

Summer 2021

Newsletter





Welcome to our latest newsletter, we hope everyone has kept safe and well during the first half of this year. Although it has been another challenging time for many with lockdowns etc many families have supported each other through virtual chat calls. These strange times brought some families together in ways they never imagined many had never heard of Zoom or Microsoft Teams until this Pandemic.

Being virtual has given Parent Carers Cornwall the opportunity to deliver workshops to families who have linked in not only in Cornwall but from other areas of the country.

We have continued to attend virtually many meetings both locally and nationally over the past months. Although it is not quite the same as face to face it saves many miles of travelling. We have also noticed that many professionals from services and organisations who would not normally be available to attend have made meetings virtually, at least there has been some positives to these strange times.

Having cancelled conferences and events again this year we can only keep our fingers crossed things will change. We have made the decision with the local authority there will be no Aiming Higher Conference in October this year.

We are holding several information events in the China Clay, Camborne and Redruth areas. These will be limited to a small number of attendees due to social distancing and safety measures. The details of these events are included in this newsletter.

From September to March, we are hoping to hold some carers break days, depending on how things go over the summer months and Government Advice. These will be funded from a grant I pulled in from PEARS. It will give carers an opportunity to meet, share support and advice, have a coffee, and meet new friends.

If you know any parent/carers who are not registered with us as members, ask them to sign up and they will receive a service guide full of organisations

who support families. They can contact michellepcc@outlook.com or traceypccc@outlook.com

We look forward to seeing some of you at the information activity days. If you know of families who do not normally engage or are new to Cornwall bring them along to find out about services who can support and advise them. We always welcome parent/carers who would like to become more involved in what we as an organisation do.

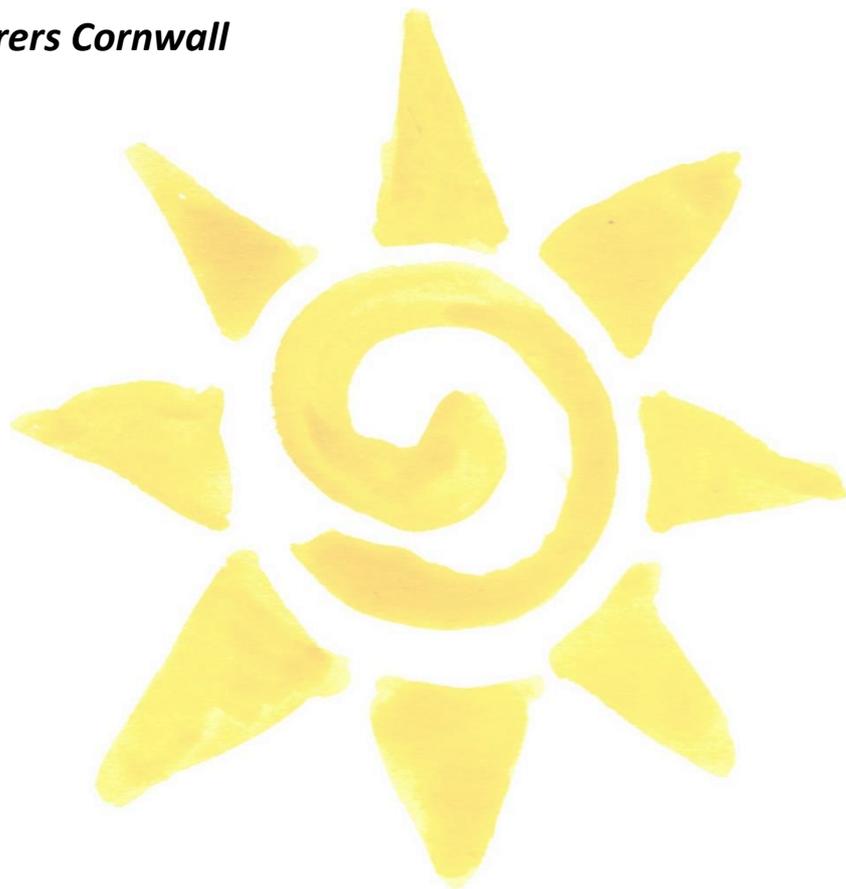
We hope that you all have a good summer break with your friends and families, please contact us with any news, information you would like to tell us about.

Kay Henry

Kay Henry

For and on behalf of Parent Carers Cornwall

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Together for Families with Parent Carers Cornwall



open to all families with children with SEND

22nd June	Treverbyn Hall, Nr St Austell	Hand/foot massage, arts, information & support
17 July	Carnkie Community Hall, Reduth	Dance & smoothie making, arts, information & support
7 August	Roche Victory Hall	Pot U Paint, arts and crafts and information/support
21 August	Camborne Community Hall	Dance & smoothie making, arts, information & support
4 September	Wheal Martyn	Family activities by Wheal Martyn, arts, info & support
18 September	Lanner Band Hall	Dance & smoothie making, arts, information and support
25 September	Roche Victory Hall	Pot U Paint, arts & crafts, information and support
2 October	Carnkie Community Hall	Dance and smoothie making, arts, information & support
16 October	Roche Victory Hall	Pot U Paint, arts & crafts, information and support
10 October	Wheal Martyn	Family activities by Wheal Martyn, arts, info & support
20 November	Roche Victory Hall	Dance & smoothie making, arts, information & