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 **Newsletter**



SEND Newsletter

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about Special Educational Needs and Disability in
Telford & Wrekin.**

Welcome from the Service Delivery Manager

I'm sure many of you are now on a countdown to the end of term and looking forward to a well earned break!

Over the last month, three consultations have been released. The SEND Review (Green Paper) was the first, with the consultation closing on the 22 July 2022.

The second consultation is a new approach to area SEND inspections, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission are seeking views on proposed changes to the way that local area SEND arrangements are inspected. This consultation closes on 11 September 2022, once again I would encourage you to take a look.

The third consultation is on the actions that a local authority should take if it proposes to amend an Education Health and Care Plan following a review meeting, please take a look at the article to see the proposed changes.

In other news, I am pleased to announce that Telford & Wrekin LSAT Team is in a position to offer free training for ICAN's TalkBoost KS2 programme free of charge to all Junior, Primary and Secondary Schools in Telford – don't forget to book your place!

The Children and young Peoples forum for SEND "Shout out for SEND" (SOS) will continue to meet over the Summer Holidays to share their views on SEND in Telford & Wrekin, please can we request that you share the information about the group in your School Newsletter and with your young people and their families.

Thank you for everything you do to support SEND in Telford and Wrekin. I look forward to seeing you again in the new term!

Natalie Bevan
Service Delivery Manager: SEND & Personalisation

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SOS Group

Shout Out for SEND

Please can we request that this information is shared with your students.

Shout Out for SEND (SOS) is a group of 11-25 year olds who meet every month to ensure they have the chance to have their voice heard and to influence the decisions in Telford & Wrekin SEND and the Information Advice and Support Service (IASS service).

The next **Shout Out for SEND Group** is on: **Tuesday 23 August 2022, 2-4pm**. The group meets in the Family Zone at Hazeldine House, Central Square, Telford Centre, Telford, TF3 4JL.

To find out more information and to book your place you can call Telford & Wrekin SENDIASS on 01952 457176 or email info@iass.org.uk.

Shout Out for SEND on Facebook: You can find out more about the group by joining the [SOS Facebook page](#).

Search for [Shout Out for SEND on Facebook](#) and request to 'Join Group' (young people will need to be over the age of 13 to access this Facebook Group).

SEND Consultations

Department of Education: Consultation on the law relating to reviews of EHC plans

The Department for Education (DfE) have launched a [consultation](#) on the actions that a local authority should have to take if it proposes to amend an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan following a review meeting.

The DfE believe that the principal audiences for the consultation paper will be:

- children and young people with EHC plans and their families,
- organisations representing children and young people with SEND and their families,
- LA SEND officers,
- any early years setting, school, college or other setting attended by children or young people with an EHC plan,
- educational psychologists, health professionals, social care professionals and others involved in the review of EHC plans.

Some of the key points relating to the consultation are set out below.

The DfE are very interested in your views, please do consider responding: the consultation closes on **12 August 2022**.

Detail of the consultation

Local authorities have various duties over when and how they must review an individual's Education, Health and Care plan. In the SEND and AP Review Green Paper we said that we intended to change the timescale for the issuing of proposals for amending plans following annual reviews.

The Department for Education has duly launched that further public consultation: [Reviews of Education, Health and Care plans: proposed timescales](#).

The DfE are consulting on whether local authorities should:

- have an additional four weeks after review meetings to finalise any changes they propose to a plan. (A March 2022 High Court judgment has clarified that the current duty on LAs is to do this within four weeks of the review meeting); and
- have to circulate material for a review meeting a week earlier than currently.

The DfE believe that these proposals will benefit children, young people and their families, at the same time as delivering a more workable process.

A new approach to area SEND inspections

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission are seeking views on proposed changes to the way they jointly inspect area SEND arrangements from 2023.

This consultation closes at: **11:45pm on 11 September 2022.**

The consultation seeks your views on proposed changes to the way Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) jointly inspect local area partnerships to assess how they work together to improve the experiences and outcomes of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

They are seeking the widest possible range of views from those who have an interest in, or expertise relating to, disability, special educational needs (SEN) and/or alternative provision. Ofsted particularly want to hear from children and young people who have SEND, and their parents and carers. They are also keen to hear from local authorities, clinical commissioning groups, professionals and practitioners involved in the commissioning and delivery of services to children and young people with SEND.

Supporting documents

Alongside the consultation document, the following will also be published:

- an easy-read version of the consultation
- the draft equalities impact statement
- the draft inspection framework and handbook

Children and young people's consultation

The consultation is keen to hear from children and young people who have SEND and a dedicated [young person's consultation page](#) has been set up. This is where young people can access information that is relevant to them and give their views.

