Welcome to Cornwall’s Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Update Spring 2019, No.24

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Equality Act Information

New guidance for families on the support they can expect schools to provide

Based on feedback from the 2018 SEND surveys we have written some new information for families about supporting pupils with a disability in schools:

Visit the SEN File

Self-harm Training Update

Free county-wide self-harm training is being delivered to all professions involved in working with young people across Cornwall. To date we have training over 400 professionals in how to identify, support and refer young people who are currently or are at risk of self-harm.

The training is open to any professional (Education, health, social care and / or voluntary sector) who work with young people between the ages of 5-18.

Alongside this we are trailing three training sessions with parents, the location of which will be communicated by the secondary schools directly.

More information and a copy of the booklet can be found on the SEN File

Resources to Support Children's Mental Health

We have added some new resources onto Cornwall’s SEND Local Offer:

Download these Healthy. Inside and Out - Top Tips for parents and children and young people

Visit the NHS web pages for advice and support for copying with anything affecting your child's emotional or mental health.
Resources about Autism

For families, young people and practitioners

Take a look at the Wellbeing and Autism Wheel on the SEND Local Offer.

Don’t have access to a computer? Then please call Family Information Service they can look information up for you.
Tel: 0800 587 8191
Supporting young people to prepare for adulthood

Ambitions is a new and innovative project for young people aged 15 – 24 who are not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. It is led by CSW Group and funded by the European Social Fund.

Young People referred to the project will receive an assessment of their needs, one-to-one guidance and a bespoke support programme designed to help them onto the right path to employment, education or training.

To contact a Cornwall Education Business Partnership Ambitions Project Officer, and talk to someone about this project, please email ambitions@cornwall.gov.uk or phone 01209 615070 and reference 'Ambitions'.

Supported Internships

To undertake a Supported Internship, the Learner must be aged between 16 and 25 years old and have an Education, Health and Care plan reflecting their needs, support required and where this is to be provided.

Supported Internships are expected to last for a year, but can be shorter or longer depending on the Intern and the progress they make.

Classroom learning can take place 'off the job' at College or be integrated into the normal working day on the employer's premises.

The expected outcome from a Supported Internship is employment. Employers are encouraged to view Interns as prospective employees and the Internship as a working interview. Interns should be fulfilling real work roles and adding value to the employer's business whilst learning workplace skills.

Supported Internships are often the final stage of education for eh learners before entering the adult world of work and independence.

To find out more, please email supported.internships@cornwall.gov.uk
Transition to Adult Social Care

There are now three Adult Social Care Transition Workers. They are based in Penzance - covering West Cornwall, Truro - covering Mid Cornwall and Bodmin - covering North/East Cornwall. Having received a referral from Children's Services the Transition Social Workers will connect with the young person and their family/carers to commence an assessment which will determine eligible Social Care needs.

The Adult Social Care worker will work alongside the Children’s Social Care worker for the next two years and will liaise with Education and Health services to begin to plan with the young person and his/her family.

At the age of 16

The Adult Social Care Worker will start talking to the young person and his/her family/carers about the kind of help they may need post 18 yrs in the context of information from the Transition Plan. This will include the Children's social care assessment, school reports and any health assessment.

At the age of 17

The assessment will in most cases have been completed by the Adult Social Care Worker with the young person and his/her parents. The approach of listening to the young person’s view will continue from Children Social Care into Adult Services but now the adult worker must take into account that the young person has the same rights as any other adult.

Should there be any reason to doubt mental capacity to make specific decisions (from 16 yrs onwards) the Mental Capacity Act will be considered.

Where Adult Social Care believes the young person may be eligible for Continuing NHS Healthcare or joint funding, referrals will be made to the appropriate organisations.

Carers assessments will be offered and undertaken as appropriate.

Education may continue and care services may be provided from a variety of sources. The adult worker, will co-ordinate the plans including what happens when education finishes. Adult Social Care will make all reasonable efforts to ensure the assessment and Support plan is complete and agreed both by the young person and their family/carers and the relevant funding bodies by the age of 18. In the event that this this not possible Adult Social Care and Childrens Services will work together to ensure that support required by the young person is not disrupted.

At the age of 18

Contact details:
Children's Services | Tel 0300 1234 101 Email: children@cornwall.gov.uk
Adult Social Care | Tel 0300 1234 131 Email: adultcare@cornwall.gov.uk
Preparing Young People who have an Education Health and Care (EHC) Plan for Post 16 Education

Supporting Learners through Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5

All young people need to access education and/or training up to their 18th birthday. Education would continue to be offered to the end of Year 13, the academic year in which young people reach the age of 18.

Cornwall Council is involved in arranging what young people with Education Health and Care (EHC) plans do in year 12 and 13. Families provide information about what they would like and the Council shares the EHC plan as part of the legal consultation with the school, college or other provider of education. This is the same process as for younger pupils e.g. when there is the move from primary to secondary school, or when children first start school.

There are different options and choices for Key Stage 5. Families, young people and school staff find it helpful to start exploring ideas throughout the secondary years, but particularly from Year 9 the year in which young people have their 14th birthday.

