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PCF February In-Person Forum - "Live Well" Live!

Live Well - Meeting the professionals behind the services that support your child/young person and an update from Gill Tyler on Cheshire & Merseyside - PINS Project 2024 - 2025



If you were unable to attend this event, please use the link below to access the presentations

In-Person Forum Presentations



SHORT BREAKS/WRAPAROUND CARE UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

We are very sorry to announce that the provider in the Ellesmere Port area who was due to provide SEND after school clubs and holiday clubs from the 1st March has had to withdraw. We are disappointed and we are sure many of you are too. We are continuing our search for more providers in Ellesmere Port and across the borough to commission for this important work.

We will also continue to develop this area of service for children, young people and their families as part of our local delivery plan for the National Wraparound Childcare Programme which begins in September 2024 and aspires for all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it to be able to access term time childcare in their local area from 8am-6pm by September 2026.

For more information on the National Wraparound Childcare Programme please visit the following websites:

<u>wraparound-childcare-guidance-for-local-authorities</u> and <u>wraparound-childcare-guidance-for-schools</u>

PARENTAL RIGHT TO REQUEST

Parents have a right to request that schools consider providing wraparound or holiday childcare for children from reception up to the end of key stage 3 (year 9) and up to age 18 for disabled children. You can make the request to the school your child attends.

If you would like to know how your school should respond to such requests here is a link to the guidance for schools: <u>responding-to-requests-for-wraparound-childcare</u>

TAX FREE CHILDCARE, TAX CREDITS AND UNIVERSAL CREDIT

You may be eligible for financial help with paying for childcare. Visit Childcare Choices for more information.







Thank you to the 369 people who completed the PCF 2024 Survey - this is an amazing response. We are now in the process of analysing your responses and will share the results with you in due course.

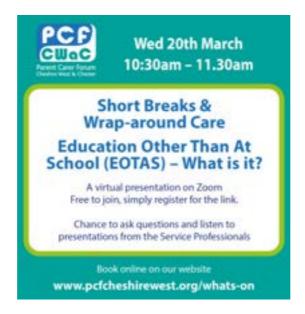
We have updated our database with our new members, if you are recieving this Newletter for the first time a "Very Warm Welcome"

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PCF Website







Wednesday 20th March·10:30am - 11.30am

Virtual Meeting on Zoom:

At the meeting - You will get to hear about and have your say on the following topics:

Short Breaks and Wrap-Around Care - Update.

EOTAS – Education Other Than At School - What is it?

Chance to ask questions and listen to presentations from the Service Professionals.

To book your place please use the link below...

March Virtual Forum Booking Link



Wednesday 22nd May-10:00am - 2:00pm

At:

Holiday Inn, Cheshire Oaks Lower Mersey Street Ellesmere Port CH65 2AL

At the meeting - You will get to hear about and have your say on the following topics:

Preparation to Adulthood

Supported Internships - What happens when my EHCP ceases?

Social care - Supported Living / Direct Payments

Transitioning to Adulthood services

Marketplace - Stands & Information on activities, groups and services in your area will also be available.

Free Parking, Free Lunch, Free Tea/Coffee & Cakes, Wheelchair Accessible.

PFC May In-Person Forum Booking Link





With much more to come in 2024 don't forget that you can keep up to date with the latest PCF news and signposting information by checking our website and following us on Facebook.









Live! Cheshire are offering two days of free activities on the 4th and 11th of April for children and young people aged 11-18 with SEND. Sessions are from 10am until 2pm and include lunch and snacks and are funded by the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme (must be eligible for benefit related free school meals). The Live! Easter Holiday Club will also be running from the 2nd to the 12th of April from 10am until 4pm at a cost of £50 per day. To book a space please visit...



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Ellesmere Port, Northwich and Winsford

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Easter Holiday Clubs & Activities

Holiday Clubs and Activities for Easter Watch this space as we will add more events over the coming weeks....

PCF Easter Holiday Club Information

Let's Talk Adult Social Care

Closing Date: 19 May 2024

Background

We are running a public consultation on our draft Adult Social Care Strategy, 'Enabling Great Lives'.



ADULT SOCIAL CARE CONSULTATION



Learning disability day services review



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Cheshire Mest, and Chesner Council is looking at Day Services for people with a learning disability.

Day Services are places where people with a learning disability can go to take part in artivities.

We want to make Day Services better in the future.

