



Shropshire Parent Carer Council Monthly Newsletter. September 2024

Welcome to PACC's monthly newsletter.

If you have any questions or require any further information,
please email:



info@paccshropshire.org.uk



SEEING YOU SEEING ME



Seeing You, Seeing Me



This ground-breaking exhibition and photographic trail celebrates young people with SEND having fun together in Shropshire. The images and their words highlight how important this is to them and their well-being.

All the photographs were taken during the PACC Healthy Lives programme, which provides much needed support to SEND families during holiday periods.

Visit PACC at St Mary's Church to see the exhibition. Mon 28th - Thurs 31st, 10am - 4pm. Fri 1st, 10am - 12pm.

We will also be running a number of activities Monday- Thursday at St Marys Church. Further details will be emailed this week!

PINS Project Update



The Partnership for the Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools Project aims to improve the experience of neurodivergent pupils in schools. This pilot is currently being delivered in 20 primary schools in Shropshire and includes individualised training and coaching for school staff and leaders and support to ensure that Parent Carers have a voice in how schools respond to the individual needs of neurodivergent young people.

PACC is supporting the creation of Parent Carer groups in the schools participating in PINS. All schools received an initial visit from PACC before the summer break and since the start of the new school year the work on establishing school-based Parent Carer groups as part of the PINS project, has progressed at pace.

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Specialist Transport Provision



Want to know what we have been saying to Shropshire Council about your experiences of Specialist Transport Provision? Take a look at our Summary Report which reflects on the latest Transport Survey we ran and other feedback we have gathered and presented to Shropshire Council as part of their transformation program.

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Specialist Transport Flash Survey

PACC is aware that a number of concerns about issues with SEND Transport Provision have been shared across local social media groups, following the return school/college. We have made the SEND Transport Team aware of this but to fully address these concerns we require further details about individual experiences. Please complete this short survey to inform PACC's discussions with the SEND Transport Team.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1SpfH4CNtx>

What does good look like?



PACC has recently been involved in discussions about how the effectiveness of the Shropshire SEND system is measured, as part of the development of a Shropshire SEND Outcomes Framework.

The aim of the SEND system is to support children and young people with SEND 0-25 years, to achieve the best possible outcomes in their lives. This can include many things; academic achievement, good health, having a role in their community etc. Collecting data about waiting times, exam results, exclusions etc is important but so is listening to the experience of SEND young people and their families and understanding what good looks like for them.

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OCTOBER HALF-TERM

Pop in and see us 10am – 1pm Monday – Thursday at St Mary's Church, Shrewsbury for Seasonal Crafts and our "Seeing You Seeing Me" photographic exhibition. Tea, Coffee, and cake available in our pop up café too, so come along and say hello to our PACC volunteers.



Healthy Lives Programme Activities – Booking Essential!

Mon 28th

Sing - a - long
Songs
8-14 yrs
&
14-25 yrs



Tues 29th

Sensory Disco
0-6yrs
&
6-13 yrs



Weds 30th

Sensory Story
Time
8-14 yrs
&
14-25 yrs



Thurs 31st

Jamila Walker –
Drawing Games
8-14 yrs
&
14-25 yrs



What to do if
your child with
SEND doesn't
have a school
place



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Update - September 2024

SEND & AP Change Programme Update

Find out what we
have done so far
to enhance SEND
and Alternative
Provision in
Shropshire

The SEND and Alternative Provision (SENDAP) Change Programme is a national programme designed to test a number of policy changes to systems and processes for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and those accessing Alternative Provision (AP).

