

North Tyneside SEND Network News



Welcome to our first edition (July 2022)

Welcome to our first edition of our North Tyneside SEND Network News – connecting children, young people, families and services together. This has been created by the Local Offer team in response to parent and carer feedback from our Local Offer review and community events. We want to make it as easy as possible for families to be informed about relevant news or information in the local area. To support families, we also want to ensure that helpful information from across health, education and social care can be found within the newsletters. It is hoped that this newsletter will develop through co-production with parents and carers as well as services to ensure that we provide the most relevant information to families.

SEND inspection

We're really pleased to have received a positive report from inspectors for our SEND services in North Tyneside however we know we still have lots of work to do across the SEND partnership to get things right for all of our children, young people and families with SEND.

[North Tyneside praised by Ofsted and CQC for united approach to improving the lives of children and young people with SEND | North Tyneside Council](#)

North Tyneside SEND Local Offer

Find out more about the Local Offer: [Local Offer: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) | North Tyneside Council](#)

Click on the link to watch our Local Offer video: <https://youtu.be/tayYFBzoz5M>

Did you know?

You can get in touch to give us feedback. We can also help to signpost you to further information.

[The Local Offer: Tell us what you think | North Tyneside Council](#)

Advocacy, Participation and Engagement Team



We are an impartial team who work across a range of areas to provide opportunities for voices to be heard and to help to share future actions plans.

[Engagement | North Tyneside Council](#)

Children and Young people



North Tyneside SEND Youth Forum is open to children and young people aged 12-25 with Special Educational Needs and /or Disabilities (SEND) living or attending education in North Tyneside. The forum discusses issues that affect their lives, raise awareness about SEND and are supported to work with North Tyneside Council and other organisations (who provide services for young people).

Primary Aged children can attend our inclusive Children's Council which links into the Youth Council.

Parent / Carer Forum



North Tyneside Parent Carer Forum is a community interest company, led by, and for parent/carers of children and young people with SEND aged 0-25yrs. We work with relevant providers on a strategic level to help improve and develop local services available to families. We also provide information and training opportunities for parent/carers in North Tyneside, to find out more or sign up as a member see our website: www.ntpcf.co.uk or email us: info@ntpcf.co.uk

The forum also run a Family Support Service to help parent/carers navigate the SEND system, complete forms, gather views and help with queries around SEND, simply be a listening ear to refer into the service, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/dEcHxYB39F>

Parent / Carer Information, Advice and Support

The Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support service (SENDIASS) is a specialist service, with two officers, that can help and guide you in aspects of Special Educational Needs and Disability with a specific focus on education. [Information, Advice and Support \(SENDIASS\) | North Tyneside Council](#)

Click on the links for further information about SENDIASS:

- [SENDIASS service leaflet](#)
- [Easy read SENDIASS service leaflet](#)

Education

You can find more information on the support available for children and young people at different stages of their education.



[Support for children aged 0-5 | North Tyneside Council](#)

[Support for children at school | North Tyneside Council](#)

[Preparing for adulthood | North Tyneside Council](#)

[Finding your way around the support system | North Tyneside Council](#)

Health – Annual Health Checks

Did you know that everyone registered with the GP as having a learning disability can have an annual health check at a GP practice from the age of 14 and throughout adulthood?

This important check -up gives the person with a learning disability and parent/carer the chance to get to know their GP and staff in a planned visit, to talk about any health worries, develop a health action plan and review medications as well as get help around healthy lifestyles. It can also help to identify any unmet health needs alongside preparing for adulthood if some health services are no longer being accessed.

If you think you or your young person might be entitled to an annual health check, why not speak to your GP practice and discuss you or them being added to the GP Learning Disability register. Please click on health activity pack link for more information about annual health checks.

[Health Activity Pack](#)

Social care

Find information about services and support and where to get help and advice.

[Social Care | North Tyneside Council](#)

Local Community

Find out about activities in the Local Community.

[Leisure activities and things to do | North Tyneside Council](#)

Groups and Organisations supporting children, young people and families.

We would like to share all of the fantastic services we have available for children, young people and families.

In this edition, we are promoting Pathways4All which is based at the Tim Lamb Children's Centre in the Rising Sun Country Park, Benton.

[Pathways 4 All North East Disabled Children's Charity](#)

Please let us know if you know of any services or groups in the Local Community that would like to be promoted through our future newsletters.



SEND Myth Busters - Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP)

Myth: "All young people who have an Education, Health and Care plan in school will have a plan until they are 25."

Fact - An EHC plan can continue as long as the Young Person stays in some kind of education or training (this doesn't cover higher education), and it is still necessary for the local authority to arrange the extra support they need in order to achieve the educational outcomes set out in their EHC plan.

Myth: "A young person over 19 can only keep their EHC plan if they are working towards an educational qualification."

Fact – Recent case law, Buckinghamshire vs SJ made it clear that not attaining qualifications or only making limited progress does not mean that SEN provision is not needed or of benefit.

What information would you like to see in future North Tyneside SEND Network News?

Your views are very important to us and these will help to shape our SEND Network News moving forwards to ensure that we include something for everyone in each edition. Please let us know what you think by clicking on the link [The Local Offer: Tell us what you think | North Tyneside Council](#)

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