SEND and Inclusion Hub Newsletter

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This newsletter is published to share useful links, training & resources for the Moorlands district. This is for Staff, Children & their families. **In this edition there is information for parents on various initiatives and activities taking place throughout the summer holidays. Please share via your school website, FB page or newsletter.**

**Helpdesk**

We encourage Schools to use the weekly helpdesk held on a Tuesday 1.30p.m. to 3.30p.m. You need to complete a referral and send it to the Moorlands SEND/Inclusion inbox [SendInclusionMoorlands@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SendInclusionMoorlands@staffordshire.gov.uk). The aim is to facilitate the Earliest Help available and to avoid crisis point. The helpdesk is primarily run by Reggie Hodge EPDO Moorlands/SEND & Inclusion Coordinator, however other partners will sit at this helpdesk as and when required for example: Pam Clulow – Cedars Education Inclusion: Claire Butters and Visyon: Louise Marsh. This is not a decision- making helpdesk it is for advice & guidance only and will still be discussed at the PDIP but a helpdesk update will be given

**SEND/Inclusion referral form**



Schools are asked that any student who receives 3 or more fixed term exclusions within the current term, should be brought to the helpdesk for further guidance/support.

Information on the SEND/Inclusion process is outlined on the last pages of this bulletin

SEND/Inclusion Hub referral form



**SERVICES COMMISIONED FOR PDIP**

**SEND and INCLUSION HUB**

CAMHS Trailblazer 16 Schools involved

**Counselling at Leek High School for Y7 and above**

**Construction Course – Leek High School for Y10 – Y11 (fees apply)**

**Please note: Shane Knott is no longer seconded to the PDIP for Inclusion Support.**

**Non Attendance**

**If Schools are unable to attend the SEND/Inclusion Hub and you have made a referral, please could you email an update to the SEND/Inclusion inbox prior to the Hub meeting. Should Schools make a referral and not attend either the helpdesk or the SEND/inclusion hubs on 3 occasions the referral will be closed and a new referral will need to be made.**

**INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS ON THE SEND/INCLUSION PROCESS**

Please see the information below for the SEND/Inclusion process.

**Only schools** can refer into the SEND & Inclusion Hub.

**Educational Psychology**

* All School’s will be able to access their own Educational Psychologist, you do not need refer into the SEND/Inclusion Hub. If you are unsure of who your EP is please contact [lesley.schofield@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:lesley.schofield@staffordshire.gov.uk)

**EHCP**

* Any Child with an EHCP, can still be referred into the SEND/Inclusion hub, however the contents, hours & alternative provision cannot be discussed. Please raise this at your next annual review if you have any concerns.

**Earliest Help: What Does It Mean?**

* We are clear that helping children and families as early as possible when issues first arise is a priority. Children, young people and families receive Earliest Help through universal services and organisations (including: schools, colleges, academies, community groups/projects and universal health services). These services and organisations have their roots in local neighbourhoods and villages, and are therefore   well-placed to both provide support to families with relative informality, and to apply a practical approach to meeting needs. Earliest Help is provided through a range of organisations. Some examples are:

* Schools, Academies, alternative education providers & Colleges
* Children & Families Groups
* Faith Organisations & Groups
* School Nurses
* Wellbeing Services
* Voluntary Organisations
* Children’s Centres SPACE Summer Programme (OPCC)
* Individuals

* Early Years / Pre-School Settings
* Maternity Services / Health Visitors
* Private Sector Providers
* GP’s / Primary Care Services
* National Citizenship Programme
* Sporting/Leisure Organisations
* Volunteers & Locally Elected Members

**Early Help : What Does It Mean?**

* Children, young people and families that are most in need of support, receive support through a multi-agency service response through an Early Help Assessment. The emphasis on targeting Early Help resources for those children, young people and families that most need support is a key element of the Building Resilient Families and Communities programme. Our Early Help Offer continues to harness the engagement of the wider economy of services that touch the lives of families in one way or another is crucial if we are to identify and address issues as soon as possible. Some examples of services are below:
* Families First
* Direct Health Services (e.g. Primary Care)
* Crime Prevention Service (SYOS)
* Police Vulnerability Hubs
* Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Services
* Building Resilient Families Programmes
* Families First Edge of Care Services
* Parenting & Families Programme’s
* Commissioned Organisations & Providers
* Health Visitors / Schools Nurses
* National Charities & Organisations
* Organisations, services and groups providing Earliest Help
* Locality Team Partnership Meetings

**Staffordshire Connects**

* To access the SEND/Inclusion Processes and the Assess, Plan, Do, Review please use the following link <https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/home.page>

**SEND Local Offer**

* https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/localoffer.page?lo[calofferchannel=0](https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0)
* <https://www.facebook.com/StaffordshireSENDLocalOffer/>

An extensive and invaluable directory of support and services available to schools and communities.

<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/advice.page?id=0rWBovMeR5E>

**Free training opportunity - promoting healthy parental relationships**

\*\*\*\*\*FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY\*\*\*\*\*\*

We have places available for partners on the following sessions:

**To book a place on any of the following courses please email**[**children.families.training@staffordshire.gov.uk**](mailto:children.families.training@staffordshire.gov.uk)**with the following information:-**

**Delegate name, email address, name of course and date**

**Working with Separated Parents - practical tips**

**Half-day course by Zoom**

To provide frontline staff with the confidence and skills to work effectively in meeting outcomes for children where their parents are separated.