For our region, the Change Programme Partnership consists of Shropshire Council, Telford and Wrekin Council, NHS Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care System (ICS), Herefordshire and Worcestershire Councils and Hereford and Worcestershire ICS, with Telford and

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College Open Events

September

16th September: Derwen-
Telford Campus

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Walford Campus

For more
information Please
contact the college
directly

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Secondary School Open Days

Are you starting to think about
Secondary Schools for your child?
Click the link or scan the QR code for
upcoming Open Days in Shropshire





Healthy

PARENT CARERS

**A 12 week online programme,
designed to improve parent carers'
health and wellbeing by promoting
empowerment, confidence, and
resilience.**



The Healthy Parent Carer Programme is a 12 week programme delivered online (in term-time), one session a week for 2 hours delivered on Teams. We asked a Parent Carer that has recently finished the programme what they thought:

"I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone and it has been a good mix of people. I think the staff provide an atmosphere in which it is easy to speak and be heard. It has been great to join people who understand the stresses and strains of being a parent carer with a safe space to vent sometimes and also sympathy and empathy as well as problem-solving. The topics covered are very relevant to a holistic approach to being a healthier parent carer, the pace of the meetings are good. There is structure and fun activities which is very important but also flexibility with how the sessions are delivered and tailored to the people on the course. I have found it very useful to have time to concentrate on myself in this way."

If you would like more information or would like to sign up to this Terms Programme, please email Abi@paccshropshire.org.uk

SEN

Apply Now

HOLIDAY CLUB

EVERY MONDAY IN HALF TERM
5YRS-11YRS



follow link to apply



introduce



A safe and fun environment for disabled children to kickstart their football journey!



MONDAY'S 6 - 7PM

DATE : TBC

SHAWBURY RECREATIONAL CENTRE, SY4 4PB

**EMAIL ON:
WELFARE.SHAWBURYUNITEDFC@
GMAIL.COM**

**AIMEE : 07708 250905
SIMON : 07780 703167**

**Boys & Girls
ages:
5-11**



TUESDAY TOGETHER

**A SOCIAL CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
WITH SEND FROM THEIR 18TH - 25TH
BIRTHDAY**

STARTING 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024

**MEETING EVERY TUESDAY
6.00PM - 7.30PM**

**@ THE LODGE, UPTON LANE,
MONKMOOR, SHREWSBURY, SY2 5RR**

**A SAFE PLACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND
NEEDS TO MEET AND HAVE FUN WITH SUPPORT
FROM YOUTH WORKERS.**

**ENJOY POOL, SWITCH, SPORTS, ART OR JUST
CHILL & CHAT WITH FRIENDS IN OUR NEW
BUILDING**

**£1.00 per
week**



FOUNDATION
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Working in partnership to support young people, funded by The Lintel Trust

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membership & consent
form



For more info please contact
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**SYA All About
Youth**

Join us for FREE in-person sessions that will arm you with lots of practical information to better understand autism, behaviour and anxiety.

Hosted by our Autism Specialists, the session is open to professionals in Shropshire Council area only.



**Autism and Behaviour - Wednesday 16th October
1:30pm - 3:00pm**

**Autism and Anxiety - Monday 11th November
1:30pm - 3:00pm**

 **The Lantern, Farm Drive, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG**

**If you have any questions, please email
shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk**

PUMPKIN PICKING

5TH OCT - 3RD NOV

Come and pick your own pumpkin in our haunted woods this October!



HALLOWEEN AT EXOTIC ZOO

BUG EATING - MEET A TARANTULA - HAUNTED WOODS - CREEPY CRAWLY ENCOUNTER - PUMPKIN PICKING AND MORE!

(Halloween Activities 12th Oct - 3rd Nov)



Normal Zoo entry prices - Activities all included in price
Simply pay for your pumpkin to take home.



PUMPKIN CARVING

AT HOME FARM
ATTINGHAM

28TH & 29TH OCTOBER

10.30AM	2.30PM
11.30AM	3.30PM
12.30PM	

BOOK ONLINE

£5 TO INCLUDE
PUMPKIN,
DRINK & SNACK



Shropshire Family Event
PUMPKIN PICKING

TUESDAY

**Oct
29**

AT 10AM

Little Wytheford Farm, Shawbury, SY4 4JW

**Come join Autism West Midlands at Little
Wytheford Farm!**

**Our Shropshire Family Event is the perfect
opportunity to meet other families. This event
will be supported by Autism West Midlands
staff, we look forward to seeing you!**

**FREE PUMPKIN FOR
EVERY FAMILY!**

Open to Shropshire council
residents only.



autism
west midlands



It's so good to be bad!



