

THE LOCAL OFFER ONLINE ROADSHOW PROGRAMME

**5TH-17TH OCTOBER
2020**

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER

12-13:00: Independent travel for professionals [presentation and Q&A]

Description: what is it and how can we access training for children and young people I work with?

Intended audience: professionals.

Speaker: Natalie Trant, Special Educational Needs Travel Advisor.

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13-14:00: Children's mental health Single Point of Access (SPA), Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Targeted Mental Health Services (TAMHS) and no wrong front door development. [presentation and Q&A]

Description: this session will provide an overview of the CAMHS and TAMHS service with the current Single Point of Access (SPA) with time for Q & A's and A 'NO Wrong Front Door' Progress update.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speaker: Danielle Kemp, Professional Lead, TAMHS Swindon, Carey Gurd, Clinical Team Manager, Community CAMHS Swindon and Amy Smith, Children and Young People's Programme Manager.

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16-17:00: Independent travel [presentation and Q&A]

Description: what is it and how would my child benefit?

Intended audience: parents and carers.

Speaker: Natalie Trant, Special Educational Needs Travel Advisor.

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Welcome back to the start of another school year that brings its own challenges during this exceptional time. Swindon Borough Council (SBC) in conjunction with our partners including the NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Swindon SEND Families Voice and education colleagues were planning on holding a number of events over this year. These were to include the second of our SEND Moving Forward Together event focussing on meeting needs early andwell, the Transitions Roadshow which is a well-respected event to support parents, carers and professionals on transition to adulthood and the second Local Offer Big Day after last year's successful event.

Due to the challenges around holding large gatherings SBC will be hosting series of virtual focus groups, workshops, presentations and webinars between the two week period of 05th October to 16th October 2020. This programme coincides with the planned SENCO Network event and Head Teacher Breakfast Briefing.

The sessions will be based across a broad range of subjects that were informed by feedback from parents, carers and professionals following previous successful events. These virtual sessions are available to all residents and professionals working with children and young people with SEND.

We hope that the two week roadshow offers a new and exciting way to engage with each other. SBC are working hard to improve services in the local area and this series of sessions will be an opportunity for you, whether you are a child, young person, parent or professional to give your view on services, hear about how your voice has shaped services and help us to understand what works well and what we need to focus on further.

The Local Offer provides information and advice about what support and services are available in the local area.

You can register to attend a session by using Eventbrite.com, a link is at the bottom of each session advertised in this programme or [on the Local Offer where a full schedule is listed.](#)

We look forward to seeing you.

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17-18:00: Introducing the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) [presentation and Q&A]

Description: SEN support and positive meetings with schools - Advice on what you can expect from your child's school and how to prepare for meetings with schools and other professionals. Support with EHC Plans - How to request an EHC needs assessment and what you can expect from the process. Advice about appeals, mediation and tribunals - What decisions you can appeal and how to do this? What is mediation and should I request it? What support SIAS offers in tribunal cases? A chance to ask questions to the team.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speaker: Freyr Bendleton, SENDIASS Manager.

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TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

10-11:00: Launching Core Standards [presentation and Q&A]

Description: raising awareness of how to use the Core Standards, which outlines the Local Authority's expectations of education providers in relation to the identification of SEND and the provision for pupils with SEND. This session will also look at the changes made to the original Core Standards, published on September 2019, inc Early Years Core Standards and Early Years SENCO Handbook as well as primary secondary and post 16 core standards.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speaker: Louise McGinty, SEND Advisor and Emma O'neil, Early Years Consultant.

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14-15:00: Supporting co-production and participation with children, young people and families

Description: the aim of this forum is to support staff/practitioners across Education, Health and Care to be more confident in using participative methods in the planning, design and implementation of services with children, young people and families. This could be anything from whole-service design, to working with families on Educational Health Care Plans or Early Help plans. It's a chance to explore the how and why of co-production and participation. The new co-production and participation tools that have been co-produced with representatives from Education, Health and Care, parents, children and young people in Swindon will be shared at this event.

Intended audience: professionals.

Speaker: Rachel Mann, SEND Inclusion and Training Officer.

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WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

10-11:00: The role of the Adult Social Care Transitions Service

Description: this session will cover Care Act criteria, referring into the Transitions Service, Transitions conversations at Annual Reviews from age 14+, roles in the Transitions Team, Planning Live, and information, advice and engagement including the Transitions Roadshows and the Local Offer.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speakers: Kay Reeve, Head of Transitions, Learning Disability & Complex Care, Victoria Guillaume, Service Development Manager and Cath Johnston, Planning and Development Officer, Adult Social care.

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11-12:00: Feedback on the Local Offer [focus group]

Description: what is the Local Offer? Is your service represented on the Local Offer? What information about your service is missing? Are you referring clients to it?

Intended audience: professionals.

Speakers: Catherine Jones, Web Content Development Officer and Andrew Myrie, Local Offer Development Officer

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11-12:00: Short breaks and Aiming High

Description: overview of short breaks/Aiming High and then we will have some questions to ask the attendees about their views on short breaks, giving them the chance to feedback.

Intended audience: parents and carers.

