

SHROPSHIRE FOCUS ON SEND

Issue 6 Autumn 2018

News, Views and Information from the SEN Team

Welcome, to our Autumn edition of Shropshire's Focus on SEND newsletter where you will find information and updates on developing a SEND hub provision in Shropshire, Preparing for Adulthood Team, Bee-U Service, Secondary School Admissions, Local Offer and key dates for your diary.

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Department for Education Visit

In July, Shropshire hosted a visit from Charlie Palmer; SEND Professional Adviser at the Department for Education. He met with representatives from Education, Social Care and parents to discuss the progress Shropshire has made in implementing the SEND reforms introduced in 2014 and to explore the success that Shropshire has had in having very low levels of appeals to the SEND tribunals over the last three years.

Discussions covered a range of topics with Charlie offering challenge and advice in a broad range of areas with an emphasis on the co-production and monitoring of Education Health and Care plans (EHCP's).

Following his visit Charlie concluded that:



"The LA is to be congratulated on fielding such a wide ranging group of leaders for the discussion, and also for its success with managing SEND casework with a very low level of appeals. Some further improvements to EHC plans have been identified. However, the overall picture is of a strong and capable group of officers leading the agenda and driving further improvement"

Charlie Palmer (DfE 16/8/18)

Peer Review

In September 2018, Shropshire took part in a peer review which creates a good platform on which to plan for the Ofsted/CQC local area inspection. The Peer Review team acknowledged some of our strengths and areas that we should be proud of and confirmed our views on areas that we can develop. The process was very positive and will help Shropshire to continue to improve.

Shropshire Council are committed to continuing to improve provision and outcomes for children and young people with SEND and we look forward to working with our highly valued partners to implement our shared vision. 😊

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SEND News In Brief

Ofsted Changes

Amanda Spielman, Ofsted's Chief Inspector, in a speech at Wellington College, provided an overview of what some of the themes in Ofsted's research plan for the next 2 years will be. These include looking at how pupils with SEND in mainstream schools can get better access to support. She states that in the new framework, Ofsted will be just as interested in **why** and **what** schools are teaching, as they are in data and outcomes, and she wishes to address the rumours about pupils with challenging behaviour being deliberately 'hidden' during inspections. The new Ofsted framework is due to be published in 2019.

<http://bit.ly/2ljBqnQ>

Exclusions of autistic pupils up at least 44%

Ambitious about Autism found that exclusions of children with autism increased by at least 44% in every part of England and Wales between 2011 and 2016. The rate for all exclusions has increased by 4% during the same period.

The CEO of Ambitious about Autism, Jolanta Lasota, said, "The impact of these exclusions can't be underestimated – not only do children fall behind academically, but the isolation from their peers creates deep unhappiness, social anxiety and mental health problems. Our evidence clearly shows that children with autism are disproportionately at risk from exclusion, compared with other children."

News from the Education Secretary

In a speech to the Association of Directors Children's Services, Damian Hinds gave some clear messages about SEND which suggest that he is listening to the sector.

His key points included:

- ***"We know there has been a steady movement of children with SEN out of mainstream schools and into specialist provision, AP and home education. At the same time, rates of exclusion have begun to rise after a period of having calmed down. And I hear too many stories of off-rolling. I want to be clear right now: this is not okay. SEND pupils are not someone else's problem. Every school is a school for pupils with SEND and every teacher is a teacher of SEND pupils."***
- ***"I am working with Ofsted to make sure our accountability system sufficiently rewards schools for their work with pupils who need extra support, and to encourage schools to focus on all pupils, not just the highest achievers"***

Developing SEND 'hub' provision in Shropshire

In 2017, the Government announced that all local authorities in England would receive capital funding to invest in provision for children and young people with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

In October 2017 Shropshire Council commissioned a comprehensive review of its high needs provision. The 'Specialist Provision Strategic Review' identified recommendations for how capital investment should be prioritised. These included the development of specialist resourced provisions for:



1. primary aged learners with additional needs associated with communication & interaction difficulties and/or social emotional and mental health (including Autism Spectrum Conditions)
2. secondary-aged learners with additional needs in the area of communication & interaction and/or social emotional and mental health (including Autism Spectrum Conditions).

