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Spotlight on... Children and Young People's Specialist Services

Following the recent restructure in Children's Services, work is now underway to implement the new structure, and the 0-25 SEND Team and the restructured Children's Commissioning and Quality Monitoring Team are now in place.

The 0-25 SEND Team is based at The Hub in Anlaby and includes the Children's Social Work Team (0-25) (previously known as the Children's Disability Team), and three area teams comprising of Intensive Family Co-ordinators, Family Co-ordinators, Family Co-ordinators (Portage) and SEND IAG Officers. The new team will be overseen by the newly appointed 0-25 Team Manager. As with any brand new service, it will take time to become fully operational, and there are still a number of vacancies to be filled. However, work is already being undertaken to transfer cases from the previous SEN Team and the Children's Disability Team in order to ensure those families who have a child with SEND and who were previously open to the teams, continue to receive support from the new 0-25 SEND Team. The 0-25 Team Manager will then begin work with wider Children's Services to discuss and agree processes and procedures for how the team will work with those services, including referral criteria from teams outside Specialist Services.

The SEN Team have merged with the Children's Commissioning and Quality Monitoring Team, with the previous EHCP Co-ordinators now known as EHC Commissioning Officers. The EHC Commissioning Officers will continue to lead on co-ordinating the EHC Planning process, ensuring a focus on creating person centred, outcomes focussed EHC Plans. They will also commission any required provision identified in the plans that cannot be provided in-house. The wider commissioning team will work closely with the EHC Commissioning Officers to identify themes and trends, and gaps in provision in order to inform future commissioning and the development of services in the East Riding.

At the current time, any queries relating to SEND and EHC Plans should continue to be dealt with through the same telephone number: (01482) 392163 or through send.enquiries@eastriding.gov.uk.

In discussion with the EYPCF, we will be attending a number of workshops to introduce the new structure and team, and to talk through their role and remit. The EYPCF workshops we will be attending are to be held on 28 February in Cottingham, and 15 March in Goole. Further

details on timing's and venues are available from EYPCF. A further workshop will be planned to take place in Bridlington.

East Yorkshire Parent Carer Forum

Services and Provisions survey – EYPCF are now collecting responses for the final quarter of the. The information gathered will be analysed and we will feedback the results to all. The results will also be fed back to the Local Authority to help them plan for future services. It is really important that you complete this survey.

Web: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B765DPM>

Short Breaks and the Freedom Activity Support Payment – survey

Web: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QG886MW>

Many thanks for your assistance with this from East Yorkshire Parent Carer Forum.

EYPCF steering group have been incredibly busy attending meetings including the Short Breaks graduated response meeting. This was a very successful meeting with lots of information shared, and the process is moving forward in a co-productive way. There will be another meeting after which we will feed back actions and outcomes on short breaks. As part of this process the Local Authority and the EYPCF are jointly facilitating **two focus groups** to look at the Short Break provision. One group will look at Universal Short Breaks and one group will look at specialist provision for severe and complex needs.

If any parents or carers would like to participate in these groups please

Contact: Sheena on email: sheena@eypcf.co.uk.

Sheena Co-Chair of the EYPCF is also organising a **Focus Group** for those parents interested in the cohort of children and young people who are academically able but struggle in mainstream settings, and so are excluded or forced into **Home Tuition**. This will be supported by an Educational Psychologist.

Please let EYPCF know if you are interested in being involved.

Dates: Wednesday 7 February 2018

Times: 10am to 12 noon

Venue: Beverley, venue to be confirmed.

Contact: sheena@eypcf.co.uk

EYPCF coffee morning – We are delighted to welcome Dr Elizabeth Holmes Education Psychologist to deliver a presentation.

Dates: Friday 2 March 2018

Times: 10am to 12noon

Cost: Free

Venue: HEY Special Stars, 171, High Street, Hull, HU1 1NE

Contact: admin@eypcf.co.uk to book your place. Help with travel and childcare costs may be available, please ask.

DLA Workshop presented by David Williams from Cerebra which aims to give parents the skills, in conjunction with Cerebra's DLA Guide, to be able to complete the DLA claim form

themselves. It also looks at the common problem areas, bust some of the myths and gets parents to assess whether they are getting the correct rate of DLA for their child (if they already claim it) and if not, how to go about challenging. Related benefits are also looked at briefly. There are case studies for attendees to work on.