- Bar
- Hot Food
- Cakes
- Sweets
- Disco
- Raffle
- Tombola
- Disco Dome

- The Animal Family
- Glitter Bar
- Tattoos
- *Crafts
- *Play Dough
- *Games
- *Prizes

Join us if you dare!

**FRIDAY
25 OCT
4-9**



Scan me to book

Or message Sally
On 07984001757

Family ticket £18
(2 Adult/2 Child)
Child ticket £5
Adults ticket £5
Under 2's FREE

The Brooklands
Mill Rd
Meole Brace
Shrewsbury
SY3 9JT



HALLOWEEN

Inclusive
Disco

by and for disabled people, and all abilities

Ellesmere Comrades Club SY12 0AB

Friday 4 October 2024

7:00pm – 9:00pm

**£5 door
carers
free**

**FAMILY
DISCO
OPTIONAL!**

get tickets:
[https://buytickets.at/
theflamingolounge](https://buytickets.at/theflamingolounge)





Meet n Chat SEND

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help

A chance for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to get support with general SEND enquires. You can chat with people from Early Help, Education, Health and the Parent and Carer Council (PACC)

**Sunflower House Family Hub, Kendal Road,
Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES**

Tuesday 20 August 2024, 1.30pm-3pm

**Raven House, Market Drayton Family Hub,
129 Cheshire Street, TF9 3AH**

Tuesday 17 September 2024, 1pm-3pm

**Bridgnorth Youth Centre, Bridgnorth
Family Hub, 45 Innage Lane, WV16 4HS**

Tuesday 15 October, 1.30pm-4pm

**Meole Brace Primary School Family
Drop-in, Church Road, SY3 9HG**

Thursday 7 November 2024,
9.30am-12 noon



If you would like more information on PFA or would like to schedule a call with a Navigator, please contact Abi@paccshropshire.org.uk

Welcome to a new feature of PACC's monthly newsletter! The PFA Bulletin will share useful information around PFA and highlight some key topics that have been raised with Navigators this month!

Preparation for Adulthood



What is Preparation for Adulthood (PFA)?

Our early life experiences help us to prepare for life as an adult and this should be recognised as early as possible, although there is an expectation that Young People with SEND focus on PFA from Year 9.

Conversations about a young person's future should involve themselves, their parent carers, their teachers and anyone else who works with them.

What areas does PFA cover?

PFA covers all areas of your Young Person's life that will enable them to have the best outcomes as they enter adulthood, including:

- Further education
- Activity Plans
- Finances and Benefits
- Employment and Volunteering
- Annual Health Checks
- Staying Healthy
- Being Part of the local community



How does our PFA journey start?

Planning for transition into adulthood should start from the Year 9 annual review of the EHC plan. Each review thereafter must focus on preparing for adulthood- including the move between children's and adults services outside of education.

The transition towards adulthood review from Year 9 will start to gather information regarding the young persons and their families' aspirations for their future, including who needs to be involved, target planning and the support needed. The review will explore provision accessible to students in order for them to be healthy, participating in society, living independently, and accessing further education and/or employment where appropriate.



For more information, or to schedule a call with a Navigator, get in touch today!

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Transition Plan?

The transition plan should cover your child/young person's aspirations, goals and views including: - what support they may need, understanding what options are available and actions they need to take for:

- Employment, further education, and higher education
- Engaging within their local community & friendships
- Where they may wish to live in the future
- The current or future support they may need for education, employment Social Care and Health
- Their health and being as healthy as possible in adulthood

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What happens in EHCP annual reviews from Year 9 that is different to previous annual reviews?

Annual reviews are an opportunity to discuss with school or college, and the local authority (LA), what your child/you would like to achieve as they/you grow up and how you want to be helped. The aim is for young people with SEN to be supported towards greater independence and employability. From Year 9 onwards, the annual review meeting considers what provision is required to help your child, or you as a young person, to prepare for adulthood and independent living.

