

Positive Developments in Northumberland

- All local authority specialist schools are now judged Good or Outstanding.
- A successful national early years pilot has led to £3.5 million revenue allocation to develop our 3 to 4 year-olds offer, including locality offer for SEND.
- All new EHC plans and EHC Transfers from SEN Statements produced within timescales 90-100% of the time. This is monitored weekly with the benefit of additional staff recruited to the SEND statutory team.

SEND Roadshows and Consultation Events

Our 2016 SEND roadshows were very successful and Northumberland families have asked for them to be repeated.

SEND Roadshows: a chance to meet your local services and attend seminars on a range of topics. This year's main theme is Preparing for Adulthood. There will also be information on support for people from birth to 25 years.

The SEND Roadshows will be drop in events so there is no need to book your place.

SEND Roadshows - 1:00 - 6:30pm

Date	Venue
Thursday 14th September	Ashington Leisure Centre, Lintonville Terrace, Ashington NE63 9JY
Thursday 21st September	Alnwick Willowburn Leisure Centre, Willowburn Ave, Alnwick NE66 2JH
Monday 25th September	Hexham Mart, Tyne Green, Hexham. NE46 3SG

SEND Consultation Events: local discussions with parents and others about what specialist services, support to mainstream schools and specialist schools Northumberland needs for the future. We need your views on what is needed in your part of Northumberland and across the whole county.

Families interested in attending any of the Consultation Events please e-mail in-it-together.org.uk

Consultation Events - 6:00 - 8:30pm

Date	Venue
July 2017	
Monday 3rd July	Tweedmouth Middle School, Billendean Terrace, Spittal. TD15 2DJ
Tuesday 4th July	Newminster Middle School, Mitford Road, Morpeth. NE61 1RH (Use Rugby Club Car Park NE61 1RJ and cut through)
Thursday 6th July	Haltwhistle Middle School, Park Avenue, Haltwhistle. NE46 9BA
Monday 10th July	Cramlington Learning Village, Highburn, Cramlington. NE23 6BN
Tuesday 11th July	Blyth Academy, Chase Farm Drive, Blyth. NE24 4JP
Wednesday 12th July	Rothbury First School, Addycombe, Rothbury. NE65 7PG
Monday 17th July	Glendale Middle School, Brewery Road, Wooler. NE71 6QG
Tuesday 18th July	James Calvert Spence College, Acklington Road, Amble. NE65 0NG
Wednesday 19th July	Bellingham Middle School, Redesmouth Road, Bellingham. NE48 2EN
Thursday 20th July	The Fuse Media Centre, Moor Road, Prudhoe. NE42 5LJ
October 2017	
Monday 2nd October	St Pauls RC Voluntary Aided Primary School, South Road, Alnwick. NE66 2NU
Tuesday 3rd October	St Mary's Middle School, Williams Way, Belford. NE70 7NX
Wednesday 4th October	Bothal Primary School,
Monday 9th October	Astley High School, Elsdon Avenue, Seaton Delaval. NE25 0BP
Tuesday 10th October	Queen Elizabeth High School, Whetstone Bridge Road, Hexham. NE46 3JB
Wednesday 11th October	Ponteland High School, Callerton Lane, Ponteland. NE20 9EY
Monday 16th October	Meadowdale Academy, Hazelmere Avenue, Bedlington. NE22 6HA
Tuesday 17th October	Allendale Primary School, Allendale. NE47 9PT
Wednesday 18th October	Otterburn First School, Otterburn. NE19 1JF

Consultation events for professionals and partner organisations are being arranged for Autumn 2017.

Annual Survey

The 2016 annual survey for families is being repeated from July 2017. We would be very grateful if schools and others could make families aware.

Local Offer

A draft of the 2017-18 Guide to Services has now been printed for In It Together (the SEND parent carer forum) to work with groups of families to add or change the content in line with their feedback. This will be followed by a full re-print of the Guide for September 2017 with copies being given to every education provider, professionals and every family with a child who has High Needs and or a statutory plan.

It is also available now electronically on the Local Offer page. You can read it online or download it to your device.

Note to professionals: It is important that you take ownership of the guide and tell us about any changes at any time. Please give us your feedback at thelocaloffer@northumberland.gov.uk

Update from the SEND Strategic Group

Sam Barron has joined the council on secondment as Partnership Development Manager for SEND. Sam has significant experience of working with SEND from a health perspective and is supporting education, health and care services in reviewing progress to date on the SEND reforms. She has a key role to help us bring together education, health and care in our SEND developments for Northumberland. Sam can be contacted at samantha.barron@northumberland.gov.uk

Next steps in our strategic work include:

- Update our performance data and strategic needs analysis following the publication of academic outcomes and post-16 EET destinations this autumn.
- Publish our updated SEND self-evaluation
- Update our SEND action plan, identifying which new themes will be addressed in 2017-2018
- Publish a long-term SEND capacity strategy, following the consultation (see above)
- Publish the outcomes of 2016-2017 working groups on specific SEND themes, including Transition, Preparation for Adulthood, Complex Needs and Dyslexia.

How can you get involved? Make your views known!

If you have a SEND issue you're struggling to resolve, information that would help with commissioning decisions, an idea to improve our local area provision or would simply like more information, you can contact your representative on the SEND strategic group.

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