

Somerset Parent Carer Forum

Weekly update



Short breaks day

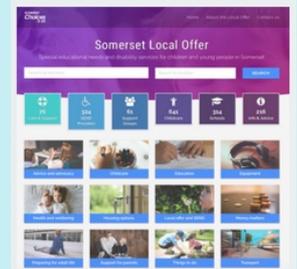
Last weekend was the annual Short breaks funday at Brookside School in Street. A large number of families attended and sampled some on the activities available.

The families enjoyed the fly over by the Red Arrows, a guest appearance from Marshall from Paw Patrol and the climbing wall. There was lot of information stands and organisations explaining how they can support children and young people. The Unstoppables, sporting their new t-shirt and lanyards ran craft activities, a treasure hunt and face painting.



The forum was very busy and at times we had families waiting to talk to us. 27 families signed up to the forum newsletter to hear about local opportunities. You can sign up via our facebook page, website or ring 01458 259384.

New Local Offer



This week we continued the work on the new Local Offer platform. There are lots of opportunities for people to continue to be involved.

Upcoming events

12th July 10-12 Chard
13th July 10-12 Yeovil
18th July 10-12 Taunton
20th July 10-12 Wincanton

AUTISM ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

The forum is currently working with Somerset Clinical Commissioning group to run events to get your views on local provision for individuals with Autism to support the rewrite of the Autism strategy.

10th July 5.30-8 Frome Medical Centre

11th July 5:30-8 Chilton Trinity Bridgwater.

18th July 4.30-6:30 Minehead Hospital.

HEARING & VISION IMPAIRMENT AND PIMS.

We have met with the lead SEND advisor to follow up on the report presented to scrutiny.

We also had a follow up meeting with the Lead SEND advisor and National Deaf Society to discuss events in September to look at the current service which has not been reviewed for a long time. The events will look at how outcomes can be improved while allowing for restricted budgets. More details will follow shortly and all families who use the services will be contacted with details on how they can be involved.

IDENTIFYING SEND 0-5

This week was the second meeting of the newly formed group. Most of the session was focused on structure including attendees, Terms of reference and the early years sections of the Local Area Self evaluation framework tool.

National Autistic Society Somerset branch update

Over the last few months we have been contacted by our members and members of the public after trying to contact the local branch.

We contacted Mark Leaver, the NAS CEO, to clarify the situation and have been advised there is a new branch lead Sarah Smillie now in place.

If you would like to contact Sarah the branch email is somerset@nas.org.uk.