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Newsletter

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SEND 0-25 Flourishing and achieving; becoming fulfilled and purposeful adults

LOCAL AREA INSPECTION

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are in the process of conducting local area inspections to judge the effectiveness of an area in implementing the disability and special educational needs reforms as set out in the Children and Family Act 2014.

As well as speaking to staff across health, education and social care, the inspection team will also want to speak with children and young people, along with visiting education provisions and speaking to Governors, teachers and support staff.

As soon as we have more information about when our inspection will take place, we'll let you know!

KNOWSLEY PARENT CARER VOICE MOVE

Knowsley Parent Care Voice has moved into new premises. Co-chairs Deborah Smith and Cheryl Dunne are pleased to announce the new contact details are:-

Knowsley Parent Carers Voice, Knowsley CCG, Ebony Way, Kirkby L33 1XT

Email: infokpcv@gmail.com

Contact: Monday to Friday 10am-12pm on 07376233141 or 07368117415



Stopping The Over Medication of People with a learning disability, autism or both with psychotropic medicines is about making sure young people and adults are not prescribed anti-psychotropic medicines when they do not need them, or because there are no alternatives to support behaviours that challenge.

Supporting Treatment and Appropriate Medication in Paediatrics is clear about the need for children and young people to get the medications which they need, at the right time in the right quantity.

STOMP and STAMP are about helping children, young people and adults stay well and have a good quality of life. If children, young people and adults do have medication, this must be regularly reviewed to make sure it is still the right thing for them.

STOMP and STAMP are also about giving children, young people, adults and families the other support they need. This might mean a child or young person is less likely to need psychotropic medication, or need it for a shorter time. Psychotropic medication should not be used instead of support and therapeutic treatment.

Psychotropic medications are used to treat mental health conditions, such as anxiety, depression, and psychosis. Sometimes these medications are given to children and young people because of behaviours that challenge others. These medications can be right for some children and young people in some situations. However, there are other ways of helping children and young people so that they need less medication, or none at all.

In Knowsley, the STOMP / STAMP lead is Carolyn Barton, Quality and Safety Pharmacist at Knowsley Clinical Commissioning Group. Carolyn has met with parents and has attended a Knowsley Parent Carer Voice parent coffee morning. She will continue to meet with parents as the programme progresses to ensure that the parent voice is central and parents remain fully informed and influential. She is working with GPs and hospital-based doctors to ensure they too are fully engaged in this programme.



KNOWSLEY PARENT CARER VOICE UPDATE

NEURO-DEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAY

We took eight parents to the multi-agency workshop on 30 September 2019 which looked at writing a strategy and changes to the neuro-developmental assessment pathway. A couple of us were facilitators on tables and we spread around the tables to make sure there was a parent voice in all discussions. It's good to play a big part in discussions that will change services and the lives of our children.

At this workshop, we considered what our vision and priorities need to be for the next three years (our all-age strategy) and most importantly what our final redesign for our assessment pathway will look like.

The contributions were the result of discussions between a very mixed group of partners and most importantly, parents played a central role. After Dianne Johnson, Chief Executive for Knowsley CCG, introduced the day and her aspirations for this work, parents gave a powerful presentation on living a life with children who have neuro-developmental needs and the challenges this brings (individual and the whole family). The workshop itself resulted in some definite key priorities and actions, summarised on the Local Offer website.

We will have a say in whatever is finally produced and we will let you know what we think on our Facebook page and in future editions of this newsletter.

Did you know...?

Asda and Tesco now have low sensory stimulation shopping events with no music and lowered lighting. Asda hold their inclusive shopping hour on Tuesday (10am-11am) and Tesco are trialling this on Saturdays (9am-10am). As both of these schemes are pilots, please check with the store before attending.



The dentist at Nutgrove Villa in Huyton provides a great service for those with SEND, especially those with sensory issues.

SENSORY HIVE

have been at our coffee mornings to tell parents about their plans and hopes for setting up a venue that offers facilities for children and families geared to those with sensory processing needs. We wish them well. You can find out more at: <https://www.facebook.com/thesensoryhive> or email thesensoryhive@gmail.com



KNOWSLEY PARENT CARER VOICE COFFEE MORNINGS

Come along to receive help, support, advice or just come and have a cuppa with us! The next coffee mornings are taking place from 10am until 12 noon at the following locations:-

Tuesday 24 March 2020	Yew Tree
Friday 24 April 2020	Bluebell Park
Thursday 14 May 2020	Finch Wood Academy
Monday 15 June 2020	Northwood County Primary



LOCAL OFFER WEBSITE

Our local offer website - **www.knowsleyinfo.co.uk** - is designed to be a one stop shop of information, support and advice around SEND support and provision in Knowsley.

If there are activities taking place in your local area, we can promote them on the local offer website.



CONTACT US

If you have any feedback on the services you are receiving or would like us to include information about a certain topic in a future newsletter, please tell us. You can email **sendadmin@knowsley.gov.uk**

The Knowsley Parent Carer Voice – KPCV – can be contacted via email at **infokpcv@gmail.com**

Parent / carers and children / young people with SEND can contact SEND IASS for impartial information, advice and support via telephone on **0800 012 9066** (option 2 for Knowsley) or via email at **liverpoolandknowsleysend@wired.me.uk**

SEND IASS have also launched their own newsletter, if you would like to sign up and subscribe you can do so by emailing **iasmanager@wired.me.uk**

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