The full report can be found by following this link: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/9343/specialist-provision-strategic-review-and-development-plan-v3.pdf>

The first 'hubs' identified are at:

- Whittington Primary School
- St Andrew's Primary School, Nesscliffe
- Community College, Bishop's Castle

Work is progressing in each of these locations and it is anticipated that they will be ready to receive children in early 2019.

There are a number of other locations that have been identified as potential sites for future developments, with work currently being undertaken to assess their feasibility. We are also looking for other potential sites across all areas of the county to ensure we are able to best meet the needs of all Shropshire children wherever they live.

Schools/colleges have been invited to submit an 'expression of interest' if they would like to establish a SEN hub on their site. Those that have been received are currently being considered.

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Shropshire Local Offer

We are pleased to announce the Local Offer [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages have been relaunched and they are now being monitored and updated daily with news and local events from SEND.

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[Shropshire's local offer](#) helps those with special educational needs or disabilities to find accurate and appropriate information so that they can make positive decisions about their lives. You can also find local support services [using our directory](#). Local events can be found in the [events diary](#).

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



Shropshire Local Offer

The SEND local offer is a single place for information, services, and resources for children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and / or disabilities, their families, and the practitioners who support them

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SEND Focus Group Presentation to SEND 0-25 Board

On September 12th the SEND focus group delivered a presentation to the 0-25 board. The Focus Group was set up in September 2017 as part of the SEND development work to increase awareness of supported internships. The funding was used to get the involvement of young people with SEND to enable them to have their voices heard.

The group prepared a presentation detailing everything they had discussed in the focus groups and told the board what they had got out of being in the group.

Below are some of the comments the young people made:

"I felt valued and proud of what I have achieved"

"I've made friends, learnt how to behave in meetings, learnt about the role of the Chair in meetings"

"It's been good to be involved in making changes, we have helped with marketing literature"

"I enjoyed helping make changes to the local offer page – I found it very difficult to find information myself when I left school"

"We have made videos detailing our experience of transition, travel training and supported internships, it was really good watching the final edit of the video"

"I appreciated being able to speak about bullying and I will be involved in working with Head teachers of primary schools to help children deal with bullying and help to prevent it"

"I enjoyed being part of the group and my confidence has improved, I would never have thought I could deliver a presentation"

The presentation was very well received by the members of the board. The Focus group will continue to meet and will have additional members joining.

Everyone who has worked with the Focus group have commented on the positivity within the group and they are now sought after by lots of people to give their input into the projects they are working on.



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Social Care – Preparing for Adulthood Team

Shropshire Adult Social Care have been exploring how we can improve the support we offer to young people in the county and as a result of this, we are pleased to introduce our new Preparing for Adulthood Team, launched on the 5th September 2018.



Left to right: Lisa Williams – Preparing for Adulthood Team (Market Drayton), Sue Bunker – Central Shropshire Team Manager, Kelly Kubilius – Preparing for Adulthood Lead, Anne Hampson – Preparing for Adulthood Team (South Shropshire), Sam Wilkinson – Preparing for Adulthood Team (Central Shropshire), Tanya Miles – Head of Adult Social Care, Helen Youens – Preparing for Adulthood Team (Oswestry), Tracy Waldron-Pegge – Preparing for Adulthood Team (Central Shropshire) and Lynne Gargiulo – Oswestry Team Manager.

The team has 6 dedicated Preparing for Adulthood social workers/practitioners and a lead for Preparing for Adulthood. They are based across the county and will work as a virtual team, meeting monthly to share good practice, resources and receive training. Young people will remain with their social worker from the point of referral (which will be around each young person's 16th birthday) until their longer-term plans are in place, which may include employment, accommodation and daily activities. What this will look like for each young person will be different as it will be designed with the young person's needs at the centre.

