Welcome to our latest e-Newsletter!

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Referral routes to Community Paediatrics for children experiencing significant difficulties in Primary school

The Community Paediatricians in East Sussex have been working closely with ISEND to make the referral routes to Community Paediatrics easier to understand. There HAVE NOT been any changes, but families and schools have told us they are not clear about the best route to follow.

We need to make this clearer because we do not want any child to miss out on the support that is already available in their school without the need for diagnosis (starting on diagnostic pathway). It is also important that the children are going onto the right diagnostic pathway, as waiting times for Community Paediatric assessments have increased. If this doesn’t happen, the child’s progress and wellbeing may be affected.

REFERRAL ROUTES INTO COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS

- Where a child is experiencing significant difficulties in school, schools can refer directly to Community Paediatrics and families should not be told to go their GP.
- Schools can access additional help from ISEND if needed to augment their own expertise. Many schools have considerable expertise already. A request for this specialist help will usually be made (or equivalent support be in place) before a school refers to Community Paediatrics.
- The school referral form to Community Paediatrics has been updated to help strengthen this process.
- It doesn’t happen often, but sometimes children show minimal signs of possible developmental difficulties in school but are struggling at home. Then the referral to Community Paediatrics should come from the GP.
Where the referral comes from a GP, the Community Paediatricians ask school SENCOs and teachers to support the process by providing clear information about the child in school.

A FOCUS GROUP, FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO TALK TO COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICIANS AND ISEND ABOUT HOW WELL THIS PROCESS IS WORKING, WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AUTUMN SO LOOK OUT FOR DATES AND VENUES OF THESE on the ESPaCC website


Getting the best Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Fantastic EDUCATION HEALTH AND CARE PLAN (EHCP) seminar for parents/carers and professionals - subsidised - only £19 including lunch for parents/carers. London July 3rd.

Hear from lawyer Erin Smart of leading law firm Irwin Mitchell and other expert education professionals. Taking place in Central London on 3rd July 2019 from 10am to 2.30pm (registration from 9.30am), only £19 for parents and carers and £49 for professionals including lunch.

Download full leaflet here

Face 2 Face

Face2Face befriending offers emotional peer support to parents of children and young people with additional needs around the time of diagnosis. The intensive training runs over 7 weeks and covers listening skills, boundaries, safeguarding and the parent journey. Are you the parent of a child with additional needs or disabilities? Would you like to take up a valuable and fulfilling role as an Amaze Face2Face befriender?
The training will take place in Eastbourne over June and July, details TBC. To find out more please email Amanda at amandam@amazesussex.org.uk or call 07983598711.

Learning Disability, Autism and Human Rights
This accessible booklet is designed to support individuals with learning disability and/or autism to use human rights when accessing care and support. It has been produced with the support of a range of organisations, using the views and feedback of people with learning disability and/or autism.

Timpson Review
The Timpson Review of School Exclusion was published on 7 May 2019 and can be downloaded from the gov.uk website. The Government response can also be read on the same webpage.

Do you want to know more about your child’s rights?
Expert Parent Programme - 8 June 2019 at Amaze in Brighton. The day is suitable for parents of deaf children of any age and focuses very much on ensuring they understand their child’s rights, to use in practical ways with the services they come into contact with. It starts around 10am until 3pm including lunch. Book your place today: Email: wendy.gallagher@ndcs.org.uk, Phone: 028 9332 4010 / 07968 143165 www.ndcs.org.uk/link

Other information
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• **Membership** - Don't forget to submit your contact forms via the [website](#) or directly to [membership@eastsussexpacc.org](mailto:membership@eastsussexpacc.org)

• **The Autism Research Group** - Download [An evidence based guide to Anxiety in Autism](#)

• **Funding for SEND and those who who need AP** - Call for evidence, open until 31 July 2019 - answer the [survey](#)

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