

Somerset Parent Carer Forum

Weekly update



This week has been busy with attendance at workshops, engagement events and report writing. We met with the Engagement and Participation worker that supports our young peoples champions to look at ways for children, young people and parents to comment on the new Local Offer Platform and the refreshed SEND engagement and participation strategy. More details next week.

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR EDUCATION

We have run a further 2 events this week for parents of children who use the support services for education and completed 3 case studies. Based on our engagement events and the online survey we presented a report to the children and families scrutiny board. The Director of Childrens services has promised no redundancies in the team involved until discussions with families have taken place. Somerset County Council will bring an update back to the board in September.

The forum was praised for the thorough, informative and professional report that it presented by councillors. The Director of Childrens services welcomed the report and the 6 recommendations.

HEALTH MEETINGS

Somerset Parent Carer Forum representatives attended the Children and Young People Mental health event. The focus was on tier 4 CAMHS procedures, looking at how this can be managed while minimising stress. A representative also attended Somerset's Engagement Advisory Group where presentations were given on commissioning processes for adults services.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

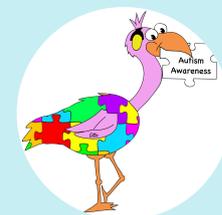
ICAN and the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapy report, Bercow 10 Years on has recently been published. The forum asked the board how they will ensure the recommendations, for the various work streams they have oversight for, will be implemented in Somerset. We are awaiting a written response which we will share with members.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS

Local Area Inspection network - planning meeting.

Parent carer toolkit - Next week we will meet with various agencies to review the public health toolkit and identify additional resources.

SLCN- Strategy development for Speech Language and communication needs for Somerset.



CAOT's Ollie the Flamingo project

Thank you to everyone who has supported us and CAOT so far. There is still time as the collection does not close until 30th April. next month.



Coffee morning Wincanton

We also ran our monthly coffee morning at Wincanton with 6 attending. We were joined by the transport department. Please email us if you have any suggestions of people you would like us to organise visits from.

