

SENDIASS NEWS

EPC Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information, Advice and Support Service

March 2017

Finalising Transfer Reviews for existing statements of SEN

By 1 April 2018, local authorities must have transferred all children and young people with statements of SEN and who are eligible for an Education, Health and Care plan to the new SEND system. As we get closer to the final deadline to finalise Transfer Reviews for existing statements, all local authorities will be asked to provide information on progress, on a monthly basis from April 2017 until the end of the transitional period.

This information will help the Department for Education (DfE) to assess progress, including how close we are to hitting targets and whether all statements will be transferred under the new system by the deadline.

The monthly data collection will include just two questions, which will remain the same for each month of the collection:

- How many transfers of SEN statements have yet to be completed?
- Of those remaining, how many does the LA expect to complete by 31 March 2018?

Information provided will be treated in confidence and is intended for internal use within the Department for Education, data will only be shared with contracted partners in order to be able to best target support.

If you need help with your child's Plan, please contact SENDIASS.

Email: enquiries@epandc.org.uk

Phone: 020 8373 6273.

" I moved from Haringey and was really confused and worried. I didn't know what to do and where to start. Thanks for help with understanding what was happening and helping me to write my views.

- parent

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Parents' and Young People's Engagement

Young People's training on Communication

Five members of the SENDIASS young people's steering group attended Communications training on Wednesday 15th February 2017 at Community House.

The training was aimed at building their confidence to express themselves and talk about the issues that they face. They learned the different types of communication, barriers to communication, and how they can better communicate.

At the feedback session, all of the participants said that they enjoyed the session and learned how to communicate better.

We would like young people with SEND to be able to express themselves in various ways so that they are able to participate in discussions, meetings and events. Further training sessions will be facilitated in March and April.

If you know a young person who would like to join the steering group or to attend the training, please call Natalia Sali on 020 8373 6273 or email

Natalia.Sali@epandc.org.uk

Parents' steering group

Our parents' steering group advises the service on how to better reach parents in the community. They have produced an easy-to-read flyer for parents which will be distributed to libraries, GP clinics, schools and colleges.

To steer the service more effectively, they will undertake training on SEND Reform particularly the Children and Families Act and SEN Code of Practice in March.

If you are a parent/carer of a child or young person with special educational needs, and have a few hours to spare, please consider being a part of the group. Using your own experience, you can inform the service to respond to the needs of families.

For more information, please call Natalia Sali on 020 8373 6273 or email Natalia.Sali@epandc.org.uk

Meet the Heads of SEND Services in Enfield

Our Voice will host a Parents' Conference on Friday 10th March at 9.30am to 1.30pm at the Dugdale Centre. It will be an opportunity to hear from the heads of departments responsible for the provision of SEND services in Enfield including education, transport, health, short breaks, EP, early years, and speech and language. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and book one-to-one sessions with professionals to discuss specific concerns.

Places are limited so please ensure you book in advance.

For more information, email them at info@ourvoiceenfield.org.uk or call on 07516 662315

Our Voice



I do feel very strongly about how fantastic the help was from all your team & I would like to thank you all for making the process run smoothly.

- parent

Workshops for parents

SENDIASS offers FREE training to parents on various topics. Three sessions are planned on the following dates:

- Thursday 9th March, 10am to 12pm
Training on School Exclusions
- Thursday 30th March, 10.30 to 11.30am
Training on Keeping your child safe online
- Thursday 27th April, 10am to 12pm
Training on Outcomes & Aspirations

If you have questions on any of those topics or would like to book your place, please call 020 8373 6273.

We encourage parents to tell us the learning needs they have. If you are a parent and feel you need training on any topic, please don't hesitate to call us on 020 8373 6273 or email: enquiries@epandc.org.uk

Keep your child safe online training

In partnership with NSPCC, we are offering a FREE session on how you can keep your child safe online.

Innocent searches sometimes reveal not so innocent results. Parental controls can be used to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases or manage how long your child spends online. And the good news is parental controls are really easy to set up.

It's simple to get started. Along with talking to your child regularly, using parental controls is one of the best ways to help keep children safe online.

You'll find lots more information about safeguarding what your child is searching for online, who they're talking to or what they're seeing.

To keep your child safe online, please attend this workshop for parents on **Thursday 30th March at 11.00am to 12.00pm at Room 8, Community House.**

To book your place, please call 020 8373 6273 or email enquiries@epandc.org.uk

Information sessions on EHCP for parents

Our Independent Support Service continues to provide assistance to parents and young people on Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) on one-to-one basis, information sessions and workshops.

Free session on EHCP conversion will be held on **Wednesday 22nd March at 10am to 12pm at Community House.**

The session will inform parents about the process of converting the child or young person's Statement to an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), starting from making the request to reviewing the draft plan. There will also be a discussion on the different parts of an EHCP and what each part contains, the Local Offer and Personal Budgets.

To book, call 020 8373 6273.

Internet
Safety



Our services

SENDIASS offers impartial and independent information, advice, and support to children and young people from 0 to 25 years old with special educational needs and disabilities and their parents.



We will help you with the following:

- Give you law-based information which you can use to make informed decisions.
- Help you access different services for you and your child.
- Assist you in communicating with education, health and care services so that they can address your issues.
- Assist you and your child with the transfer of the Statement or LDA to an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Contact Us

Give us a call for information about our services.

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"Thank you for always being at the end of the phone when I needed you and your presence and input at the various meetings. There are no words to fully express my gratitude to you and your team at EPC".



Volunteer with EPC!

Do you have the passion to volunteer with children and young people and their parents? Can you spare a few hours each week?

Do you want to acquire new skills and work with dedicated staff and volunteers?

Then, why not join us!

We are recruiting Independent Parent Supporters and Independent Support volunteers to help us provide the service to parents and young people.

An intensive training programme will be available to prepare you for the role.

For more information, please get in touch with:

Renata Carlet, Volunteer Coordinator

Phone: 020 8373 6246

Email: Renata.Carlet@epandc.org.uk

New EPC website!

Every Parent & Child (EPC) has a new website. The website is more user-friendly as it is easy to see the information you need. There is also a feature to email us directly or if you choose to, make a query using a simple form.

The SENDIASS page contains information relevant to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) as well as links to useful services. It also features our recent and previous newsletters, training events and workshops for parents and young people.

To view the website, please see:

<https://www.epandc.org.uk/>