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Section E Outcomes- In order to achieve the writing of good outcomes in an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), it is reliant on the quality of the conversation with children and young people and their parents/carers. The best outcomes are written when you focus on person centred planning.

Children and young people and their parents/carers need to be fully involved in decisions about their support and what they want to achieve. Importantly, aspirations for children and young people will be raised through an increased focus on life outcomes, including employment and greater independence and high-quality plans are important tools in enabling young people to live the lives they want to in their communities. Local authorities should ensure that children and young people have the support they need to participate fully in this planning and make decisions with transition planning being built into the revised EHCP and resulting in clear outcomes being agreed that are ambitious and stretching and which will prepare young people for adulthood.

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What options do young people have after Secondary School?

Colleges and training providers offer bespoke full-time and part-time study programmes and specific student support for young people with additional needs, special education needs and/or disabilities. Study programmes offer a range of study options, including vocational, academic (GCSEs and A levels), supported internships, traineeships and apprenticeships. All study programmes will include enrichment activities. Many colleges offer on-site training, working in environments that are open to the public, such as restaurants or hair and beauty salons.

Further Education institutions offer courses which are designed to provide pathways to employment with a clear focus on preparing students with SEND for work. This includes identifying the skills that employer's value and helping young people to develop them.

Apprenticeships are paid jobs that incorporate training, leading to nationally recognised qualifications. Apprentices earn as they learn and gain practical skills in the workplace. Young people with EHCP can retain their plan when on an apprenticeship.

Traineeships are work based training programmes focused on giving young people real work experience. Traineeships last a maximum of six months and include core components of work preparation training, English and maths (unless GCSE A*-C standard has already been achieved) and a high-quality work experience placement. They are currently open to young people aged 16 – 24. Young people with EHCP can retain their plan when undertaking a traineeship.

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For more information Please contact the college directly

Will my young person still be eligible for transport to education after school?

There isn't a statutory duty to provide transport for post-16 aged students, although we currently offer a contribution scheme for post 16 students attending their nearest Post 16 establishment that offers A-Levels or the chosen vocational course.

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The agreed level of contribution for the current academic year is £933 and £299 for those families on defined benefits. Payment can be split into three termly payments, payable prior to the start of each term. Entitlement will need to be reassessed on an annual basis and necessary evidence must be supplied to qualify for the lower rate contribution.

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What happens with decision making when my young person turns 16?

After compulsory school age (the end of the academic year in which they turn 16) the right to make requests and decisions under the Children and Families Act 2014 applies to the young person directly, rather than to their parent who can still support providing the young person is happy for them to do so.

Mental Capacity- An individual (aged 16 and over) lacks capacity if they're unable to make a particular decision. An assessment of capacity must be based on a person's ability to make a specific decision at the time it needs to be made, not their ability to make decisions in general. Someone can lack capacity to make one decision but be able to make others.

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Deputyship- You can apply to become someone's deputy if they 'lack mental capacity'. This means they cannot make a decision for themselves at the time it needs to be made. They may still be able to make decisions for themselves at certain times.

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Power of Attorney- A lasting power of attorney (LPA) is a legal document that lets you (the 'donor') appoint one or more people (known as 'attorneys') to help you make decisions or to make decisions on your behalf. You must be 18 or over and have mental capacity.

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Citizen's advice has some useful information around the different routes you can take if your young person does not have capacity

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HAVE YOUR SAY!!!

Preparing for Adulthood Survey!

PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD

Shropshire Council are in partnership with health services, the Parent Carer Council (PACC) and other professionals to review Shropshire's 'Preparation for Adulthood' process.

This survey is open to:

Young People, Parent Carers and Practitioners

The Children and Families Act Code of Practice says that from year 9 young people with SEND and an Education, Health, and Care plan (EHCP) should be supported with high aspirations for the four areas of Preparation for Adulthood (PFA) and helping them understand what support is available to them as they get older.

The four areas of PFA are:

Employment, Independent living, Community Inclusion and Good Health

This survey gives the opportunity to share your views and experiences!

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