Pupils in Year 10 have a review in the summer term that leads into the detailed planning for Key Stage 5.
In Year 11, people at the school or setting a young person attends are key in ensuring transition arrangements are in place that are tailored to the needs of individual young people.

There are many different courses and subjects that can be studied. A range of different people can help young people and their families consider what to do next.

These might include:

- family members
- teachers
- including special educational needs co-ordinators SENCOs
- a CSW adviser
- the Statutory SEN Service
- and people at 6th form and college open days.

Learn more about CSW Advisers
Learn more about the Statutory SEN Service
Learn more about post 16 provision
Useful guides for transition into post 16 settings
What's Coming Up?

Parent and carer training opportunities

Children’s Hearing Services Working Group (CHSWG)

What?
This discussion meeting is open to carers and parents of any child / young person with a hearing loss. Within the meeting, as well as the opportunity to discuss a range of topics of interest to parents and young people attending, there will also be a focused discussion on communication aids/tactics.

When and where?
- Thursday 14 March 2019 from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon at the Educational Audiology Centre, Priory Road, St Austell PL25 5AB.
- Please contact Helen Coad helencoad@nhs.net or 01872 254905 by 11 March 2019 to confirm you will be joining us.

Information Sessions for parents of children who are currently on the waiting list for an ASD assessment.

What?
We will be running some evening sessions in order to tell you more about:
- The ASDAT team – who are we?
- The assessment process
- What help is available whilst you are waiting for the assessment to occur?

When and where?
- Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 5.30pm at Truro Health Park, Truro, TR1 2JA [Conference Room]
- Wednesday 20.03.19 at 6.00pm at Chy Trevail, Bodmin, PL31 2FR [Room 1 (24)]
- Monday 29.04.19 at 9.30am at Chy Trevail, Bodmin, PL31 2FR [Room 5 (22)]
- Tuesday 07.05.19 at 5.30pm at Redruth Community Centre, Redruth, TR15 1AN [Meeting Room]

To book a place, please telephone 01872 221 449 or email cpn-tr.cmcbsup@nhs.net
What's Coming Up?

School staff training opportunities

Booking details for upcoming training events, including SENCO networks are published in the SEND training directory within School Messenger. Please note that a School Messenger log in is required.

Log into School Messenger

Kernow SENCO Conference

Aimed at: Special educational needs co-ordinators and senior leaders in schools

Cornwall’s annual SENCO conference provides an opportunity to hear from speakers who have a national reputation on a range of topic relevant to the work that they do. There will also be an opportunity to network and learn from other colleagues and services that support children and young people with SEND across the county.

The focus for this year’s conference will be supporting and improving children and young people’s mental health.

Training day about Down’s Syndrome

Speaker : Gillian Bird, from the National Down’s Syndrome Association
- two workshops ‘Supporting Learning and Inclusion in the Mainstream Classroom’ and ‘Supporting Social Development and Positive Behaviours’.

Venue : The Pavilion Centre, Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge.

cost : £50 per person

To book : visit www.cornwalllearningonline.co.uk course code CAL270319
Opportunities for Young People to have their say

We are looking for groups of young people or individuals to be involved and to have their say about SEND and influence the development of processes, service and provision and be involved in some of the projects.

Karin is the SEND Youth Participation Worker at Young People Cornwall and is building a network of young People with SEND needs around the county to get their voices heard.

Karin can come along and attend any youth councils in your school or groups who might have individuals interested in this process, campaigning or something to say about issues that affect them around the County and in daily life.

Karin can come into schools to meet any young people or small groups to involve them in activities, surveys and support them with any issues they wish to campaign on.

As part of the Network young people would be able to take part in decision making about their local neighbourhood plans, local health, education and future employment opportunities and to give feedback to Cornwall Council and other organisations about matters which they wish to celebrate, challenge or change.

To recognise young peoples’ efforts there will be trips/events throughout the year and chances to participate in National Youth Voice opportunities like the UK Youth Parliament (Elections are happening this February).

Any young person aged 11-25 years with SEND can get involved.

Meetings can be held at your setting if this is more convenient and possibly with one or two representatives coming along to the monthly SEND network meetings which are run at different venues across Cornwall according to need.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information karin.saunders@ypc.org.uk or phone 07840016039
Stay Up-to-date with SEND Information

Cornwall Council's SEN File

Cornwall Council's SEN File is a valuable and extensive resource of information related to Special Educational Needs and Disability in Cornwall. Key features include:

- Education Health and Care (EHC) needs
- Assessments and plans information
- SEN Support Services information
- Transition planning guidance
- Useful forms and guidance documents

Visit the SEN File

Cornwall's SEND Local Offer

Co-produced by parents, carers, young people and professionals the website has been refreshed for 2018.

Review or visit the Cornwall SEND Local Offer

What does Cornwall's SEND Local Offer provide?

Cornwall's SEND Local Offer has information and services relating to:

- Education and Training
- Leisure and Transport
- Money Matters
- Health and Social Care
- Childcare and Early Years
- Youth Local Offer and Preparing for Adulthood
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