Date: Wednesday 7 March 2018

Times: 10am to 2pm

Cost: free

Venue: Kingsway Children's Centre, Goole

Contact: Karen Sanderson – tel: (01262) 678283, Mobile 07813 676941

Email: admin@eypcf.co.uk

EYPCF will be attending the Differently Abled event for people who have learning disabilities and/or autism, carers, friends, family and staff. Come along and meet us at KCOM on Friday 9 February 2018 from 10am to 4pm.

Parent Carer Support Groups

There are a number of parent carer support groups running across the East Riding and surrounding areas. To view information about these groups please click [here](#).

To view National support organisations, please click [here](#)

(These links will take you to the Local Offer website).

Beverley

Little Signers Club – baby signing sessions using British Sign Language signs in relaxed and fun classes using songs and stories. This is a six session course.

Dates: Friday Mornings

Times: 10am and 11am

Cost: £40 per family

Venue: Norwood Methodist Church, 65 Norwood, Beverley HU17 9HN

Contact: Sally for more information on tel: 07903 301725

Email: sally@littlesignersclub.co.uk

Hull & East Riding National Autistic Society (HERNAS) Beverley support group -

Meetings are for parent carers of children on the autistic spectrum, giving everyone a very friendly, informal chance to meet and talk with other parent carers.

Dates: First Wednesday of the month

Times: 12.30pm-2.30pm

Venue: Norwood Methodist Church Hall, Beverley, HU17 9HN

Contact: Jackie tel: 07917 040380

Email: hulleastriding@nas.org.uk

Web: <http://hulleastridingnas.weebly.com/>

Bridlington and Driffield

Driffield parent carer support group – A drop in session for parents and carers of children with additional needs (aged 0 – 19 years) to discuss thoughts and share ideas to support you with your child's needs. The session will be an opportunity to make new friends, be parent led with opportunities to invite outside agencies and professionals to share their knowledge and

information of what's on in the community to support families. Children of all ages are welcome at the sessions there is no age limit.

Dates: Meetings held on the Second Thursday of the month (term time only)

Times: 11am – 12.30pm

Cost: Free

Venue: Driffield Children's Centre, Becksides, Driffield YO25 6QN

Contact: Driffield Children's Centre on tel: (01377) 240782

Exclusive Swimming & Splash Zone Session

Date: Saturday 17 February 2018

Time: 6.15 – 7.45 pm

Cost: £3 per person.

Venue: Bridlington Leisure Centre

Contact: To book this activity or for more information please contact Tony on 07837 225618.

<http://www.eastridingleisure.co.uk/bridlington/swimming/> East Riding Leisure Bridlington, The Promenade, Bridlington, YO15 2QQ

Haltemprice

Countryside Events

Kids go Wild: Wicked Winter Wildlife Trail - Follow a trail of robins around the reserve to discover more about Britain's favourite bird. They are easy to spot and seemingly full of character. Suitable for children, accompanied by adults.

Dates: Tuesday 13 February

Times: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Cost: £2.50 per child (accompanying adult free)

Venue: Humber Bridge Country Park, The Black Mill, Hessle Foreshore
Hessle, Humber Bridge, HU13 0HB

Contact: Events Booking on Line or by telephone

Tel: (01482) 395320

Web: <http://events.eastriding.gov.uk/>

Build a Bird Box – Encourage the birds in your garden to find a safe place to nest. Rather than buying a box why not have a go at building a nest box with us. All equipment and materials provided.

Dates: Thursday 15 February

Times: 10 am – 1pm

Cost: £5 per box

Venue: Humber Bridge Country Park, The Black Mill, Hessle Foreshore
Hessle, Humber Bridge, HU13 0HB

Contact: Events Booking on Line or by telephone

Tel: (01482) 395320

Web: <http://events.eastriding.gov.uk/>

Mindful – Parents supporting other parents and carers with children accessing the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). If you feel you could do with support, information or advice from parents in a similar situation, come along to a meeting.

Date: Every 2nd Thursday of the month (term time only)

Time: 10am - 12 noon

Venue: Kristoffs, 140 Hallgate, Cottingham HU16 4BD

Contact: mindful.eastriding@yahoo.com

Exclusive Maxi Fun Family Fun Swim Night

Date: Fridays 2, 9 & 16 February 2018

Time: 7.30-9 pm

Cost: £2 per person

Venue: Haltemprice Leisure Centre, Anlaby

Contact: just turn up or for further information ring Tony 07837 225618

Soft Play & Bouncy Castle Party

Date: Saturday 24 February 2018

Time: 3.30- 4.30 pm Party tea 4.30-5 pm.

Cost: £2 for play or £3.50 per child for food.

Venue: Haltemprice Leisure Centre, Anlaby

Contact: You MUST text Amy on 07837 603327 ASAP (by Wednesday 21 February 2018) to book this if you are staying for food.