**Aims**

* To explore the barriers and challenges in working with separated parents and those in conflict.
* To reflect on how we keep children at the centre of our practice
* Have increased awareness of tools to work with separated co-parents in conflict
* Be aware of the legal context of parental responsibility

**Target Audience** – anyone who works directly with parents

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| **Date** | **Method of Delivery** | **Times** |
| 11th January 2023 | Zoom | 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. |
| 26th January 2023 | Zoom | 9.30 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. |

**Working with Dads and Significant Males**

**Half-day course by Zoom**

To increase knowledge and skills of the vital role Fathers and male carers play in the lives of their children and to promote best practice from the workers supporting those children.

**Aims**

* To Understand the key research pertaining to Fathers and male carers
* Be more reflective of their own approach to working with significant males and how their own values may influence their approach.
* Have increased knowledge of some of the barriers to successful engagement of male carers
* Be aware of best practice when working with fathers and male carers
* Reflect upon how effective healthy relationship work with parents requires best practice with dads

**Target Audience** – anyone who works directly with children, young people and their parents

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| **Date** | **Method of Delivery** | **Times** |
| 1st February 2022 | Zoom | 9.30 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. |
| 14th March 2023 | Zoom | 9.30 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. |

**When couples become carers – parental relationships where children have SEND**

**Half day workshop by Zoom**

In this session we explore how having a child with additional needs or disabilities may impact on the couple / co-parent relationship and consider what we as professionals can do to support effectively. This course is suitable for anyone who works with children and young people with SEND or significant health conditions and their parents.

**Target Audience** – anyone who works directly with children & young people who have special educational needs, disabilities, long-term illness or are neurodiverse and their parents / families

**Aim**

* Consider the range of stressors on a co-parent relationship
* Explore the research around parental relationships and SEND
* Reflect upon the impact on relationships of having a child with SEND
* Consider what parents need from us and how we can acknowledge their relationship pressures.

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| **Date** | **Method of Delivery** | **Times** |
| 12th January 2023 | Zoom | 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. |
| 26th January 2023 | Zoom | 1.30 p.m.- 4.30 p.m. |
| 9th February 2023 | Zoom | 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. |

**Kind Minds Newsletter**

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**Here to Help**

If you're struggling to pay for food, you're not alone. Food shopping can be one of the biggest bills and it's becoming harder to afford the essentials as prices rise.

Eat regular meals to keep you and your family healthy; it's important you don't go without.

 Maximise your income and check you're claiming everything you're entitled to. More information around this will be given in the 'Money' section of this Help with the Living Cost guide.

**Buying food on a budget:**

The NHS has advice about how to eat a balanced diet on a budget. Top tips include:

  Plan your meals in advance.

  Write a shopping list and stick to it.

  Buy frozen fruit and veg.

  Avoid expensive brands.

  Cook from scratch.

**Need immediate help?**

We have several food banks in Staffordshire that support people who can't afford the essentials like food and basic toiletries.

  Leek Food Bank is situated on West Street Leek.

  You can also ask in a Staffordshire Library, Children's Centre or Community Help Point for information about your nearest food bank.

**Community Help Points:**

***0300 111 8010***

Community help points are in libraries, voluntary organisations and community centres. Community help points can help you:

  Find local organisations who can support you with food, energy and money.

  Use the internet to find information and advice.

  Get advice and information from Staffordshire County Council's website and the Staffordshire Connects directory.

**Get a warm welcome in Staffordshire Libraries:**

***0300 111 8010***

Staffordshire libraries are warm, free and accessible spaces. There's always a friendly face at your local library and if you visit this winter some libraries are offering free hot drinks.

**Free school Meals:**

***0300 111 8010***

If you're on a low income and receive certain benefits, your child can get free school meals. School meals are a good way to make sure your child eats well at lunchtime.

**Holidays, Activities and Food:**

***0300 111 8010***

If you claim certain benefits and your child gets free school meals, they can attend activities  in the Christmas, Easter and summer holidays and get a meal, all for free.

**Safer Sleep Practitioners Events Training**

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) continues to cause deaths in babies under 12 months old. There is advice about how to put babies to sleep more safely and to minimise the risk of SIDS, however in Staffordshire we continue to see infant deaths where there are modifiable factors such as unsafe sleep practices present.

There needs to be consistent messaging about reducing risks of SIDS.

The Integrated Care Board are offering **free** training sessions run by child death professionals from Staffordshire who aim to look deeper into local infant deaths.

**Audience**

If you are a professional who is experienced in discussing safer sleep with parents and carers, this is your opportunity to bring your experience and to influence practice locally as well as to update your knowledge. We would encourage professionals from all roles and agencies to attend so that we can work together to reduce infant mortality.

They are face to face interactive sessions held throughout the county in association with Safer Sleep Week which runs 13-19th March 2023.

**Dates and times**

* Monday 6th March 1.30-4.30pm

Venue - Newcastle Children’s Centre, Century Road, Knutton. ST5 6DH

* Wednesday 29th March 10am-1pm

Venue - East Staffordshire Children’s Centre, Burton-on-Trent. DE14 2NJ

* Friday 31st March 10am-1pm

Venue - Silkmore Children’s Centre, Stafford. ST17 4EG

An introductory level course is also available for staff who are new to working with families around safe sleep.

For more information or to **book your place** please contact Sue Lloyd, Nurse Practitioner for Child Death Overview Process. Mobile: 07551152793, Email: [sue.lloyd@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:sue.lloyd@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk)