



PACC Newsletter

March 2022

Welcome to the March edition of PACC's monthly newsletter!



Parent Carer Feedback

PACC is currently evaluating its role in supporting SEND families in Shropshire and we would like to hear from you about what you value about PACC.

We have created a short survey which should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and would really appreciate it if you could spare some time to share your thoughts with us.

[Click here to learn more!](#)



Follow up to the SEND Inspection

Following the Local Area SEND Inspection carried out in January 2020 and the resulting Written Statement of Action, Shropshire is now due to be reinspected by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission, to assess progress made in key areas. You can find information about the SEND Inspection and Shropshire's Written Statement of Action on the PACC website.

[Click here to learn more!](#)



The re inspection is expected to take place from April 2022 and as previously hearing from parent carers about their experience of SEND in Shropshire will be at the heart of the process. In particular it will be useful to hear from families about:

- The effectiveness and quality of EHCP's in Shropshire
- The experience of autism/ADHD support and assessment in Shropshire
- The experience of speech and language support and assessment in Shropshire
- School based support for SEND pupils and the approach towards supporting inclusion
- How young effectively young people with SEND are supported and prepared for adulthood

PACC are collecting feedback through a short survey, which can be completed on the link below.



[Complete the Survey](#)



IPSEA Training for Parent Carers



SEND law and young people. 11

April, 10am - 3pm, £65

This one day training is designed specifically for parents, carers and supporting family members of children who are approaching or above compulsory school age (post-16).

[Click here to learn more!](#)



EHC plan masterclass: obtaining a plan, 25 April, 10am - 3.30pm, £65

This training has been developed to guide families through the process of obtaining an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan, from requesting an EHC needs assessment, through to the information a plan should contain.

[Click here to learn more!](#)



SEND Tribunal hints and tips, 20 May, 10am - 3.15pm, £65

For parents and carers going through appeals against the contents of an EHC plan and appeals against the school named in an EHC plan, this training covers the steps and stages of the appeal process and what to do at each stage.

[Click here to learn more!](#)



Local Offer Feedback

Tell us what you think about the SEND Local Offer

The Shropshire SEND Local Offer is a single place for information, services, and resources for children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and / or disabilities, their families, and the practitioners who support them. It's been designed with a family's needs at the heart of the process. We'd be grateful if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete an online survey to provide us with feedback on the SEND Local Offer.

The survey results will help us to understand if the information is accessible, what you like/dislike, and if there are any gaps that need addressing. We value all comments and will share with you feedback we have received, and how we have responded to the comments made to improve your Local Offer.

[Click here to learn more!](#)





Learning Disability and Autism (LD&A) Champions for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

The NHS Long Term Plan committed to:

“Make sure that the whole NHS has an awareness of the needs of people with a learning disability and autistic people, working together to improve the way it cares, supports, listens to, works with and improves the health and wellbeing of them and their families.”

To ensure this happened a small amount of funding has been made available to local areas to create Learning Disability and Autism Champion roles. In Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin two posts were created and are now active. Introductions to the local LD&A Champions are provided below. They are working closely with local organisations such as PACC, to understanding the challenges faced by individuals with a learning disability and/or autism and to raise awareness of the needs of this group throughout local services.

Introduction:

Janet Cobb lives in South Shropshire and has a background in NHS learning disability nursing, NHS management and latterly national work as an independent consultant working with charities, NHS and Social Care bodies, families caring for a person with learning disabilities and citizens with learning disabilities. Before coming to live in Shropshire Janet worked as health lead with the North West Training and Development Team (<http://www.nwtdt.com/>), established and ran the UK Health and Learning Disability Network now hosted by The Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities (<https://www.learningdisabilitieshealthnetwork.org.uk/>), worked as a regional advisor with NW SHA and NE SHA CHaMP (Child health and Maternity Partnership) working on the national transition support programme for disabled children and worked with the Valuing People team on various learning disability and health initiatives.

Janet also sat on the overview panel for the Confidential Inquiry into premature deaths of people with learning disabilities <http://www.bris.ac.uk/cipold/>

Janet will focus on people with learning disabilities.

Contact janet@jan-net.co.uk

Eric Heath lives on the Shropshire/Powys border with his partner. He is an autistic Expert by Experience with a grounding in local government, diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, ADHD and Dyspraxia. In 2004, Eric co-founded Autonomy, a Shropshire-based self-help and social group for autistic adults with his mother, later joining the Department of Health and Social Care as an Expert Advisor. He has continued to work strategically, as part of the NHSE/I Midlands Autism Workstream as well as with local authorities and the third sector, informing and contributing to the new 'National Autism Strategy for Children, Young People and Adults' and the NHSE/I 'Long Term Plan' and numerous other national, local and regional strategies and research projects.