Holderness

Sensory needs of children on the Autism Spectrum or with Speech, Language and Communication Needs - Information sessions for parents.

Cath Murdoch, one of the East Riding Local Authority's Inclusion Practitioners for Autism and Speech, Language and Communication Needs is leading three information sessions for parent carers being held at Keyingham Primary School. Your child does not need to go to the school to attend the session.

Date: Wednesday 7 February 2018

Time: 6:00 – 8:15pm

If you would like to attend one of these sessions please email the school with your name and contact number so the school know how many adults will be attending.

Venue: Keyingham Primary School, Russell Drive, Keyingham, HU12 9RU

Contact: keyingham.primary@eastriding.gov.uk

Goole

Autism Friendly film screening of Early Man (PG)

You can see the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRiPQ8YNrVs>

Dates: Wednesday 14 February

Times: 11am (Running Time: 89 mins)

Cost: £3 per person

Venue: Junction, Paradise Place, Goole, DN14 5DL

Contact: tel: (01405) 763652

Web: www.junctiongoole.co.uk

Unique Friends - Inclusive Dance Workshop in partnership with Flamingo Chicks. We are delighted to offer this free inclusive dance workshop during the half term holidays. It will

be a fun, inclusive, enjoyable, sensory, music based workshop with no expectations from anyone who takes part. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun. For more information please check out their website at www.flamingochicks.co.uk

Date: Thursday 15 February

Time: 13.45pm till 14.30pm

Cost : Free

Venue : The Junction, Paradise Place, Goole - downstairs in the workshop room.

Unique Friends - support group for children with SEND / disabilities and their parents/carers and families aged 0- 25 years. At this session we are excited to announce we will have Spectac-u-lab attending with the opportunity to do science experiments including slime making. We will also have the fully accessible pop up Sensory Area complete with bubble tube, fibre optics and sensory toys. There will be arts and crafts, quiet area and access to a tablet. We anticipate this session to be popular so anyone wishing to attend will need to book as places are limited.

Date : Saturday 17 February

Time: 13.30pm till 15.30pm

Cost: £3.00 for child with SEND/disabilities and £1.50 per child thereafter.

Venue: The Junction, Paradise Place, Goole downstairs in the Workshop Room - wheelchair accessible venue. Disabled toilet /changing facilities.

Contact: Places can be booked via our facebook page or via email at

Uniquefriends2016@gmail.com.

Unique Friends - Informal Coffee Morning for parent /carers. Pop along for a cuppa and a chat with other parent/carers in a relaxed, friendly environment.

Date: Monday 19 February

Time: 9.30 am till 11.00 am

Venue: The Courtyard, Boothferry Road, Goole.

Contact For more information on tel: 07713 156232

Email uniquefriends2016@gmail.com

Web: www.uniquefriends.org.uk

Follow us on facebook/twitter to keep up to date with all our latest news/events.

Wolds and Dale

Market Weighton Autism Parent Carer Support Group – For parents and guardians before, during and after diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Condition and related conditions to talk, share ideas, stories, laughs, tears and celebrate our children with people going through similar life experiences.

Morning meetings

Dates: First Friday of the month

Times: 9am - 12 noon

Cost: Free

Venue: Market Weighton Children's Centre, Princess Road, Market Weighton, YO43 3BY

Tel: 07952 269817

Email: mwareaautismsg@gmail.com

East Riding wide and Hull/York catchment

Downright Special – are now affiliated to The Down's Syndrome Association.

Downright Special has been a registered charity since 2009 and are registered with the Fundraising Regulator. Visit the Downright Special website for information about support groups and activities.

Contact: General enquiries tel: (01482) 420160

Email: enquiries@downrightspecial.co.uk

Website: www.downrightspecial.co.uk.

New Tiger's Trust Sports Sessions

Blind and Visually Impaired Sessions – Multi-sports for young people (aged 8 and above) with a visual impairment or blind people to help boost their confidence and to help them meet new people.

Dates: Thursdays

Times: 6 – 8pm

Cost: Free

Venue: Andrew Marvell Academy, Barham Road, Hull, HU9 4EE

Disability Football - for individuals aged 5 – 16 years living with any form of disability. Participants will develop skills, meet new friends and feel a part of the football club.

Dates: Wednesdays

Times: 5 - 6pm

Cost: Free

Venue: Tigers Trust ('Airco') Arena, West Park, Walton Street, Hull, HU3 6GA

Deaf Walking Football – sessions for adults (aged 18+ years) with hearing impairment. The rules will be changed slightly due to the impairments of the participants and walk instead of run which creates a game with less impact. The session is open to all and comprises of an hour of walking football, followed by refreshments in the cafe area.

