

2014-15. Their joint role is to co-ordinate support with us from other partners, including Early Support and Preparing for Adulthood, amongst other delivery partners and offers

There have been dates arranged for our Pathfinder champions to visit Lincolnshire to offer support in various areas including EHC Plans and Process, Person Centred Planning, Joint Commissioning, Strategic Collaboration, Advocacy and Mediation.

New - Mott MacDonald SEND Pathfinder Information Packs

The organisation Mott MacDonald have worked closely with the SEND Pathfinders over the last 2 years.

They have now produced the 4th version of Information Packs

Please see the link below

Children and Young People and Parent Engagement

Online surveys have been prepared for completion by Children and Young People and parents/carers to tell us about their journey, what works, what doesn't and suggestions going forward. Certificates of thanks are available for taking part in the survey. A separately focused activity will take place for the Draft EHC Plan. Also a support pack has been put together to promote co-production of the Local Offer and Transitions work streams.

All these activities have been cascaded through educational settings, the Project's Stakeholder Group and the Project's wider distribution group.

Action for Children and the Shadow Transition Board are preparing countywide events for Children and Young People aged 16+. There will be gift vouchers for those taking part in these events.

The locality county wide events are continuing until end July, where we are encouraging families to be part of these developments and changes. You do need to book a place for these sessions as it may be necessary to cancel if there are not sufficient numbers booked. The sessions are a mix between information sharing and updates, but most importantly an opportunity for everyone to share their experiences and make suggestions to help shape new developments. There will sometimes be table-top activities to get involved in if you wish.

This isn't the only way to get involved, we welcome your emails to SEND_Reforms@lincolnshire.gov.uk or call 01522 550925

We are also busy collating feedback and questions from these events – see Frequently Asked Questions on our

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/support-and-aspiration web pages

EHC Plan & Process update:

A revised plan has been sent out to families and professionals and is being showcased at coffee mornings and other events for feedback to be received. Young Inspectors have activities planned for spring break, feedback on the "All about Me" section of the EHCP could be incorporated into these.

Personal Budgets:

For families who have an EHC Plan to request if they wish. Final Regulations have been signed off by the Government. The working group are meeting to revisit the Lincolnshire proposal to ensure it is fully in line prior to then sharing wider.

Transitions Planning:

Meetings have taken place with SENCOs around protocols of transitions, Once agreement has been made as to whether this should be an integral or 'bolt on' part of the EHC from Year 9 onwards the work is ready to present to the Board.

Local Authority Local Offer for SEN + D update:

The Local Offer is intended to improve information about the SEN&D services available to children, young people and families. It aims to pull information about available services into one place and make it easier for all families to find them. We are working towards a full launch of the Local Offer website on 1st September 2014. However, we have been working with stakeholders to coproduce the website, the result of which is now up and running. This website is the Family Service Directory and can be found at: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fsd

The Local Offer is part of this website and can be found by clicking on the Local Offer for SEN and Disability button or by going directly to:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/SENDlocaloffer

We would very much welcome your views on the site. You can do this by completing a short questionnaire. This will help with our developments over the summer ready for a full launch in September 2014. You can either click on the Tell Us link in the top right of the page or by going to:

http://search3.openobjects.com/kb5/lincs/fsd/tell_us.page

If you have any other queries regarding the site please contact children_information@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Training & Learning Development update:

A programme for Learning and Development is being compiled to ensure all relevant staff are equipped for the new ways of working from September. Training has already commenced with Signs of Safety training.

- **New documents available** on our [Support and Aspiration web pages](#):

Lincolnshire documents;

[Generic Project Presentation](#)

National documents;

[SEN Code of Practice](#)

[Mott MacDonald Pathfinder Information packs - April](#)

- **Frequently Asked Questions**

The SEN & D reforms [frequently asked questions](#) are constantly being updated to answer key questions from everyone involved in the project.

- **For previous newsletters, up-to-date information and to share your suggestions and ideas**

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/support-and-aspiration

SEND_Reforms@Lincolnshire.gov.uk

Or call 01522 550925 for the Project Team

May we also take this opportunity to sign-post you to:-

- **4All**

Information for parents/carers of children and young people aged 0-19 with a disability and/or additional needs
Personalised welcome pack and a 30 page colour newsletter 3 times a year

For more information and to receive a referral form please visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/4all or email

4all@lincolnshire.gov.uk

or call 01522 555517.

Dates and Updates in regard to the Children and Families Act 2014 and SEN+D can be found in each newsletter