



An update from Kenton: Forum Chair

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all those who attended and exhibited at our Local Offer Event on the 29th September helping to make it such a success. With approximately 200 people at the event during the day it provided a great opportunity to find out about all the great things on offer in North Somerset and with Covid continuing to present such uncertainty in our lives it was lovely to be able to get back to meeting so many of you in-person again.

An exciting development for us is that we are in the process of securing a venue to create a Parent Carer Resource Hub. This will provide us with greater office space to facilitate our growing team (check out our new job opportunities) whilst providing an exciting opportunity to work with our community in shaping how the building is best used to support you.

In addition to all the information / training sessions we have on offer we are delighted to be working with South Gloucestershire Parent Carers to further develop and deliver informative sessions for those whose child or young person are likely to go on, or is on, the autism diagnosis waiting list.

Remember our Facebook community is a great place to connect and support each other and our Steering group will provide opportunities to help shape our future priorities including development of our Parent Resource Hub over the coming months. Keep connected for our latest updates on all the above and please continue to share your experiences of provision, good and bad, so that we can continue to raise appropriately.

Kenton Mee Chair / CEO

What we have been up to last term 😊

We have attended:

- 8 Training Sessions
- 2 Big Events
- 12 Parent Carer engagement events
- 41 Meetings with Strategic Partners

We have launched a fab new Resource:



Check out this video created in collaboration with local Parent Carer Forums providing you with practical support for Sensory Processing Difficulties

Exciting New Event: Transitions Fayre!!

November 10th at The Tropicana, WSM:

Is your child transitioning between Early Years to Primary, Primary to Secondary, Secondary to Post 16 or Post 16 to Adulthood? Then this is the event to attend!

☞ Free Teas, Coffee and Cake plus Lunch Included ☞

Presentations from specialists within Health, Education and Social Care with an opportunity to ask any questions....

Click Here to Sign Up



Message from Hayley, Director and Engagement Co-ordinator:

It has been a pleasure to be back face to face and seeing parent carers at our coffee events. We have attended various schools across North Somerset alongside SEND and You and have upcoming events with Young Carers to further increase parent carer knowledge of services available providing support to families. If you would like us to visit your school please share our details with your school we would be happy to come along!

We held successful focus groups with Springboard to share experiences of previous and current parent carers, discussing all the positives alongside what additions would be useful for families in the future. We always enjoy meeting new and old faces - please pop along to our upcoming events and share your experiences with us to continue to inform stakeholders and make positive change for our children and young people.

Look out for our 'You said, We did' releases this term. Professionals and strategic partners have listened to your views from our Annual Survey and implemented changes

We are Recruiting!

Excitingly we have four job vacancies to expand our team!

Training Coordinator

Peer Support Worker

SEND Lead Trainer

Grant Coordinator

Click [HERE](#) to Find Out More!

Training this Term:

- Suicide Prevention in Young People
- Self-harm Awareness and Support
- Eating Disorders in Children and Young People
- An Introduction to Autism in Children
- An Introduction to Autism in Young People
- Complex Medical Conditions & Serious Illness
- Cerebra Sleep Seminar

Check out our [Website Calendar](#) to see all our upcoming Training, Events and Coffees

Just Drop In
Christmas Cake & Chat
 Monday 13th Dec
 10-11.30AM
 At The Firs, BS23 3NX



Join our steering group!

As part of our steering group you will:

- Shape priorities for the forum
- Meet face to face six times a year
- Discuss EHCP, transport provision, key priorities, diagnosis and respite
- Bring together the collective voice of parents and carers in North Somerset



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