

DERBY'S SEND

LOCAL OFFER



Welcome to the latest of our local offer newsletters for SEND professionals, parents, carers, and young people in Derby.

We hope that you had the chance to get a break over the summer and you've had a great start to the new academic year.

We've had confirmation that we will have our opportunity to show Ofsted and CQC the progress we've made as a local area as part of a local area revisit 04 October – 06 October. There are more details on how you can support this revisit on later.

As usual, there's lots going on in Derby this term and we've got more details later in the newsletter of how you can get involved.

We've also got a couple of exciting new projects to tell you about – SEND Navigators and Derby SENCO Advice Line – that have been commissioned following your feedback on what parents, carers and professionals need to support young people with SEND in the City.

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Introducing Derby SAL – Say hello to Claire and Dami!

DerbySAL is our new support service specifically for SENCOs in the City.

Whether you want support with individual cases or overall school / setting issues; they are here to help!

They offer informal consultations to SENCOs and Inclusion leads to help you to reflect on the needs and strengths of the child / young person, identify the provisions already in place, support SENCOs to build robust and manageable plans and help you to access the most appropriate services and provisions available.

- Help for SENCOs with the implementation of the Graduated Response.
- Advice regarding all areas of Inclusion and SEND.
- Signposting to local and national services.
- Support for SENCOs with EHCP Panel outcomes and recommendations.

Tel: 01332 956 956 between 9am – 5pm

Or request a call back on our webform: [Professionals zone | Derby City Council](#) Or send an email at: DerbySAL@derby.gov.uk

claire and Dami love:

Over the last few weeks, we've been really struck with how many of you are highlighting how much COVID-19 has impacted on the children in your schools, particularly those with ASD co-existent with anxiety.

[Home - Carol Gray - Social Stories \(carolgraysocialstories.com\)](http://carolgraysocialstories.com)

That's why we love this website and its resources. Carol Gray specifically focuses on social stories around COVID-related issues for children, which we think would be useful for schools and families.

Sharing your successes . . .

We want to start including examples of good practice in Derby's schools and settings from SENCOs or SEN support staff. If your school or setting is doing something that is changing the life and school experience for a child or young person, please send us an email so we can share it with the city and tell everyone how great your school or setting is! 😊

DerbySAL@derby.gov.uk



What is SENDIASS?

SENDIASS stands for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Services. We are a free, impartial, and confidential service. We can offer independent information, advice, and support to:

- a parent or carer for a child or young person up to age 25 with special educational needs or disabilities
- a child up to age 16 who has special educational needs or disabilities
- a young person aged 16-25 who has special educational needs or disabilities

How can SENDIASS Help?

We can offer you advice and information on key issues like Special Educational Needs and support that may be required in the educational setting. We can also offer support on Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments and Plans and matters relating to social care and health. We can also give you practical support with tasks such as:

- Understanding complicated documents and reports
- Completing paperwork
- Attending meetings with you to ensure your views are heard
- Please contact us to discuss how we can support you:

T: 01332 641414 E: sendiass@derby.gov.uk



Addressing the demand for Neuro Development (ND) Assessments

Neuro Development includes Autism and ADHD.

We are looking at how we can help schools and families to support children and young people with these needs. Parents and professionals have told us that the assessment pathway is being used to try to get help when support needs to be at the right time and in the right place to work.

Across Derby City and Derbyshire County we have come together to form a series of workshops with a vision that: We will have an easily accessible and wide-ranging quality pathway in place that effectively supports CYP with ND needs, their families, and carers, within their local communities where possible, towards the goal of living independently and thriving as children and adults

We have lots of projects already being launched and developed to support children, their families and schools which includes:

Supporting children to access school

Our Sustained Absence Project is working up targeted plans to help children back into education and supported on their return.

In School support for children who are autistic and their families with a focus on transitions especially between primary and secondary education.

We will keep you updated as work progresses in future newsletters. If you would like to know more, please contact the NHS Children's Commissioners on: ddccg.childrenscommissioning@nhs.net

SEND Navigators – supporting parents and carers in Derby

Parent carers together (PCT) is the official parent and carer forum for Derby. They've secured funding from Derby City Council to roll out an extended offer of support for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND.

The SEND navigator service delivers support, advice, signposting and a weekly menu of events for parents and carers. They are also developing lots of great resources to help parents and schools to deliver better outcomes for children and young people with SEND in the City.

You can now get in touch with PCT by phone on 01332 482665.

Help

Perhaps you're going through a tough time and need some help? Sometimes some peer-to-peer support through a friendly chat is all it takes.

Signposting

Where to go next for the right help and support. What are the challenges in your life? Work it through together with experts by experience.

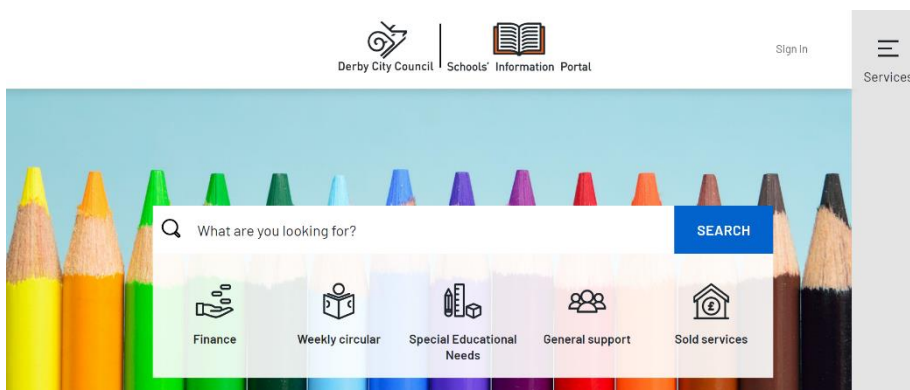
Events

Wellbeing Wednesday.
Coffee, craft, and consult.
Gaming club.
Siblings group.