Eric will focus on autism.

Contact ericlovelandheath@yahoo.co.uk

What do you do in your roles as LD&A champions?

We were appointed into these roles in November 2021 and have one year to make an impact.

Our job is to raise the profile of people with learning disabilities and autism in mainstream health and social care services as outlined in the NHSE/I Long Term Plan and the LGA and Association of Directors of Adult Services (ADASS) Outcomes and Improvement Framework which further identifies how Social Care and its partners can improve how they support autistic people and people with learning disabilities.

Why did you put yourself forward for the role?

We both want to make a difference to the lives of people with learning disability or autism across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and between us have a wealth of experience and lived experience to offer to others in services outside of specialist provision as well as knowledge informed from living within the area and issues faced.



Shropshire SEND Children and Young People Get Dancing!

There has been a real growth in the dance opportunities for children and young people with SEND in Shropshire, over the last few years.

Identity Dance offers weekly inclusive dance classes for children and young adults with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and is based in Shrewsbury. They offer a range of classes including contemporary and street dance for a variety of ages. On the 8th March the young adults class performed at Theatre Severn in 'Shrewsbury's School's Gotta Dance' show. They performed 2 contemporary dances and one street dance routine to a packed theatre and received a great response. The group is currently preparing for the Audacity Dance Championships in May.

You can find out more about Identity dance on their Facebook page, they are also running a taster dance workshop on April 10th if you want to get involved. <https://www.facebook.com/IdentitySchoolofDance>

Identity were joined at the SGDGS event by a group of students from Severndale Academy, who also performed on the night and wowed the audience.

SHREWSABILITY
FUN RUN

£3150
TOTAL RAISED

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT




Shrewsability Fun Run

On Sunday 13th March, Shrewsbury Town in The Community held their annual Shrewsability Fun Run in The Quarry Park, and raised an outstanding £3150!

A huge well done to everyone involved!





Send Green Paper

Following the publication of the Schools White Paper the SEND review has been published. The National Network of Parent Carer Forums (of which PACC is a member) has published an initial response to the review. The SEND review green paper is open for consultation until 1st July 2022.

Click here to
learn more!



Disabled Support Liaison Officer at STFC

Shropshire Parent and Carer Council (PACC) have been in touch with Richard Pulford, who is the Disabled Supporter Liaison Officer at Shrewsbury Town Football Club (STFC) to find out more about his role.

Richard says that the idea of the role is to bring a different perspective to the supporter experience and make sure that disabled supporters have a voice when it comes to issues, problems and opportunities for them and the club. He feels strongly that everyone, no matter what their disability, should be able to experience live football and particularly the fantastic atmosphere at Shrewsbury Town Football Club. He is a lifelong Town fan and as a disabled supporter he brings knowledge and experience of what issues may be a barrier to all fans, no matter their disability, to enjoying the live match experience.

Whilst talking to Richard, he told us that the Disabled Supporters Club has just been launched by STFC and Shrewsbury Town in the Community. This club is for all ages who have a disability and their Carers/Personal Assistants. It will create opportunities for fans of all ages to attend STFC fixtures. The benefits of joining the club include an access to membership card; social activities on home match days; away day travel to certain games across the season; physical activities on home match days run by Shrewsbury Town in the Community Staff; fundraising events; player Q&A sessions; voting for the Disabled Supporter Club player of the month/season. To join up please click the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fgDSHn0e3kyomIOBqWzTCH9qNCfTxTZCqTD8UtZw0mtUNjhQUjiYRFk3S0ZPVDVJSEU5WktUNjZTWS4u>

Shropshire PACC think you'll agree that this is a wonderful opportunity for disabled supporters to raise thoughts, ideas and get involved socially. Richard is looking forward to welcoming both existing supporters and to hearing from non-match going fans to find ways of overcoming barriers to attendance.



Useful Coronavirus links

Vaccination and Pop-Up Clinics

Click here to
learn more!



General Covid Information

Click here to
learn more!



What to do if you have Coronavirus

Click here to
learn more!





Easter Holiday Activities

EASTER ACTIVITIES

SOCCER SCHOOLS & MULTI SPORT CAMPS



DATES: Week 1 - 11TH - 14TH APRIL 2022 Week 2 - 19TH - 22ND APRIL 2022
TIME: 9AM - 3PM
PRICE: £12 PER DAY
LOCATION: SHREWSBURY & LUDLOW

Shrewsbury Town in The Community

Soccer School and Multi-sports Camps: 2 weeks of activity this Easter and putting on some epic activities for our participants!

☐ Week 1 - 11th - 14th April

☐ Week 2 - 19th - 22nd April

With the Easter Holidays just around the corner, be sure to book your space today.

