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# Our Voice



## What's New?

15<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## National Tribunal Trial

As you may be aware, the government are running a two-year trial extending the powers of the SEND Tribunal. To date, parents could only appeal the educational parts of EHC plans, but under the trial scheme, parents who have had decisions made from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 onwards, will have new rights to add a request for recommendations about health and social care needs and provisions given in EHC plans to any appeal they are already making about the educational aspects of the plan. This means that all concerns about an EHCP can be raised in one place.

For more information, please see the attached leaflet which lays out what to do if you are unhappy with any decisions made in relation to a request for an EHC Needs assessment or an EHCP, and also information regarding the SEND Tribunal Trial on the [Enfield Local Offer for SEND](#).

## Transition to Adulthood – seminar on the Care Act and social care entitlement in adult life

Action for Kids, together with the Advocacy and Support Partnership and leading law firm Irvin Mitchell, are presenting a subsidised seminar regarding the law on how adults (18+) with disabilities are cared for, and the rights of their carers.

The seminar will cover the Care Act and the entitlement to support for young people and adults with SEND and disabilities from the age of 18, what a good care plan should look like, linking care plans with EHCPs, Supported Employment and carers rights. Hear a fantastic range of top lawyers and other experts speak on all these topics.

The seminar takes place in Central London, on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 10 am to 2.30 pm, and costs £15 for parent carers (£45 for professionals\*). (*\*Please note a professional place is one paid for by, or for the benefit of, any organisation, even if the attendee is also a parent.*)

If you wish you can also sign up now for the next seminars in the series:

13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Mental Capacity, Welfare & Financial deputyship and Continuing Health Care Assessments,

27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019: Housing, benefits, employment, financial planning.

**Full details of all the seminars and booking details are on the attached flyer. Please contact the organisers of this event directly to book your place.**

# Are you the parent or carer for a child aged 18 months to 5 years who has a learning disability/developmental delay?

If so, you might be interested in taking part in a new feasibility study.

Early Positive Approaches to Support (E-PATs) is an 8-session group intervention for families which gives sensitive support and information for the family in the early years, and are facilitated by a family caregiver working with an experienced professional. The sessions include supporting sleep, supporting skills development, supporting interaction and communication in children, positive approaches to problem behaviours, emotional wellbeing and resilience for caregivers, accessing services and supports. The sessions will be taking place in Barnet during June and July this year, and participation will be open to families living in other London Boroughs.

In order to assess whether this approach helps parents of children with a learning disability, participating families will be invited to take part in the programme, and to answer questionnaires on 3 occasions.

If you think you might be interested, please have a look at the attached flyer and the participant information sheet, and contact Annabel Carter (Research Assistant at the University of Kent) on 01227 827 329 or email at [A.S.Carter-46@kent.ac.uk](mailto:A.S.Carter-46@kent.ac.uk)

## Reminder: Your personal data

The Law on how we hold and use your personal data will be changing on 25th May 2018. We are asking all current members to let us know if they would still like to hear from us. If you no longer wish to receive ANY email communications from us regarding services, activities, information, marketing and fundraising please let us know by emailing us [info@ourvoicenfield.org.uk](mailto:info@ourvoicenfield.org.uk) or calling on. 07516 66215. Alternatively, if you would like to change your communication preferences please complete the attached form [here](#) and email back to us. You can also view our privacy policy [here](#).

We hope that you have found our newsletter useful. If you have any feedback, or anything that you think we could be telling our families about, please let us know. Our contact details are:

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