



SENDIASS North Yorkshire
Spring
Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of the
SENDIASS North Yorkshire Newsletter

Dear Readers,

We hope you have had a good start to the year and are looking forward to the Spring months. We have had a busy start to 2022 with the addition of a new SENDIASS Coordinator to the team, new projects on our Media Channels and lots of referrals to our Advice Line. Read on to hear all of our news.

In March, the government published the Green Paper about the changes that are planned to improve Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Alternative Provision. England is now in a consultation period from the 29th March until the 1st July 2022 to hear your views about the proposals from the response of the Government's SEND review detailed in the Green Paper. You can watch our short video explaining the Green Paper in more detail via the link below:

<https://fb.watch/ceq7vXASlc/>

Wishing you all a relaxing Easter break and warmer days ahead for 2022.

SENDIASS North Yorkshire



An update on our Service

As we are such a small team, we have one duty coordinator taking referrals from the Advice Line each day. You can refer in via telephone on 01609 536923, by email (info@sendiassnorthyorks.org) or by completing our short form on our website.

It is really helpful if when calling or emailing you let us know your name, your child's name, your location, contact details and a brief description of why you are calling.

We will be in contact within 3 working days. Due to the high number of referrals we have daily, it is very unlikely we make contact on the same day. It is more likely on the second day, but very occasionally when there is particularly high demand, it may take us to the third day before we reply. We try to leave a brief message if you have a voicemail facility and you are unable to answer the phone. If you haven't heard from us after three days, then it means someone has tried to call and failed. Please call again or if you have a lot of commitments it might be best to email, at least in the first instance and then we know you can read your email whenever you choose.

If you prefer a telephone call, then please expect that it will take about 15 to 20 minutes, so when someone does call you back, you can be ready to talk and we can give you information or advice.

To be fair to all, we do not jump the list between calls, referral forms and emails. We do understand that it might feel like an emergency to you and you want us to respond quickly, but we are strict on contacting the person that has waited the longest first.

The Advice Line is open from 9:30am—1pm, however we begin preparing to respond to referrals earlier than that and may respond to emails before 9:30am.

Many parents carers have a school run, maybe getting ready for work or are generally busy before 9:30am so instead of calling before 9:30am we answer emails at this time.

From our first contact, we sometimes point you to resources on our website or You Tube (SENDIASSNorthYorkshire) so we always advise that you look at or listen to any relevant information and then contact us.

Once contact has been made, it would really help us to have feedback. I know lots of services asks for feedback and we know it can feel like some take forever! However our evaluation form is just 6 short questions with an additional question if you choose to answer it.

The value we gain from them really helps us plan towards future development ideas to support local children, young people and families.

Thank you everyone.

Goodbye to Jane

At the end of February the team said goodbye to Jane Clark who will be greatly missed by all who worked with her or were supported by her.

Jane has worked for Parent Partnership before SEN law changed in 2014, and then continued within SENDIASS for a total of over 16 years. Jane has a depth of knowledge, both within law and within her locality.

The team are sorry to say goodbye, but please join us in wishing Jane every happiness in the next phase of her life.

Changes to the SENDIASS North Yorkshire Team

Marnie joins the team as our new SENDIASS Coordinator



The SENDIASS North Yorkshire Team welcomed Marnie in February.

Marnie has moved into the role of SENDIASS Coordinator for Selby and has been a valuable addition to our team. Marnie has a background in the Adoption Service and brings lots of experience with her to the post.

Marnie enjoys spending time with her two children and two dogs, as well as being by the sea.

Welcome Marnie!



Themes of the Month!

Since January we have been sharing information on a specific 'Theme of the Month' on our social media platforms.

We have been posting articles, videos and information on the theme and holding our 'Coffee and Questions' sessions to discuss the big questions linked to our specific topics. We really hope that you've found our content useful and informative so far in 2022.

You can get in touch with us via our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages with your questions and views relating to each month's theme and get involved in our online meeting sessions too.

Theme of the Month for March and April

'Anxiety—the biggest barrier'



FANDF
Giving a voice to Forces families with additional needs and disabilities

FORCES ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY FORUM (FANDF) SPRING EVENT

HOSTED BY THE FANDF COMMITTEE
Wednesday 27th April 2022
10:00 to 14:30
CATTERICK LEISURE CENTRE, GOUGH ROAD, CATTERICK,
NORTH YORKSHIRE, DL9 3EL

A free, tri-service event for current Serving families who have a child or adult dependent with an additional need/disability.