Respond to the consultation

Responses to the consultation can be submitted online:

[Complete the consultation](#)

SEND and Alternative Provision Consultation

The Government's SEND and alternative provision green paper has been published (Tuesday 29 March), it sets out a vision for a single, national SEND and alternative

provision (AP) system that will introduce new standards in the quality of support given to children across education, health and care.

The plans to reform the system will be open for consultation until 22 July 2022.

[SEND and Alternative Provision Green Paper](#)

The ambitious green paper is the result of the SEND Review, commissioned to improve an inconsistent, process-heavy and increasingly adversarial system that too often leaves parents facing difficulties and delays accessing the right support for their child.

Consultation Link:

[SEND Review: right support, right place, right time](#)

EHCNA Requests

Updated Education Health Needs Assessment Request Form

It is requested that schools and settings use the new refreshed referral form for EHCNA Requests (Education Health and Care Needs Assessments).

The Parent Carer Education Health and Care Needs Assessment Request form has also been updated to include a medical questionnaire.

The forms are available to download from the SEND Local Offer.

[EHC Needs Assessment Request Form](#)

[Education Health Needs Assessment Parent Carer Request Form](#)

Thinking of requesting an EHC assessment?

The SEND team respectfully request that you now wait until the Autumn Term before submitting an EHC needs assessment request. As you can imagine the summer holiday creates a problem given children are not available for assessment. Should an EHC needs assessments be submitted an exemption to the 20 week timescale will be applied so

ultimately there is no difference in applying for an EHC needs assessment now or waiting until September 2022.

With regard to any possible new EHC need assessment requests we ask that all educational settings first discuss these with your allocated SEND officer before starting an application. They will work with you to discuss how best to get SEND support and provision in place for children and young people.

Thank you for your support.

SEND Officer & Locality Contact Details

SEND Courses

TalkBoost KS2

Following a successful bid for funding the Telford and Wrekin LSAT Team is in a position to be able to offer training for ICAN's Talk Boost KS2 programme free of charge to all Junior, Primary and Secondary schools in Telford.

- Monday 3 October 2022
- 9am-3pm
- Microsoft Teams

What is TalkBoost KS2?

Talk Boost KS2 is a targeted intervention aimed at children 7-10 years old with delayed language, aiming to boost their language skills and help them to catch up with their peers. The programme aims to accelerate children's progress in language and communication, after an eight week intervention.

Why should you sign up?

As previously communicated, The Speech and Language Therapy Team are moving towards a graduated response model which, for some children, will involve collating evidence of having implemented one of the recognised screening and intervention tools prior to referral. Being able to deliver TalkBoost KS2 in your school will enable you to evidence your graduated response.

What's included?

For Junior and Primary schools only:

- One pack of resources per school (RRP £500).

- A full day of online training for 2 members of staff (this should be a class teacher and TA who will be overseeing and delivering the intervention together)

For secondary schools:

We recognise that not all secondary schools will need to carry out this intervention. We are offering free training for 2 members of staff from your school and will then have packs of resources that we can loan out for secondary schools who have students in Years 7/8 who will benefit. We will ask our Primary and Junior schools to indicate during transition any Y6 students who are coming up in September who they feel would benefit. You will not be able to borrow the resources and deliver the intervention unless someone has had the training.

Important Dates

The closing date for sign up is: Monday 19 September at 5pm

Training: Monday 3rd October 9am-3pm via Microsoft Teams

Someone from your school will need to come and collect your free resource pack from a central location, you will be e-mailed with details regarding this shortly after booking has closed.

Booking

To make a booking, please send a completed booking form to:
cpdschoolimprovement@telford.gov.uk.

If you wish to send more than 2 delegates, there will be an additional charge of £135 per person (with a 10% reduction for 2 or more paying delegates).

[Booking Form](#)

Important

Where possible, please type or complete the booking form digitally so that your e-mail address is clear.

Joining instructions will be sent out to the e-mail addresses supplied 5 working days prior to the course.

If you have not received the Teams invite 3 working days before the course date, please let the CPD team know as soon as possible as it is very difficult to send out further invitations on the morning of the course.

Annual Health Checks



Annual health checks are for adults and young people aged 14 or over with a learning disability.

An annual health check gives people time to talk about anything that is worrying them and means they can get used to going to visit the doctor.

To help explain what is involved in an annual health check, a group of inspiring young people from Derwen College have created the following video to raise awareness of the importance of annual health checks.

The video is aimed to help young people with learning disabilities to understand the process of an annual health check in a simple, easy to understand format.

[Watch the video](#)

Local Offer for Special Educational Needs and Disability

Discover everything you need to know about education, health and care services in your local area for children and young people with SEND 0-25yrs at...

www.telfordsend.org.uk