Speaker: Sarah Vernazza, Project & Policy Development Officer, Aiming High Team.

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11:30-12:30: Leisure and activities in Swindon Borough Council

Description: A summary of local inclusive physical activities opportunities, ideas on how to be active at home and where to find other useful resources. Plus questions and answers.

Intended audience: all

Speakers: Ben Humphrey, Physical Activity & Inclusion Manager and Lewis Bird, Active Lives Officer.

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14-15:00: Swindon Mental Health Support Teams in school (MHST) Project Me, helping you to help your child manage anxieties/worries

Description: the aim of this session with provide an overview and knowledge of coping mechanisms and top tips helping you to help support your child with managing anxieties and or worries with time for Q&A's.

Intended audience: parents and carers.

Speakers: Polly Atkins, Britta Stephan and Mac Mbira, Children's Service Managers, Swindon Mental health Support Teams (Project Me).

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THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER

10-11:00: Head teachers breakfast briefing

Description: TBC

Intended audience: professionals.

Speaker: David Hayley, Corporate Director – Children Services (DCS) and Annette Perrington, Director: Inclusion and Achievement.

13-14:00: Written Statement of Action, Priority 4: quality of EHC Plans

Description: in 2018 the SEND Local Area Inspection concluded that the quality of EHC plans is too variable. Too often, there is limited or no contribution included from health and care professionals. You are invited to meet with us and tell us your experiences over the last 12 months in relation to the quality of EHC Plans and hear about the work that has been underway to improve this area.

Intended audience: parents and professionals.

Speaker: Jo Godwin, Interim SEND Lead.

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13-14:00: Statutory SEND surgery

Description: do you have a question about the statutory assessment process, annual reviews, or in relation to Education Health and Care plans? If yes please attend the SEND Surgery where members of the SEND Service will be on hand to answer your questions. Please note the team will not be able to discuss issues personal to your child or young person for reasons of confidentiality in a virtual meeting forum.

Intended audience: Parents and carers.

Speakers: Keri Niblett, Claire Garcia and Roxanne Lucas, 0-25 Statutory Services Team Leaders.

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17-18:00: Improving services for young people

Description: Focus group for children and young people to discuss how services that support them (education, health, well being and leisure) can be improved, and how they can best find out the information they need to see what is available.

Intended audience: young people.

Speaker: Paul Dobson, Project Manager, STEP.

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12-13:00: Apprenticeship and traineeships

Description: find out about how the difference between Apprenticeships and Traineeships, how to apply for them and what the different levels mean and support available.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speaker: Morag Sullivan, Higher Education and Apprenticeships Project Manager, Routes to Employment.

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14-15:00: Pre-birth to five strategy [workshop]

Description: We are keen to ensure services are delivered seamlessly and promote inclusion across maternity, health, local authority, early years providers and our partner agencies. This interactive workshop will present our key aims and thoughts to date, and will offer the opportunity for you to tell us what you think we should collectively stop, start and/or continue. Consultant Ann Dyke will facilitate the workshop and is supporting the review alongside the Local Government Associations and Early Intervention Foundation. Ann has over 25 year experience of developing, delivering and supporting early years services with local authorities and partner agencies at a local and national level.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speaker: Ann Dyke, Early Years and Childcare.

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FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

14-15:00: The role of the early help hub

Description: how to contact us, what we can provide, the system of early help in Swindon and how it fits with MASH.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speaker: Kesze Saunders, Operational Manager, Early Help.

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SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER

11:30-12:30: Leisure and activities in Swindon Borough Council

See Wednesday 7th October at 11:30-12:30 for more details.

13-14:00: Preparing for adulthood - money matters

Description: this session will cover the following topics: benefits, budgeting, opening a bank account, paying bills for the first time and moving into your own home.

Intended audience: young people.

Speaker: Lucy MacIntosh and Karen Stew, Citizens Advice, Swindon.

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MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER

11-12:00: Written Statement of Action, Priority 1: coproduction [focus group]

Description: in 2018 the SEND Local Area Inspection concluded that: co-production with education, health and care is weak and is not shared and owned by children, young people, their families and professionals to ensure that children and young people's outcomes and lives are improved. You are invited to meet with us and tell us your experiences over the last 12 months in relation to how well we seek and use your feedback to inform the development of SEND services and how well we work together across agencies. You will also be given the opportunity to hear about the work that has been underway to improve these areas.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speaker: Alexa Denham, Principal Educational Psychologist.

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13-14:00: Statutory SEND surgery

See Wednesday 7th October at 13-14 for more details.

14-15:00: Koalas and Portage Special Tots

Description: this session will provide participants with information about the criteria and referral process to either Koalas Swindon Opportunity Group or Swindon Portage or Special Tots. How we support families who have children with SEND. How we support and educate children with SEND and preparing for the transition to school.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speaker: Stephanie Hathaway, Manager, Swindon Portage ,Special Tots and Earlybird.