Dates: Thursdays

Times: 1 – 2pm

Cost: £2 per session per participant

Venue: Tigers Trust ('Airco') Arena, West Park, Walton Street, Hull, HU3 6GA

Other Tigers Trust Sessions include:

Able and Active (aged 8+)

Able and Active (adults 16+ years)

DS Active (people with Down syndrome aged 5 – 25)

Contact: Tigers Trust

• Tel: (01482) 358371

• E-mail: adam.newton@tigerstrust.co.uk

• Website: <http://tigerstrust.co.uk/#disabilities>

Differently Abled event – aimed at ensuring people with learning disabilities, their families and carers in Hull and the East Riding are recognised and supported. The event will feature a

huge range of information stands covering the help and support that is available for people from birth through to end of life, plus much more including activities and health screening.

Date: Friday 9th February 2018

Times: 10am - 4pm

Venue: KCOM Stadium, West Park, Walton Street, Hull, HU3 6GA

Contact: For more information, please ring (01482) 222220 or

Email chcp.carersinfo@nhs.net

Web: <http://www.chcpcic.org.uk/pages/wellbeing-events-and-news>

Aim Higher – Empowering families facing Autism, Mental Health and Educational Barriers for children and young people 0-25. We provide; advocacy service, workshops, guidance, activities, support groups and campaign to raise awareness and acceptance of autism and mental health issues.

Dates: Meetings held on the 1st Wednesday of the month

Times: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Cost: Free

Venue: Special Stars, 171 High Street, HULL, HU1 1NE

Email: info@aimhigher.online

Web: <http://aimhigher-online.weebly.com/>

OCD support - for people who are affected directly or indirectly (family and friends) by Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD), BDD and hoarding symptoms. We welcome anyone aged 16 years + (under 18's must be accompanied by an adult).

Dates: The 1st Monday of the month (except bank holidays: the 2nd Monday)

Times: 7pm – 8.45pm

Cost: Free

Venue: Quaker Meeting House, Bean Street, Anlaby Road, Hull, HU3 2PR

Tel: 07505823504 (call/text)

Email: OCDsupport@hotmail.co.uk

Web: <http://ocduk.org/>

Maxi Fun Bowling

Date: Mondays 5, 12 & 19 February 2018

Time: 5 pm

Cost: £3.50 (for 2 games & small meal) (Guests £7)

Venue: Hollywood Bowl, Kingswood, Hull

Contact: Book with Tony 07837 225618.

Maxi Fun Big Fun

Date: Monday 26 February 2018

Time: 5-7 pm

Cost: £2.50 (Guests £5)

Venue: Big Fun, National Avenue, Hull

Contact: Just turn up or ring Helen 07773 310503 for further information but not before noon.

National News

Listening Books - national charity that provides an audiobook library service for children and adults who struggle to read or hold a book due to an illness, disability, mental health issue or learning difficulty.

Listening Books have **1000s of wonderful audiobooks** including educational titles supporting the National Curriculum and popular authors such as JK Rowling, David Walliams, Jaqueline Wilson and Roald Dahl, available to download and stream through their website or app, or on MP3 CD sent through the post (no postage costs or late fees).

Listening Books have recently received funding to offer a number of **FREE memberships to people living in the East Riding of Yorkshire** who would like to join but would find our membership fees a barrier to joining (£20 - £45 per year). Listening Books only require a few contact details to register a new member!

Contact: For more information or you have any questions about the service

Tel: 020 7407 9417 or

Email jcord@listening-books.org.uk.

Web: www.listening-books.org.uk

Please be assured that there are no hidden costs for the free memberships.

Newsletters

Cerebral Palsy Sport: [Cerebral Palsy Sport Sports Newsletter – January 2018](#)

Sports: <http://www.cpsport.org/sports/>

Events: <http://www.cpsport.org/events/>

Autism Insight [view the newsletter](#)

Cerebra - DLA, Direct Payments and Superheroes - [View the newsletter](#)

Please note inclusion of services and sessions is not an endorsement or recommendation.

The next bulletin will be on Thursday 15 February 2018. PLEASE NOTE IF YOU REQUIRE ANY INFORMATION TO BE ADDED TO THE BULLETIN CAN YOU SEND IT TO FISH BEFORE 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 14 February THANKYOU.

If you would like to submit information, news or events for inclusion in future FISH bulletins please email us at fish@eastriding.gov.uk (please note submission does not guarantee inclusion)

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