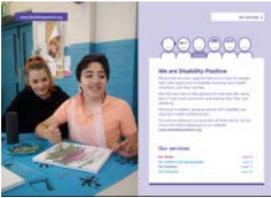
We have worked with a small group of people with a learning disability, as well as their families and carers, and some of the people wito provide Day Services, to come up with ideas to do this. You can find out more <a href="https://www.norman.org/lines/services/s

More information



Learning Disability Day Services Review











Disability Positive



About The Hive

Witral's Youth Zone, named by young people as The Hive, is a state-of-the-art space for young people aged 8 – 19, and up to 25 for those with disabilities which opened on 8th April 2017.

There's something for every young person here.

From getting active in our sports hall, kick pitch, gym or boxing studios, to sessions in our music room with built-in recording suite, getting creative in the arts and crafts space, expressing yourself in the performing arts studio, tackling the climbing wall, working on your moves in the skate park, planting in the garden, cooking up a storm in the training kitchen or getting competitive in the gaming area – there's a huge range of activities for young people to jump into.

When they need a break, there are loads of places at the Hive to chill out, chat with friends and grab a bite to eat.

Our greatest strength is our team of dedicated and caring youth workers. Whether through a conversation, a project, a game or targeted support, they are always here for young people, however they need them, #Teamitive works here in The Hive, out in the community and with young people needing more focused support – through a broad range of projects including access to training and employment opportunities and wellbeing and resilience skills-building.

Young people can access everything we offer, any day of the week for just 50p per visit and £5 annual membership. We even provide hot nutritional meals for just £1.

Click below to take a virtual tour of our incredible facilities!

The Hive Youth Zone

parents/carers of young adults with learning disabilities, often in association with autism and complex care needs including behaviours of concern, on the topic 'Preparing for Adulthood'

Preparing for adulthood

A FREE TRAINING EVENT

For parents, families and carers of children and young adults with learning disabilities, often in association with autism and complex needs.



Lunch & refreshments are all included but you'll need to request a place.

BOOK NOW https://bit.ly/2024ManParents

When: Tuesday 26th March 2024

Timings: Registration 9.30am Start 10am Finish 3pm



Where:

The Edwardian Manchester Hotel, M2 5CP

'Preparing for adulthood' is the umbrella term used for the support young people with special educational needs or disabilities should receive to help them transition into adulthood. As a young person approaches their final school years, thoughts turn to what they will require as they move from being a child to a young adult. Understanding what a young person needs to prepare them can really help.

Our expert speakers will provide you with a day of informative and practical sessions that will help you and the person you are supporting whilst preparing for adulthood.



Professor Jill Bradshaw

Jill is a consultant speech and language therapist and the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists National Adviser for

Learning Disabilities. Jill has worked with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for over 30 years. She is also a Professor of Communication in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at the University of Kent.

'Supporting communication at times of transition'

Jill's sessions will focus on supporting communication between adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their communication partners. It will particularly focus on times of transition. This will include transitions between activities, environments [e.g. home and college] and bigger transitions e.g. moving house. Jill will outline the ways in which communication can be supported, including recording and sharing information and ways of involving people in decisions relating to their support.





Geoff Evans

Geoff has worked with autistic children, adults and their families for 40 years. He worked for twenty years with the NAS and was a senior lecturer in autism at

Sheffield Hallam University. He is currently a freelance trainer and consultant working with autistic individuals, local authorities and schools and care services. His current interests include autism/sensory trauma, promoting positive behaviour, PDA and supporting in the workplace.

'Supporting lifelong learning for autistic young people and adults'

Geoff's sessions explore how we can effectively support autistic young people and adults, including those with an intellectual disability, to achieve their full potential by recognising how they learn and using approaches that builds on strengths and abilities. Geoff will discuss key areas where learning can take place including social and life skills, leisure and sensory processing. He will introduce several approaches that can support autistic people to learn and use them to improve the quality of their lives.



Are you an Individual Employer of your own PA/carers?

Do you want to update your PA's training or even add to it?

Then check out what we have organised for March – all training is FREE.

First Aid:

22nd March 2024 (Full day 9.30-4.30pm)
Manual Handling (9.30am-4pm)
11th March 2024
27th March 2024

Safeguarding (half day, am; 9.30-1pm) pm; 1pm-4pm)

5th March 2024 (pm) 19th March 2024 (am)

Good Employer Training (9.30-4pm)

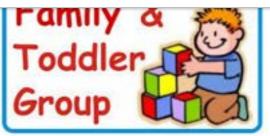
13th March 2024

All training is in house at our head office in Northwich https://rb.gy/lt6uoz, though we also offer on-line training.

Our service provider can offer a variety of courses to cover all of your care needs. Interested? Please email learning@disabilitypositive.org to book your place... but hurry places are limited.

Funded by Skills for Care

Email To Book Your Place

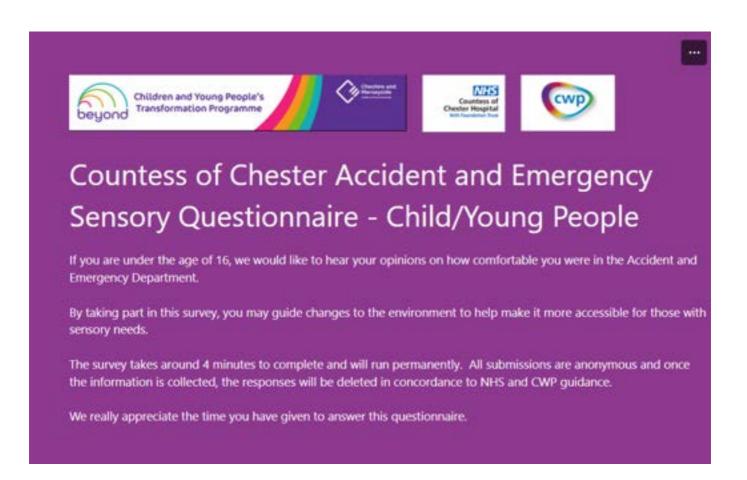


The Russet School

We are excited to announce our new Family and Toddler session. Play based learning sessions for children with additional needs aged 6 months to 5 years and their families.

Every Friday morning at 9.30 – 11.00 at Victoria Road Children's Centre, Neumann St, Northwich CW9 5UT.

No need to book just come along and join the fun!





'The Beyond Project' Survey Link





cheshirewestcarerssupport@makingspace.co.uk



Mark your calendars for # ...

Morning Sessions (9 am - 11:30 am):

Sunday 11th February

Sunday 24th March

Afternoon Sessions (3:30 pm - 6:30 pm):

Sunday 21st April

Sunday 19th May

All dates are available to book here - https://checkout.roller.app/theicecreamfarm/products/booknow

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Title of Webinar: Social Care, Day Services & Volunteering

life as possible. This webinar will look at care and support options including housing, day care, finance, volunteering, etc..

Speaker(s): Kath Hingston - Transition Team Manager (Social Care) and Denise Garner - Service Manager Vivo LD Day Services

Provider: Cheshire West and Chester Council and Vivo Care

Time: 4-5pm

To Join: Click here to join the meeting

Parents/Carers & Young People Information Webinars - Progression to Employment

Reasonable Adjustments Check List



To access the printable version click here



NEW FEATURE.... Discover Live Well Cheshire West.



In the link below you will find the roles and responsibilities (as of November 2023) of the SEN Managers. At the bottom of the page, you will find the contact details for the team.

SEN Managers



We have updated the Information, Advice and Support Service page on Live Well, so you can find out more about what the service provides as well as finding a wide range of information covering subjects including Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support, Education Health and Care Needs Assessments and Plans, Meetings, Choosing a New School, Disagreements and Mediation and much more.. To find out more information or to contact the service please click below...

Information Advice and Support Service (IASS) | Live Well Cheshire West (cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)



Live Well Cheshire West - https://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Information Advice and Support Service (IASS) - Tel 0300 123 7001 https://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/Services/1279

SEN Team - Tel 0151 337 6505 senteam@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Starting Well - http://www.startingwell.org.uk/

West Cheshire 0-16 CAMHS Tel - 01244 393200 https://www.cwp.nhs.uk/services-and-locations/services/west-cheshire-0-16-camhs/

> IPSEA- Call-in Helpline Tel- 0300 22 5899 https://www.ipsea.org.uk/Pages/Category/service-overview

> > CONTACT Advice Line -Tel-0808 808 3555 https://contact.org.uk/

Get Involved with the PCF....

We are always looking for new parents and carers to join us. You can attend meetings, give feedback to influence the services your child or young person uses or help us to identify the gaps in services. Also, a chance to meet other parents and learn about what's on offer in Cheshire West & Chester.

To contact us.....visit our website www.pcfcheshirewest.org
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