The team will have close links with the SEND team, education, children's social care, safeguarding, mental health, health, advocacy and many other organisations to ensure that each young person receives support which is tailored to meet their needs in a way that maximises their potential to achieve and promotes their independence. The team is also supported by lead workers from the adult mental health social work team and adult safeguarding.

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We have been working on making information more easily accessible to young people and their families. The Local Offer has been under review and we are developing the adult social care pages to give clearer information about how we work. This will include a flow chart that will show how young people, depending on their needs, can access support and examples will be illustrated with personal stories that will be developed from a range of young people's experiences. This development is supported by a group of young people who have accessed adult social care support to ensure it meets the needs of young people.

Adult social care are working in partnership with Shropshire SEND team and Severndale Specialist Academy to host an annual 'Preparing for Adulthood' event at Shrewsbury Town Football Club. Each young person under the age of 25 with an EHCP in the county, along with their family or carers, will be invited to attend the event each year. A wide range of agencies and services will be there on the day to give information and advice to young people and their families to support planning for the future. The agencies will include education, care support, advocacy, social care, housing, assistive technology and many more. There will also be a rolling programme of speakers on the day which young people and families can choose to attend. We hope by making this event annual, we can keep young people and their families up-to-date with what is available in the county and support planning for the future.

The 'Preparing for Adulthood' model is likely to evolve further in future as we continue to learn how the 'Named Social Worker' approach works in Shropshire – Watch this space for further developments.

Preparing for Adulthood Event – Book your places!

Shropshire Council, Severndale Academy and Partners are hosting a **Preparing for Adulthood event** for young people and their parents/carers in Shropshire who have an EHCP or are accessing higher level Special Educational Needs (SEN) support.

This event is aimed at pupils/students who are year 9 and above. There will be a range of service providers and organisations present on the day to offer information and advice on what is available in Shropshire for young people with an EHCP or accessing SEN support.

The event will be held on the 15th November at Shrewsbury Town Football Club, Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST and there will be four sessions throughout the day: 09.30 – 10.30 (Shorter sound/light sensitive session), 10.30 – 12.30, 13.00 – 15.00, 16.00 – 18.00

Book your FREE places now: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/preparing-for-adulthood-tickets-51284558495>

Video's and all information from the event will be made available on the Local Offer.

Look forward to seeing you there! 😊

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BeeU Service - Feedback

Wednesday 10th October 2018 was World Mental Health Day! [#WorldMentalHealthDay2018](#).

BeeU Service – CAMHS, BEAM, KOOTH, HELIOS
Have you used any of these services or tried to get access to any of these services for a child or young person?

Healthwatch Shropshire would like to hear from young people, their families and people who work with them about accessing mental health support in Shropshire.

This is a great opportunity for young people, parents, carers and professionals to provide important feedback on their experience of the BeeU Service.

Get in touch and share your story anonymously.

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Your Voice Counts!



'THERE IS NO HEALTH WITHOUT MENTAL HEALTH'

Healthwatch Shropshire want to hear your stories of getting help with your mental health .

Get in touch and share your story anonymously.

You can help to make a difference.

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Secondary School Admissions

The closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October - the SEN Team will collate the applications received shortly after the closing date, and write to parents who have not submitted an application. A copy of the letter will be shared with the primary school with a request that they support parents to make an application. Your assistance and support in this process will be much appreciated.

If you have any queries regarding the secondary transfer process please contact:

Julie Farebrother, SEN Admin Manager on 01743 254502 or Julie.farebrother@shropshire.gov.uk

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VIRTUAL SCHOOL ATTACHMENT TRAINING



Building Resilience for looked after children The Shropshire EPS Model of Attachment Training

Our model of Attachment training has grown in response to an ever increasing LAC population. Shropshire is a large rural county and whilst we have around 350 LAC, we also have around 900 LAC from other parts of the country. This makes catering for the needs of this large and highly vulnerable population very challenging.