This is an opportunity to:

- meet others in similar situations
- hear from keynote speakers
- find out more about FANDF and how they can help.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Places are offered on a first come, first serve basis.

To apply please click [here](#).
Or alternatively, email: lucy.white@ssafa.org.uk.
Application deadline is Friday 8 April 2022.
ssafa.org.uk/fandf

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SEND Hub Communication + Interaction Team

Join us for an Easter-themed stay and play session for school-aged children with special educational needs.

EASTER ACTIVITIES • FUN IDEAS • ADVICE

When? Monday 21 st April 2022	Where? Bliton Health + Wellbeing Hub 69 Bliton Lane Harrogate HG2 3DT
Session 1: 10:00 am – 12 noon or Session 2: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	

Admission is free.
Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all times.
Places are limited, so booking is essential.

To book your place please contact Jo Deaton or Tracy Ashton
(Specialist Practitioners): Jo.Deaton@northyorks.gov.uk or
Tracy.Ashton@northyorks.gov.uk

Messages from Anna Gray

Head of SEND at NYCC

SEND review: right support, right place, right time

We're sure you've all been reading over the Government Green Paper about the changes that are planned to improve Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Alternative Provision supports in England. The Green paper is currently open for consultation and the government is seeking the views of as wide a range of stakeholders as possible, so that everyone's voice is counted. The NYCC Inclusion Team will be submitting a response to the Green Paper and we would encourage everyone to do the same.

You can access the Green Paper at [SEND Review - right support, right place, right time - government consultation on the SEND and alternative provision system in England \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) and the link to feedback into the consultation is at [SEND Review: Right support, right place, right time - Introduction - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)

Digital EHCPs

The Local Authority is planning to move into a Digital EHCP system in the next academic year, pending further information about the national plan for this as set out in the Green Paper.

This is an exciting opportunity to make our planning processes more streamlined so that Plans are shared within timescale, with input from all of the relevant professionals as well as Parents and Carers, and Young People.

The Digital EHCP platform will also improve accessibility for Parents and Carers, allowing you to access the Plans via an online platform so that you can share your views more easily, and has track the Plan so that you know which stage it is at in the planning process.

We will also make sure that Parents and Carers who prefer to use the current system for sharing their views are enabled to do so.

We will be working closely with Parent Carer Voice and SENDIASS to plan and deliver further training and information sessions for Parents and Carers which will be over the summer term, so please look out for this information on the website and via email.



Unlocking Autism for Parents/Carers

Next courses start on 26th April 2022 and then 21st June 2022

Further details are available here: [Unlocking Autism for Parents | NYES Training](#)

Training / Event Details



Unlocking Autism for Parents

Unlocking Autism for Parents: understanding autism & associated communication differences & exploring strategies to support

Outline

Unlocking Autism: a new free NYCC course to support parental understanding of autism & explore strategies which can effectively support. This course is suitable for parents/carers of children with communication & interaction needs. Children do not need to have a diagnosis of autism in order for parents to attend.

Description

This new, free course aims to develop parental knowledge and understanding of autism, communication and sensory needs. The programme includes a session on understanding behaviour and supporting emotional regulation, resilience and wellbeing through the use of a range of tools and strategies.

Supporting parents and carers workshop

Autism: The Gender Gap

Understanding the presentations of autism in boys and girls

 **When:** Wednesday 18th May **Time:** 10am - 2pm

 **Where:** Shine Workspace, Harehills Road, Leeds, LS8 5HS

 **Presenter:** Anne-Marie Harrison, Ideas Afresh Education

Join us for a special invitation-only event, taking place in Leeds with Anne-Marie Harrison from Ideas Afresh Education.

This **free workshop** will provide practical advice to parents and carers supporting children with ASD and associated needs, looking at the different presentations of autism in girls and boys, and giving practical support strategies.

We hope that you will be able to join us on what is sure to be a wonderful and inspiring day.



To register your free place please visit www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/leeds-event-autism



Online courses for parents, parents-to-be, friends, relations, and foster carers

The courses, worth over £100, are free for ALL North Yorkshire families!

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and enter the 'Access Code':
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To return to the course(s) go to
www.inourplace.co.uk and sign in!