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15:30-17:00: Wellbeing for education return

Description: wellbeing for Education Return is a package of training and resources intended to support education staff to promote children and young people, teachers and parents and carers' mental wellbeing and resilience and aid mental health recovery, in light of the impact of COVID-19 and lockdown. It is funded by the Department for Education and Department for Health and Social Care and developed and delivered in close collaboration with Health Education England, Public Health England, and NHS England and Improvement. The training has been designed to be delivered across two 90-minute webinars, with the first session covering the whole school or college approach, wellbeing and resilience. The session will be delivered by local experts from education, health and social care.

Intended audience: professionals.

Speaker: Matt Baker, Educational Psychologist.

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16-17:00: Independent travel

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TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

10-11:00: SENCO network

Description: accessible network led by experienced SENCO to support you in self-evaluation and sharing practice.

Intended audience: SENCO's.

Speaker: Louise McGinty, SEND Advisor.

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14-15:00: Introducing the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) [presentation and Q&A]

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16-17:00: Written Statement of Action, Priority 2: SEND governance [focus group]

Description: Description: in 2018 the SEND Local Area Inspection concluded that governance of the SEND System was not robust and leaders did not provide sufficient challenge. You are invited to meet with us and hear of the work over the last 12 months and tell us your experiences in relation to how governance has had an impact on improvement across the system.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speaker: Gareth Cheal, Interim SEND Lead.

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WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

10-11:00: Overview and progress of Connecting for Care Swindon Project

Description: this session will provide an overview and update on the implementation of the Connecting for Care Swindon Project where you can hear about how the CCG is working in partnership with, hospital & community health providers, GP partnerships & networks, local authority, charity, patients, citizens and more and how Swindon can create and develop GP hub(s) (Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) centred, involving discussions of anonymised clinical cases, opportunities for shared learning with some time for quality improvement work and future planning.

Intended audience: professionals, parents, carers.

Speakers: Esther Schmidt, Children's Commissioning Lead (Swindon) and Amy Smith, Children and Young People's Programme Manager.

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13-14:00: Written Statement of Action, Priority 8: Local Offer [Focus group]

Description: how can you influence the services provided to children and young people with SEND.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speakers: Fiona Corless, Designated Clinical Officer (Swindon) Suzanne Horgan, Deputy Principal Educational Psychologist and Andrew Myrie, Local Offer Development Officer.

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15:30-17:00: Wellbeing for education return

See Monday 12th October at 15:30-17:00 for more details.

17-18:00: The role of the Adult Social Care Transitions Service

See Wednesday 7th October at 10:00-11:00 for more details.

11 - 12:00: Written Statement of Action, Priority 7: exclusions in SEND [Focus group and Q&A]

Description: this session will look at the subject of persistent absences and exclusions, where are we now (especially in the age of Covid-19,) areas of current work re youngsters being excluded and what's happening next?

Intended audience: professionals, parents, carers.

Speakers: Nigel Pickering, Additional Provision and Reintegration Manager, Wendy Lunt, professional lead for Education Welfare and Maria Wilson, Exclusion and Reintegration Officer.

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12-13:00: Supporting co-production and participation with children, young people and families

See Tuesday 6th October at 14-15:00 for more details.

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

13-14:00: The higher education landscape in Swindon

Description: find out what is going on in Swindon, and support available.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speaker: Morag Sullivan, Higher Education and Apprenticeships Project Manager, Routes to Employment.

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17-18:00: Written Statement of Action, Priority 4: quality of EHC Plans [Focus group]

See Thursday 8th October at 13-14:00 for more details.

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

10-11:00: Written Statement of Action, Priority 2: SEND governance

See Tuesday 13th October at 16-17:00 for more details.

13-14:00: Swindon Carers Centre [presentation and Q&A]

Description: this session is about Swindon carers centre as a company then more specifically our roles as Parent carer support practitioners, with a 10-minute Q&A slot at the end.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speakers: Lorraine Kardaz and Sharon Fearon, Parent Carer Support Practitioners.

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15:30-17:00: Wellbeing for education return

See Monday 12th October at 15:30-17:00 for more details.

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

10-11:00: Using visuals to support communication

Description: Find out about ways to use different visual supports to help young children with delayed communication.

Intended audience: parents and carers.

Speaker: Penny Windebank, Speech and Language Therapist.

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14-15:00: Neurodevelopmental Pathway (NDC) progress update

Description: this session will cover an overview of the NDC Pathway, current waiting times update and progress made since the launch in October 2019.

Intended audience: parents, carers and professionals.

Speakers: Teresa Carter, Community Paediatrician and Designated Medical Officer (GWH), Esther Schmidt, Children's Commissioning Lead (Swindon) and Amy Smith, Children and Young People's Programme Manager.

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12-13:00: Post-16 education and training and the local offer

Description: An introduction to the Pathways to Employment page on the Local Offer and the Stepping Stones to Employment model.

Intended audience: young people, parents, carers and professionals.

Speaker: Jeanette Jones, Skills and Employment Manager, Routes to Employment.

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14-15:00: Pre-birth to five strategy [workshop]

See Thursday 8th October at 14-15:00 for more details.

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

11-12:00: Support for young people during COVID-19 (focus group)

Description: Focus group with children and young people to discuss how Covid 19 has impacted their emotional well being and access to support services.

Intended audience: young people.

Speaker: Paul Dobson, Project Manager, STEP.

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