Cornwall’s Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Update August 2019 No. 26

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Latest News

Special Free School for Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)

We are working with different potential providers and proposals will be submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) by 30th September. The name of the provider, delivering the school, will be known in spring 2020.

Cornwall Council continues to work with DfE on the building development.

www.cornwall.gov.uk/specialfreeschool

Statutory SEN Service

Cornwall Council now has almost 3,000 children and young people with education, health and care (EHC) plans. As a result of this increase in the number of EHC plans and EHC needs assessments the Statutory SEN Casework team has had a recent increase in resource with the addition of new SEN Casework Officers. This is an adjustment to the Service’s capacity which brings it in line with its previous levels following the restructure in 2017.

We have been able to recruit high quality, skilled staff who have joined the team over the summer and early September. Following induction and training activities they will introduced to you via further communications during the first half of the autumn term.

Another new member of the team will be joining us during the autumn term: Mike Connolly will be taking over the role of Manager of the Statutory SEN Service. Mike is an experienced SEN Officer who is very much looking forward to starting with us and getting to know colleagues and partners across Cornwall. Further information will follow later in the term.

Guidance and Support for Mainstream Schools

Supporting Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs: the Graduated Response in Mainstream Schools has been refreshed.

Copies of this updated guidance will be on the website very soon.

Updated hard copies will be sent to all mainstream schools.
**Latest News Continued**

**SEND Review Announcement**

The government has announced the launch of a cross-cutting review of SEND. Five years on from the Children and Families Act, it is time to review how the reforms it introduced are supporting children and young people with SEND and make sure they are being implemented as well as possible. The review will inform and support the government’s commitment to revise and update the SEND Code of Practice before the end of 2020.

The internal review will look across education, health and care to consider:

- The evidence on how the system can provide the highest quality support that enables children and young people with SEND to thrive and prepare for adulthood, including employment
- Better helping parents to make decisions about what kind of support will be best for their child
- Making sure support in different local areas is consistent, and that high-quality support is available across the country
- How we strike the right balance of state-funded provisions across inclusive mainstream and specialist places
- Aligning incentives and accountability for schools, colleges and local authorities to make sure they provide the best possible support for children and young people with SEND
- Understanding what is causing the demand for education, health and care plans
- Ensuring that public money is spent in an efficient, effective and sustainable manner, placing a premium on securing high quality outcomes for those children and young people who need additional support.

**Hospital Passports**

Are you aware that children and young people with learning disabilities may have Hospital Passports? The passport gives staff looking after the child or young person important information that enables them to deliver better care and meet the needs of the individual. Learn more by visiting the [Royal Cornwall NHS Website](#).

**Inclusive, Dyslexia Friendly Schools**

Our three day Inclusive Dyslexia Friendly Schools training continues to be popular with Cornish schools. During the last academic year, over 30 schools attended the training days. For more information about courses see the ‘What’s coming up ’section of this SEND Update.
Latest News Continued

Augmentative and Alternative (AAC) Communication Examination Guidance

AAC Exams Access Working Group guidance document will be released at the communication matters (national charity for AAC) annual conference in September. The document will also be available from www.cornwall.gov.uk/aac after the conference.

The guidance is aimed at parents, guardians and professionals as well as classroom teachers, SENCos and Exams Officers in schools. The aim of the document is to provide an overview on how best to support a person who uses Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) to appropriately access testing and exams.

For questions and queries about the guidance please email aacsupport@cornwall.gov.uk

Ambitions

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

For more information about this project visit www.ambitionscornwall.co.uk

Social Care Services

Information to guide young people and their families about support for young adults from Social care services

Representatives from adult and children’s social care services are working to develop a new guide for young people and families. A draft version will be shared at the Aiming Higher Conference on 01 October 2019.

Information will be published on the SEND Local Offer later this term. www.supportincornwall.org.uk/localoffer
Success Stories

Supported Internships for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

The new academic year sees more learners, new employers and some new providers joining in to get young people with SEND into the workplace.

This September ‘The Eden Project’ is piloting Supported Internships with two young people starting their programmes there. They are following on from the ‘GameChanger’ programme which Eden, amongst others, offers to young people. Eden is committed to providing opportunities for individuals to participate and has a training garden which the young people have built up and which includes sensory areas and training as part of Eden’s commitment to ‘Social Prescribing’, community involvement and social inclusion.

Links with Corserve, one of the largest employers in Cornwall, have been established with plans for Corserve to encourage and support young people who have completed to apply for their apprenticeships programmes. Corserve take a positive and pro-active approach to helping those further from the labour market into work by simplifying their recruitment processes and helping people with their applications.

New employers and organisations are joining the list of those willing to offer a Supported Internship. Employers recognise and value the Supported Internship route because it offers them time to get to know the young person, shape them to how their business works, get support in the workplace from a Job Coach, and with no risk and minimal cost to the employer. If you know of an employer who would be interested in taking on a young person to join them as a way into an apprenticeship or work please tell them about the programme and ask them to get in touch with supported.internships@cornwall.gov.uk

‘Get Into Work’ is an exhibition and series of seminars being held at New County Hall, Truro on Thursday 31st October 8:30am – 12:30. Aimed at employers; the event is part of the Cornwall Festival of Business and offers an opportunity for employers to find out about the benefits of different approaches to recruitment and reaching different audiences.
Reminders

Reviewing your School Accessibility Plans

Use the <Accessibility Audit tool> to inform your future planning.