To book a place:



⚽ **Easter HAF Programme:** FREE activities for primary school children who qualify for free school meals over the Easter holidays as part of the Shropshire Council HAF Programme.



With spaces filling fast, be sure to book your slot today.

To book a place:



Little Rascals still have spaces available on their SEN only holiday club on the 11th and 18th of April

To apply, please contact management@uklittlerascals.com

Identity School Of Dance workshop

Sunday 10th April
12-5pm

Learn the following:

- Street
- Contemporary
- Lyrical
- Ballet
- Zumba/Fitness
- Tricks & Kicks

All taught by a range of different dance teachers

Open to all Identity students & the public
Ages from 12+

All abilities welcome! Come and have a boogie!!

Location: Monkmoor Scout Hut SY2 5RR



Email enquiries isod@outlook.com
to book your place today!





**PARENTS
OPENING
DOORS**
PARENT CARER FORUM



part of the North Midlands autism in schools pilot



WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR STORIES, POEMS AND
PICTURES FROM AUSTISTIC YOUNG PEOPLE AGED
7-16 SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES OF SCHOOL**

**SUCCESSFUL STORIES WILL BE
PART OF A BOOKLET FOR
SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT STAFF
AND STUDENTS IN
UNDERSTANDING MORE ABOUT
THE EXPERIENCES OF AUTISTIC
YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOL**

**PLEASE SEND ALL
ENTRIES WITH A
NAME AND
CONTACT EMAIL TO:**

hannah@i-gnition.co.uk

**£50 book token for the best
entry
Closing Date
1st May 2022**



What's Your Story' Competition Launch to mark 'World Autism Acceptance Week'

What's Your Story is a creative writing and art competition for young people aged 7 – 16 years old, who are either diagnosed or awaiting assessment as autistic, in Shropshire or Telford & Wrekin. We are looking for stories, poems or pictures from autistic young people sharing their experience of school life. Successful stories will be part of a booklet created for schools to support staff and students to understand more about the experiences of autistic young people in school.

This competition is part of the North Midlands Autism in Schools pilot and is being supported by Ignition CIC. All entries should be sent to hannah@i-ignition.co.uk by the 1st May 2022. The winning entry will receive a £50 book token

Further Information

The 'Autism in Schools' project is a cross system project funded by NHS England, to improve outcomes for autistic pupils in mainstream schools. Shropshire Parent & Carer Council, Shropshire Council and Shropshire Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group are working together as part of the North Midlands Autism in Schools pilot. Four Shropshire schools, all of which are part of The Marches Multi Academy Trust are participating in the pilot; these are Shrewsbury Academy, The Grange Primary School, Oakmeadow Primary School and The Marches School.

The pilot offers support for development of the school workforce and leadership to ensure that mainstream schools offer environments in which autistic students can thrive, supporting good mental health and promoting inclusion for this group of young people. There are four key elements to the pilot;

- A Learning and Development Programme which seeks to develop a positive school environment for autistic pupils through reasonable adjustments and understanding.
- Developing school-based parent carer participation building on and supported by the Parent Carer Forums in each local authority area.
- Building a new relationship between Child Adolescent Mental Health Service and schools which is focused on developing autism friendly environments and practice.
- Hearing from Children and Young People with Autism and developing self-awareness and resilience.

The pilot will run in the Shropshire schools until the end of this school year.

Pilot Newsletters:

<http://www.paccshropshire.org.uk/north-midlands-autism-in-schools-pilot-newsletter>

<http://www.paccshropshire.org.uk/north-midlands-autism-in-schools-pilot-feb-2022newsletter>

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GET CREATIVE...

Name a new information website for Young People which is all about your future! We need your help: Can you come up with a name? Or can you design a logo?

Here are some great name ideas you could use:

Info Ninja, Shropshire Youth Hub, Youth Map, Leap Into Life, My Way
Or if you don't like these you can come up with your very own name.

Please send your name suggestions and logo designs to: local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk by the 7th April 2022 and we could offer you the chance to work with our team of designers to turn your ideas into reality.

Please include your name.

An Introduction to Positive Behavioural Support: A Virtual Learning Event

What is PBS?

Positive Behavioural Support (PBS) aims to improve the quality of a person's life and that of the people around them.

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The event will include:

- What is PBS and how it works
- Understanding behaviours of concern
- Quality of life and capable environments
- The values and philosophy underpinning PBS
- Sharing real life scenarios
- An opportunity to become part of a PBS Community

□ Who is this event for?

Everyone— parents, carers, early years, schools, colleges, social care, education services, community services, police, probation and voluntary sector organisations.

□ When?

26 April 2022—10am—12pm

28 April 2022—10am—12pm

5 May 2022 -10am—12pm

10 May 2022- 10—12pm

Please book tickets through the Eventbrite link below.

[Introduction to PBS Workshop Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)