



SEN+D Reforms Newsletter

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Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEN+D) Reforms Implementation Project for 0-25yr olds

SEND Briefings

At the request of parents, four daytime Briefing events for Parents/Carers/Children/Young People and Professionals have been held around the county. To promote these events we ran an advert, 4 times a day for one week on Lincs FM. Held in Louth, Lincoln, Bourne and Boston with the aim to update, inform, answer questions and gather feedback about the Project. John O Connor Project Manager, Sheridan Dodsworth Head of Children with Disabilities and Additional Needs and Michelle White team manager for ESCO and SESS led the sessions which were very well received.

The presentation used for the briefings is available on the website or through this link [SEND Presentation](#)

The Briefings were also attended by a reporter from Calendar News who interviewed parents, professionals and John O'Connor about the reforms in preparation for a specific report Calendar are pulling together for a future programme. We have not been made aware of when this will be yet.

Letter to Parents

A letter has been sent to parents of all children, young people who currently have a Statement of SEN explaining the changes and the timescales for conversion to EHC Plans

[Letter to parents](#)

A slightly amended, relevant version of this letter will be sent to those young people who currently have a section 139.a (or learning disability assessment).

School interview

Our Lincolnshire County Comms team facilitated a short interview with Ann Hoffman Head of St Francis Special School

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcA_tNN4XQM&list=UUkiCNJxCG616P8iXpZdQqRg Our thanks are conveyed to Ann

Children and Young People and their families engagement:

The Frieston event proved to be very successful, 56 children with 33 parents attended. The September event is also now fully booked and only a few places still available for the February event. Feedback from the event has been collated and will be used to inform the project and service areas moving forward.

Three information streams are being worked on to help inform CYP of the changes taking place

Information Leaflet – to be ready for September

Animated video – to be ready for Autumn term

Facebook page - being investigated

Evening Events

The county-wide events are continuing until the end of 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 the new developments. There will sometimes be table-top activities to get involved in if you wish.

A final 'mop up' meeting will be held at each of the locality venues to gain feedback, understanding and to answer any final queries before implementation. Dates to be confirmed and will appear on our 'Get Involved' page within www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/support-and-aspiration

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

Myle Cross Events

The final session will be held 10.20am September 2nd , please use the details above for booking a place

EHC Plan and process

- Three designs have been approved for the EHC Plan, cyp will be able to choose which of the three they would like to use to personalise their plan. Different colour options are also available.

[EHCP final draft](#)

- The sub-working groups are now well underway which include looking at the criteria, single referral forms and a flow-chart for the process.

SEND Criteria

Although the criteria/threshold for SEN **has not changed** it has been recognised that the information needs to be clear and understandable for professionals, parents, children and young people. A working group which includes representatives from parent forums, early years, schools, 16yrs+, health and social care colleagues and educational psychologists are in the process of drafting a document which can be used and understood by all.

POET (Personal Outcomes Evaluation Tool).

Launch of new report: Measuring the outcomes of EHC plans and personal budgets

The report details work to date on the development and testing of the first iteration of the tool with support from parents/carers and practitioners from six local authority areas as well as children and young people from Equality, Participation, Influence, Change (EPIC), the Lincolnshire Shadow Transition Board and the Mayday Trust. This work has been funded by the Department for Education.

The report demonstrates the potential of POET to capture key process measures and their relationship to good outcomes as well as the emerging picture of what's working well in the implementation of EHC plans and personal budgets as well as areas requiring further attention.

The final tool will be available for all local areas to use from spring 2015.

The report can be downloaded here: www.in-control.org.uk/ehcpoetreport

Local Authority Local Offer

This is getting populated more and more each day with the support of families and practitioners – Thank you

Please view our developing pages via www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer

If you know of a service, provision or club that you feel would be helpful and informative for families, please email;

children_information@lincolnshire.gov.uk

A flyer/poster is being produced to raise awareness and promote the Local Authority Local Offer

SEND Educational Offers

Over 200 school synopses have been received ready for inclusion on the web-based Local Offer site. Schools are now working on their own offer to be ready by September 1st.

FAQ's

FAQ'S have been further updated and are available on the support and aspiration pages

Please continue to send questions you may have to the Project team, to enable to keep up-to-date and to allay any concerns.

- **To keep up-to-date with any new documents available** go to our [Support and Aspiration web pages](#):
- **For previous newsletters, up-to-date information and to share your suggestions and ideas**
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Or call 01522 550925 for the Project Team