages and adding new content. We have also improved the search facility to ensure people are able to find the information they are looking for quickly and easily.

We have held two workshops to gather information/feedback and to network with colleagues and parents. The first one took place in November 2017 and included colleagues from Compass/FPOC (First Point of Contact). The second workshop took place in January 2018 and included IASS and parents. Both workshops were really valuable and gave us a focus on areas to improve.



This month we are pleased to confirm that we have commissioned Colin McKenzie and Jonathan Wilding representing FWL & Associates to undertake further development of Shropshire's SEND Local Offer. They have experience of working on the SEND reforms as well as designing and implementing other Local Offers. We are anticipating that you will see some changes to the Shropshire Local Offer in the coming months and we will keep you informed of progress and if there are any actions required by you.

We welcome any feedback you may have to help with the continued improvement of the Shropshire Local Offer. Feedback received to date has shaped the way the Local Offer has developed and has provided us with crucial information that has directly influenced the content and information available.

You can provide feedback about the Shropshire Local Offer by emailing local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk titling your email 'Feedback'.

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EHCP Assessment Process - How well are we doing?

In order to inform our processes and enable us to further improve the service that we offer, we ask parent/carers to complete a simple questionnaire at the end of the education, health and care needs assessment process. The questionnaire is distributed along with the draft EHC plan and provides valuable feedback to enable us to develop our practice to best support the needs of children and young people with SEN and their families.

From September 2017 – present we have received 32 questionnaire returns and the results can be found below. We last published these statistics in our Summer 2017 newsletter and you can see from the table below that we have made improvements in every area.

The questions are scored on the following scale;

Strongly agree = 5 Agree = 4 Neither agree or disagree = 3 Disagree = 2 Strongly disagree = 1

Our findings, so far, are presented in the table below;

Questions	Average Score (Previous results from Summer 2017)	Average Score (September 2017-present)
1. Staff from the SEN Team kept you sufficiently informed during the assessment process.	3.9	4.2
2. Is the paperwork clear and easy to complete?	4.1	4.4
3. The local authority strives to be person-centred. How well do you feel we achieved this?	3.7	4.3
4. If you used the Local Offer, did you find the information regarding the EHCP assessment process useful?	3.7	4.7
5. Overall, were you pleased with the service and support you received?	4.0	4.5
6. Do you think that your views and aspirations are appropriately reflected in the proposed plan?	4.1	4.6

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Annual Review Paperwork

We have revised the annual review paperwork which consists of:

- Template Agenda (This is an additional document which wasn't available previously)
- Child/Young Person's views
- Parent/Carer views
- Annual Review Report
- Guidance Document
- FAQs

The Annual Review report has been amended considerably to bring it in-line with the current Education, Health and Care Plan template.

We believe the revised annual review report is easier to understand, quicker to complete and much more user/reader friendly. The paperwork is now available on the Local Offer [here](#).

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ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT of an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

It is important that you have a copy of the latest EHCP to review and to amend if any amendments are required. You can refer to Shropshire's Annual Review Guidance and Chapter 9 of the SEND Code of Practice Sections 9.156 to 9.182 for guidance regarding the annual review process.

Name of Substantial Setting	Date of Review
Name of Child/Young Person	Date of Birth
Address	Year Group
Contact Details (If young person)	LAC? (Y/N)
Home: Mobile: Email:	
Name of Parents/Carers	
Address (if different from above)	
Contact Details	Home: Mobile: Email:
Home: Mobile: Email:	
Must be completed	If Yes, give details:
Is the child eligible for any Premium? (Y/N)	
Is the child eligible for Anyof Services? (Y/N)	
Must be completed	
Attendance (%)	Exclusions (No. of Days)

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Autism Education Trust (AET)

The Autism Education Trust (AET) is dedicated to coordinating, supporting and promoting effective education practice for all children and young people on the autism spectrum. The modular training programme aims to raise the knowledge and understanding of all staff in schools to enable them to better meet the needs of children with autism. Having purchased the licence to deliver the Autism Education Trust programme to Shropshire schools we started delivering to schools from September 2017. The training statistics for the first 5 months of this training, up-to the end of January 2018, are detailed below:

Programme	Title	Delegates	Schools
Tier 1	Making Sense of Autism (Whole school training)	1072	58
Tier 2 (Core)	Good Autism Practice	31	
Tier 2 (Extended)		4	
Tier 3	Leading Good Autism Practice	9	

The feedback from those attending the training has been very positive and will hopefully be having a positive impact within schools for those children who are on the autism spectrum. The Tier 2 and 3 training courses are being offered on a termly basis and can be booked through the CPD team.

Due to the success of the schools programme, the local authority are in discussion with the Autism Education Trust regional hub to purchase the Early Years licence which we are hoping to roll out shortly.

There are many free resources available for parents and practitioners on the AET website:

www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk

The following training is coming up:

- Tier 2 (Core) – ‘Good Autism Practice’ – Wednesday 23rd May 2018
- Tier 2 (Extended) – Wednesday 6th June 2018
- Tier 3 – Leading Good Autism Practice – Tuesday 3rd July 2018

To book onto this training or for more details please contact Alice Christmas in the CPD Team on 01743 254570 or email cpd@shropshire.gov.uk



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High needs review

Last September Shropshire Council commissioned FWL & Associates to conduct an independent review of high needs provision. This was in response to grant funding that was allocated to all local authorities in England. The aim nationally is to increase education provision for children and young people with special educational needs, specifically those who require support through an EHCP. The strategic aims in Shropshire are:

- To maximise the number of learners with SEN accessing mainstream educational settings
- That all Shropshire children and young people will access an appropriate curriculum
- That the majority of children will be able to access specialist provision within a 30 minute commute.

We received much positive feedback from the consultation and also following the PACC AGM that took place in November. A number of schools have already contacted FWL and Shropshire Council to express their interest in developing specialist hub provision and we are hopeful that we will be able to increase the numbers of specialist places across Shropshire over the next couple of years. It is likely that the majority of these places will be for primary and secondary aged children with special educational needs relating to social interaction and communication, in particular those that may have an Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC). We will keep all stakeholders informed of progress as this work progresses.

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/parentcarers/strategy-policy-and-guidance/>

Sensory Inclusion Service (SIS) Review

SIS is a service that is jointly managed through Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. Both LAs have jointly commissioned a review of the service. We will provide you with more information as soon as this is available.

PATOSS

Are running an event 'Autism' by Gareth D. Morewood

Date: Thursday 7th June **Time:** 7pm for a prompt 7:30pm start. Venue: Oswestry Cricket Club, Morda Road, Oswestry. SY11 2AY. **Cost:** £3 National Patoss members; £5 Shropshire Patoss members; £7 Guests.

For more information please contact Janet Barlow on Email: shropshirepatoss@gmail.com

<https://www.patoss-dyslexia.org/ProfessionalServices/LocalGroups/2012-02-27/Shropshire-Oswestry-N-Shropshire/>



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Key Dates/Events

Primary SENCo network meetings		
Date	Time	Venue
13 th June 2018	13.30 – 16.00	Mascall Centre, Ludlow
18 th June 2018	13.30 – 16.00	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre
21 st June 2018	13.30 – 16.00 16.30 – 18.00	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre

Secondary SENCo network meetings		
Date	Time	Venue
27 th June 2018	13.30 – 16.00	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre

Autism Education Trust Training		
Type	Date	Venue
Tier 2 'Good Autism Practice'	23 rd May 2018	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre
Tier 2 (Extended)	6 th June 2018	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre
Tier 3 'Leading Good Autism Practice'	3 rd July 2018	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre

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