

# SEND

## Newsletter

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# COUNCIL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

**The Council for Disabled Children has published the first in a series of SEND data bulletins designed to share learning and improve data on disabled children and young people.**

Through the Council for Disabled Children's extensive work with local authority areas, health and social care agencies across the country, it is clear that the lack of robust data on children and young people with SEND presents a major obstacle for local services to plan effectively, identify gaps in their provision and track how children, young people and families in their area are faring. Moreover, poor data has been repeatedly highlighted in SEND local area inspections by Ofsted and the CQC as a key factor undermining joint strategic planning and commissioning to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

The data bulletins aim to share learning and encourage greater progress on improving data on disabled children and young people.



The first bulletin can be viewed at [www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk](http://www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk)  
(search for SEND data bulletin).





# YOUTH JUSTICE SEND QUALITY LEAD AWARD

**Knowsley has been successful in achieving the Youth Justice SEND Quality Lead Award.**

## Neurodevelopment pathway (NDP)

The service is open for referrals. Knowsley CCG has brought in additional resources and employed a number of waiting list initiatives to assist with assessments. The current position is that SENCOs have been requested to forward new referrals as soon as possible to helen. [meredith3@nhs.net](mailto:meredith3@nhs.net) so that available appointment slots can be filled.

A Quality Award - called the Youth Justice SEND Quality Lead Award - has been developed to recognise how the youth justice system works with children and young people with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities (SEND). It is awarded to Youth Offending teams and their partners that can demonstrate improved outcomes for children in their local area through effective partnership working.

Over the last 18 months, Knowsley's Youth Offending Service has been working with children and young people with SEND and the service has achieved the rating of 'widespread effective practice with evidence of outcomes for children with SEND' in ten assessment criteria. Criteria includes a sound knowledge of SEND practice, effective planning to identify any children at risk of entering the criminal justice system and effective engagement with children and families in all aspects of screening, identification, diagnosis and intervention planning.

The assessment highlighted a number of areas of good practice including the development of effective processes at an operational level, through to effective strategic leadership, underpinned by good working relationships led by co-located staff.

As a result, assessors concluded that Knowsley's Youth Offending Service is a leader in this area of youth justice practice and have been awarded the higher level of Youth Justice SEND Quality Lead Award.

## Your feedback

A SENCO at St Albert's Catholic Primary School in Stockbridge Village has provided feedback to High Hopes nursery in Huyton around the support they provided to a child as they moved from nursery to primary school, describing the nursery as 'wonderful'.

The child meets the threshold for an EHCP and the nursery fully involved the school in meetings ensuring relevant paperwork was completed, the right professionals attended and a transition plan was developed with regular visits to the school arranged.

The nursery has been extremely professional and supportive to the child and his parents and the nursery has been a joy to work with.

This is great feedback - well done to everyone at High Hopes nursery for managing a smooth transition from nursery to school.



# SEND SUPPORT IN NURSERIES

Kirkby day nursery has welcomed **Natalie Sinnott and Jenna Morris** - two highly experienced SENCO's who are supporting children and families.

Natalie and Jenna are both extremely passionate about providing the best support for children with SEND and their families.

Natalie and Jenna completed their SENCO training through Knowsley's Early Years' service, enabling them to lead multi-agency meetings, complete referrals, write Education Health Care Plans and liaise with other partner agencies when required.

The nursery's work around supporting children and families with SEND has been recognised at the nursery's annual award ceremony. The awards are voted for by parents and staff and out of 3,000 across the nursery's organisation, Jenna was presented with the Inclusion Award. Great news and well done!



# KNOWSLEY PARENT CARER VOICE COFFEE MORNINGS



The informal drop-in events are a great opportunity for you to speak to people in the same situation as you as well as receiving information, advice and support. The next events are taking place on the following dates (all take place from 10am until 12 noon):

- **Monday, 4 November** at Northwood Primary School, Kirkby
- **Thursday, 14 November** at Yew Tree Primary School, Halewood
- **Friday, 6 December** at Bluebell Park School, Kirkby

## SHORT BREAKS

Do you know that you may be eligible for Knowsley's Short Breaks Service? Short breaks give children and young people with a disability (from reception up to their 19th birthday) an opportunity to join in with fun activities in the community. Activities can take place after school, during the weekend and also throughout school holidays and include swimming, sport, drama and art - to name just a few! The scheme is part of a wider range of services available to parents and carers through the Local Offer - [www.knowsleyinfo.co.uk/localoffer](http://www.knowsleyinfo.co.uk/localoffer)



## Local picture

In Knowsley, 18.9% of your children have SEND (we have the sixth highest rate of SEND in the country, so demand for our support and services is a lot higher than in other areas).

We currently have 3,879 children in our schools receiving SEN support. In our primary schools, just over 42% of children have moderate learning difficulties and this rate is just over 45% in our secondary schools.

The number of children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in Knowsley is increasing - we have 865 children in schools with an EHCP.



## LOCAL OFFER Website

Our local offer website - [www.knowsleyinfo.co.uk](http://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](mailto:sendadmin@knowsley.gov.uk)

The Knowsley Parent Carer Voice - KPCV - can be contacted on **0151 549 1412**.

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

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