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Help shape the autism assessment service for children and young people in North Yorkshire

NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group are inviting feedback on the current children and young peoples' autism assessment service and want to hear from parents, carers, children and young people who have had experience of the service in the last three years.

Share experiences at one of three focus groups:

- **Wednesday 27 April 2022** - 2pm - 4pm
- **Thursday 28 April 2022** - 6pm - 8pm
- **Saturday 30 April 2022** - 10am - 12pm

This is a two hour virtual session to look at the existing autism assessment service, what is working well and what not so well, an update on what is happening in North Yorkshire and an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences.

If you require assistance in registering please email nyccg.engagement@nhs.net



POSCH welcomes parents, carers and grandparents of children with any additional needs with or without diagnosis. We believe in collective empowerment & partnerships to support, improve and inspire better outcomes for children and their families.

Spring/summer 2022 Events

All groups/events can be found on our Facebook page and website.
All support groups start at 10am and finish at 12 noon, unless stated otherwise

MAY

- Friday 06th - Community Works, 14a Marketplce, Thirsk, YO7 1LB
- Thursday 12th - Mencap Centre, Goosecroft Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1EG
- Wednesday 18th - Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale, DL8 1AA
- Monday 23rd - The Station, Richmond, DL10 4DL

JUNE

- Friday 10th - Community Works, 14a Marketplce, Thirsk, YO7 1LB
- Wednesday 15th - Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale, DL8 1AA
- Thursday 23rd - Mencap Centre, Goosecroft Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1EG
- Monday 27th - The Station, Richmond, DL10 4DL

JULY

- Friday 1st - Community Works, 14a Marketplce, Thirsk, YO7 1LB
- Wednesday 06th - Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale, DL8 1AA
- Thursday 14th - Mencap Centre, Goosecroft Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1EG
- Monday 18th - The Station, Richmond, DL10 4DL

"Good opportunity to think about areas of life that's starting to improve, and how to move forward."

"It is a wonderful group, I'm very pleased to have found it."

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Resources to support Young People with Anxiety

[Not fine in school - Not Fine in School - School Refusal, School Attendance](#)

[Childline - Get Support | Childline](#)

[Kooth - Home - Kooth](#)

[Stem4 - stem4 - supporting teenage mental health](#)

[Young Minds - Find Help With How I'm Feeling | Advice For Young People | Young-Minds](#)

[On My Mind - On My Mind | Resources for Young People | Anna Freud Centre](#)

[The Mix \(13-25\) - The Mix - Essential support for under 25s](#)

[Compass Phoenix - North Yorkshire \(Compass Phoenix\) \(formerly BUZZ and REACH\) - Compass \(compass-uk.org\)](#)

Additional Support

IPSEA: Offers free and independent legally based information, advice and support to help get the right education for children and young people with SEND: <https://www.ipsea.org.uk>

KIDS: A National Charity, that provides a wide range of services to disabled children, young people, and their families in England. Their services include: drop-in crèches and nurseries for the under 5s to youth clubs, short breaks and residential stays for young adults: <https://www.kids.org.uk>

Contact: A National Information and Advice service for families of disabled children: <https://contact.org.uk>

ACE Education: Provides independent advice and information to parents, carers, young people and professionals on state education in England. <http://www.ace-ed.org.uk>

North Yorkshire Connect: A free community directory for North Yorkshire. <https://northyorkshireconnect.org.uk>

Contact us

If you would like to get in touch with us you can contact us on one of the following platforms:

Advice Line: 01609 536923 **Advice Line Email:** info@sendiassnorthyorks.org

Our Website: www.sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk **Facebook:** @Sendiassnorthyorks

Twitter: @SendiassY **Instagram:** @SendiassNY **YouTube:** @SendiassNorthYorkshire

Your Feedback

We would like to say a massive thank you to all our families who continue to give us feedback on our service.

We have been sharing this feedback across our Social Media Platforms on 'Feedback Friday'.

Your feedback is extremely valuable in allowing us to improve our service.

If you would like to leave us some feedback please visit our website:

<http://sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk/parentsand-carers/>

FEEDBACK FRIDAY!

★ 'I can not put into
★ words how grateful
★ we are for the expert
★ professional advice and
★ time SENDIASS
★ North Yorkshire gave us! ★



And finally...

The SENDIASS North Yorkshire Team would like to wish you all a Happy Easter holidays and a hope for sunnier days in the next few months.

