

Somerset Parent Carer Forum

Weekly update



Behaviour that Challenges workshop

Thank you to the parents who joined us at the CCG workshop this week on creating a pathway for children who present with behaviour that challenges. This is a really important piece of work as the number of children presenting at paediatrics with challenging behaviour has increased by 80% in the last few years. We want to see them getting the help early and in a way that's right for them.

The work is still ongoing and we will update you as this progresses. In the meantime if this is an issue that faces you we would like to hear from you. You may also find useful resources at www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk and keep an eye out for the challenging behaviour workshops.

National Award for SEN Co-ordination

The Forum met with SENCO's who are currently undertaking the award for SEN co-ordinators. We talked about the importance of involving parents in discussion about their child or young person's needs and provision. We also talked about how parents and young people need to be involved in the preparation of the settings SEN information report. The 2 young people's champions explained why being involved is so important and the benefits for the young person when this is done effectively.

TRANSFORMING CARE

This week we had a phone conference meeting with NHS England, Somerset County Council and the CCG about transforming care.

It was felt that there is still more work to do in raising awareness for the program and it helps prevent hospital admissions and supports families.

SUPPORTING SEND IN EARLY YEARS 0-5

This was the first meeting of the group. The group started to identify the data that would enable them to clearly identify the children who need support and how they can ensure no child falls through the gap. They discussed the good practice which can be built on.

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

A small task and finish group met to look at creating a survey to capture people's experiences of SEND across Education, Health and Social care.

The survey will be used as a measure of the outcomes of the Engagement and Participation strategy.



Wincanton coffee morning

We enjoyed talking to parents at our coffee morning this month about a variety of subjects. Thank you to everyone who joined us.



Fairmead school

Thank you to Fairmead school for inviting us to your coffee evening. We were able to share a preview of the new Local Offer and talk about their experiences. The parents were also able to talk to Cheryl from SENDIAS.