Our model of training promotes inclusive practice by empowering the school system and giving teachers a different perspective in looking at children's behaviours. It builds empathy and teachers are therefore better advocates for the children as they have a greater understanding of needs. Children gain in terms of resiliency as they feel better understood, their emotional needs are better met and their education is more inclusive.

The model consists of 3 levels, which are cumulative and need to be undertaken in order. Level One provides delegates with an understanding of the theory and neuroscience behind early child development and the importance of nurture on the developing brain. It focuses on how to interpret and understand behaviours through an early developmental lens.

Level Two provides staff with strategies to support children to regulate and manage their emotions more effectively, using the principles of Emotion Coaching and Attachment theory.

Level Three is based on Dyadic Developmental Practice and uses the principles of PACE (Playfulness, Acceptance Curiosity and Empathy).

Whilst current feedback is extremely positive we are going to undertake a large research study into the effectiveness of these courses and the impact for children and young people. We also hope to develop a kite mark for attachment aware schools.

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Date and time	Venue	Topic	Lead
8th November 2018 1.30pm – 4.30pm	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre	Attachment Training Level 1	Jessica Swire
29th November 2018 9am – 3.00pm	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre	Emotional Co-regulation Level 2	Jessica Swire
31st January 2019 1.30pm – 4.30pm	Walford College Oswestry	Attachment Training Level 1	Jessica Swire
12th February 2019 1.30pm – 4.30pm	Bishop Mascall Centre, Ludlow	Attachment Training Level 1	Jessica Swire
7th March 2019 1.30pm – 4.30pm	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre	Attachment Training Level 1	Jessica Swire
28th March 2019 9am – 3.00pm	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre	Emotional Co-regulation Level 2	Jessica Swire

For more information or to book on to any of these training courses please contact Donna Price on 01743 258414 or email donna.price@shropshire.gov.uk [Educational Psychology Service Website](#)

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SEN Team – Who is in the team?

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Information from:
Specialist Teachers
Specialist Assessors

Our workshop leaders who teach pupils with specific learning difficulties.

Demonstrations will include:
specialist computer programs and assistive technology available to support both children and adults.

APPS that are available.

Assessment materials for assessors and SENDCO's.

Professional agencies who will be there to answer any of your questions and to give support and advice:

- AUTISM WEST MIDLANDS
- PACC – Shropshire Parent and Carer Council
- Scanning Pens

SATURDAY 10th November 2018

Belle Vue Methodist Church
Bellevue Road, Shrewsbury SY3 7NL

Time: 2.00 p.m. to 4.00pm

Workshop by Scanning Pens at 3.00 p.m.

Light refreshments available

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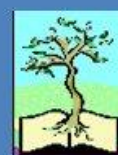
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Key Dates/Events

Early Years SENCo network meetings		
Date	Time	Venue
14 th January 2019	18.30 – 21.00	The Lantern, Shrewsbury
15 th January 2019	13.30 – 16.00	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre
16 th January 2019	13.30 – 16.00	Ludlow Rockspring
21 st January 2019	13.30 – 16.00	Walford & North Shropshire College, Oswestry

Primary TA Network Meeting		
Date	Time	Venue
22 nd November 2018	13.30 – 16.00	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre
Agenda	Precision Teaching Effective Communication and Language	

Person Centred Approaches Training		
Date	Time	Venue
25 th October 2018	All-day	Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre

Preparing for Adulthood Event (For parents/pupils of year 9 and above)		
Date	Time	Venue
15 th November 2018	09.30 – 10.30	Shrewsbury Town Football Club
Book your FREE places now:	10.30 – 12.30	
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/preparing-for-adulthood-tickets-51284558495	13.00 – 15.00	
	16.00 – 18.00	

Sen Governor Training		
Date	Time	Venue
12 th February 2019	17.30 – 19.00	Shirehall

To enquire or book onto any training please contact the CPD Team on 01743 254570 or email cpd@Shropshire.gov.uk

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