For more information on how to get involved with PCT contact admin@derbypct.com or follow PCT on Facebook

Have you seen our new look school's information portal (SIP)?

The school's information portal is a one stop shop specifically for Derby schools to access information, guidance, training and resources.



Over the summer the SIP has had a makeover and we've been working really hard to update and refresh our pages to make sure that schools have all the information that they need to support children with SEND.

Our new SEND pages include detailed information and resources for new to role SENCOs and lots of resources aimed specifically at Private, Voluntary and Independent Early Years Settings.

Take a look at <https://schoolsportal.derby.gov.uk/sen/>

Derby Local Area SEND Written Statement of Action Re-visit



Derby's services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities were last inspected in June 2019. The inspection found five areas of significant weakness across the local area, and as a result, a [Written Statement of Action](#) was published at the end of 2019. Since then, we have undertaken significant work with partners and other stakeholders to make improvements.

To evaluate whether sufficient progress has been made in each of the five identified areas, inspectors from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will be hosting a three-day re-visit from Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 October.

You can read more about the re-visit in [the attached bulletin](#) or [email the team](#) for further information.

How can local children, young people, parents, and carers contribute their views during this local area re-visit?

There are several ways in which children, young people, parents and carers from your provision can engage with the re-visit process and contribute their views. The inspectors will gather the contributions of parents and families through an online survey and a face-to-face open meeting.

The focus of the online survey and open meeting will be set by the inspectors and will be based on the Written Statement. Parents and carers who would like to take part in this survey can follow this internet link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/DerbyRe-VisitLASEND/>

The survey will open at 12 noon on Monday, 27 September 2021 and close at 12 noon on Friday 1 October 2021. Parents and carers can submit their contributions via the online survey using the link provided above or by using the QR code here:



While we recognise that many parents and carers may have views on their experience that extend beyond the focus of the WSOA, we would like parents and carers to understand that the focus of the inspectors during the re-visit will only be the serious weaknesses identified at the previous inspection.

The re-visit team will consider how well leaders have addressed each of the areas of serious weaknesses detailed in the WSOA. We will not be able to follow up or comment upon individual cases.

Get involved in the Local Offer

We want to improve the Local Offer and we need your help!

The Local Offer website and Facebook pages are being viewed by more people than ever, but we want to do even more to share information about the services available in the City with the families who need them.

It's really important that the Local Offer website works for everyone who uses it, whether that's parents, young people or professionals. To help us to achieve this we're setting up a new Local Offer User Group for anyone who is interested in working with us to improve this vital resource.

The Local Offer user group will meet virtually at least 4 times a year to help us to review new content, reflect on areas of the website that need to improve and to feedback on the experience of using the website to find information that you need.

We'd love it if you would join us on this group and support our journey to make the local offer even better.

To get involved email local.offer@derby.gov.uk

UPDATE | Transforming our High Needs systems

We are going into the second phase of our High Needs Transformation Programme, supported by Impower, to ensure that families, settings, and schools are confident about our local offer for those with SEND and to strengthen the graduated approach in health, education, and social care to help every child or young person to succeed in life.

The first phase of this work started back in the spring and focussed on understanding the current challenges in the system and implementing new tools and services to support schools. This included the introduction of DerbySAL to support SENCOs and other pilot projects. We also carried out a survey of parents, carers, and professionals to get a clear view of what it is like to support children with SEND in the city.

The second phase of this work will focus on developing some key areas of how we can make SEND services work better for everyone involved based on this feedback. We will be specifically focussing on developing a much stronger early intervention approach to support children and young people, improving our panel processes, and developing an inclusive ambition across the local area.

There will be lots of opportunities to get involved in this work so please keep an eye on the local offer!



IN SHORT | What's going on?



Healthwatch Derbyshire want to hear your experiences of health and social care services and covid-19 vaccinations. Just take this short and anonymous survey to help improve services:
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KPFNXG/>



Great news! Derby City Council has been successful in keeping our Disability Confident Leader status for another three years. This is great news as we know when disabled job applicants see the Leader logo on our website they feel confident that we will treat disabled people fairly, and with dignity and respect, as well as doing all we can to make reasonable adjustments in the application process and whilst at work.



Derby Signing Families group is weekly and runs all year. This group is open to families with a deaf child and/or parent in Derby city. Come along and enjoy a wide range of exciting activities available for under 5s during term time then up to 8's in the holidays. For more information, please text 07812 30642 When: Tuesday 12 October 1.00-3.00pm
 Where: Mackworth/Morley Children's Centre, Reigate Drive, Mackworth, Derby, DE22 4EQ.



QClub is aimed at children on the autistic spectrum, children with additional support needs or who are socially excluded, have disabilities, are young carers, looked after or bereaved children. Supported activities are run on a Thursday evening throughout term time. For further information or to make a referral, please contact Abbie Canning on: 01332 285427 or abbiec@derbyquad.co.uk



#HelloYellow on Friday 8th October, supporting the Young Minds charity with a 'wear yellow' day.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/sign-up-to-helloyellow/>

Do you have a story for the local offer, newsletter, website, or Facebook page? Email us at local.offer@derby.gov.uk

And finally

A massive thank you to all our stakeholders and partners for your ongoing support. In the words of one of our SEND students.....



"If we work together,
anything is possible"

Useful contacts

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Formerly Parent Partnership Service



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