

## Halfway through the holidays... how has it been for you?

Hope you have managed to enjoy some of our family groups - or our 'fun & floats' around the county or did you attend our Picnic in the Park last Monday in Dawley? We've had some fantastic comments and of course great fun and photographs/montage which will be shared next month. If you would like more of these fun events please let us know and we'll do our best to make them happen. Any further feedback too is always welcome.

## Short Breaks Review - what should we be asking?

We've also continued working 'behind the scenes' - the Carers Strategy work that has already been sent to you.... and also we are pulling together a survey for a Short Breaks review - covering everything from mainstream accessible services through to Respite and specialist support provision - we want to make sure we get this right and covering all bases so if there's something specific we should be asking about - please let us know by replying to this email.

We have also been collecting feedback from families about respite services, about local providers and have shared these experiences with a view to improving practice and also wider communication links ensuring that families receive relevant information for their circumstances.

## CareTech Open Day - this Friday

On the subject of respite - did you see our Facebook post about the open day?

"CareTech are holding an open day at Acorn Way, Shawbirch site (ex STARS building) on Friday 19th August between 10-12noon. Mark Taylor and his team will be there to support children and young people so parent carers can have a chat to the team. CareTech are currently awaiting Registration before assessments can start. Any queries or questions please call Katrina on 388901 in office hours"

## Care with Confidence Awards

PODS (including Face 2 Face) have been nominated for the CCG (Health) Care with Confidence Awards. We were only allowed to submit 250 words to support the application and we're delighted that we've been accepted and are invited to the CCG AGM in September; For more information about the awards you can have a look here: [www.telfordccg.nhs.uk](http://www.telfordccg.nhs.uk)

## Call for Evidence re PIP

PIP replaces DLA at the age of 16 and Central Government are requesting information and experiences on this process please. If you wish to comment or send an information on an individual basis please use the link below for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/personal-independence-payment-pip-assessment-second-independent-review-call-for-evidence>

## DLA Guides

Latest Guides for help with DLA forms and information on whether you may be eligible:

<http://w3.cerebra.org.uk/help-and-information/guides-for-parents/dla-guide/>

<http://www.cafamily.org.uk/advice-and-support/money-benefits-work-and-childcare/benefits-and-tax-credits/disability-living-allowance/>

### **Local Offer & Events Listings...**

The Council's Local Offer has lots of updates and now has a "See What's On" link - click here to find out more: <http://www.telfordsend.org.uk/localofferservices/events>

We hope you continue to enjoy reading our e-bulletins and that they are useful to you. We don't want them to be too 'wordy' hence the links and snippets. We do appreciate any feedback and recommendations for future articles - please get in touch with us.

Thank you and Best Wishes

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