Moving and Handling

Supporting school staff in the safe moving and handling of children and young people

If you have any children/young people that your staff are physically supporting to move/transfer then this training will support your staff to ensure their knowledge is up to date and that they are confident in following the Moving and Handling plans/guidance that are in place.

What is the training: The FREE training is delivered by ‘In Safe Hands’ and is tailored to the needs of the identified pupils in your school. The training will take place at your school which ensures training can be flexible around appropriate times for your staff. ‘In Safe Hands’ can train a small group of staff which means you can have a group of trained, confident staff that can cover in case of absence.

How to apply for this training: Please use the <referral form> on our website. Send the form, via email to <physicalandmedicalneeds@cornwall.gov.uk>

SEND Developments

Enabling young people to have their say and inform SEND developments – calling all secondary schools and Area Resource Bases!

The SEND Young People’s Network is looking for more secondary schools to engage with our meetings across the County. We can facilitate meetings of groups of young people at your school. Contact us to book a date.

Pupils can also take part in the monthly network meetings in Truro or St Austell and other venues and the opportunity to take part in wider youth participation events we get involved with.

If you have young people who are interested in sharing their views about SEND please contact: Karin Saunders, SEND Youth Participation Worker, Young People Cornwall 07840016039 or email <karin.saunders@ypc.org.uk>
What’s Coming Up?

Training Opportunities for SENCOs

To support every school to deliver an inclusive education for all children and young people, Cornwall Council organises and delivers a range of training and professional development opportunities for school staff and special educational needs co-ordinators (SENCOs).

Some examples of the training opportunities this term include:

**Implementing the SEND Code of Practice and preparing for an Ofsted Inspection is training for new and experienced SENCOs.**

This course aims to ensure that SENCOs understand the legal framework for SEND and have the knowledge and skills to lead this area in their school.

**SENCO Networks**

SENCO Networks are termly meetings for SENCOs providing professional development and an opportunity to learn about new developments and updates in the world of special educational needs.

**National award for special educational needs co-ordination.**

This is a post-graduate qualification which is compulsory for teachers new to the role of SENCO and beneficial for experienced SENCOs. This will be the eleventh year that Cornwall Council will be running the course.

**Further information, dates and venues for the courses above and other training to support the inclusion of children with special educational needs can be found at the links below:**

- [www.cornwall.gov.uk/school-messenger-home/training-and-development/send-training](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/school-messenger-home/training-and-development/send-training)
- [www.cornwalllearninonline.co.uk](http://www.cornwalllearninonline.co.uk)

Stay up-to-date every Monday during term time with SCHOOL MESSENGER

email schoolmessenger@cornwall.gov.uk for details
What’s Coming Up? - continued

School Staff Training Opportunities

Supporting pupils with sensory integration needs

**Work, Rest and Play the Sensory Way**

Book online [www.cornwalllearningonline.co.uk](http://www.cornwalllearningonline.co.uk) Go to ‘find course’ and type PMNAS in the course code box.

These workshops will provide SENCOs with a basic understanding of sensory integration, difficulties which students may experience with sensory modulation, and how to help children function more effectively with everyday activities within the school environment.

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**Cognition and Learning Conference 2019** | 01 November | Wadebridge Pavilion

This one-day conference offers aims to equip school staff with the knowledge and skills to support pupils with cognition and learning needs in a truly inclusive way.

The theme of the conference this year is ‘The memory lite classroom - making it work for our quick forgetters’ and our key note speaker is Neil MacKay.

Book online at [www.cornwalllearningonline.co.uk](http://www.cornwalllearningonline.co.uk) course code CALCON19
What’s Coming Up? - continued

School Staff Training Opportunities

Supporting students with Developmental Coordination disorder and motor coordination needs in the classroom

Book online www.cornwalllearningonline.co.uk Go to ‘find course’ and type PMNAS in the course code box.

This workshop is open to teachers and SENCOs and provides effective and practical strategies to support students where motor coordination barriers impact on learning and access to the curriculum.

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Upcoming training this term from the Cognition and Learning Service

Book online www.cornwalllearningonline.co.uk Go to ‘find course’ and type CAL in the course code box.

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School Staff Training Opportunities

Upcoming training this term from the Sensory Support Service

Book online www.cornwalllearningonline.co.uk Go to ‘find course’ and type SSS in the course code box.

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Developing IT Skills for Learners

Online training is available to help you support pupils with literacy difficulties. Learn more by visiting the Educational Psychology web pages.
Stay Up-to-date with SEND Information

Useful Resources for Schools

With the new term beginning why not have a look at the Social, Emotion and Mental Health web pages. You will find a wide array of information both to support you teaching and wider understanding of Social, Emotional and Mental health.

If you have a look at the resource and support tab on the right of the page you will find a number of resources you can use yourself or direct parents to.

If you would like other information included on the page or have suggestion for a particular topic you would like more information on please contact SEMH@cornwall.gov.uk

Take a look at the webpages at www.cornwall.gov.uk/cognitionandlearning They are updated regularly and contain useful information for SENCOs, teachers and parents.

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

www.cornwall.gov.uk/senfile

Cornwall SEND Local Offer

The Cornwall SEND Local Offer is a website that hosts information related to:

www.supportincornwall.org.uk/localoffer
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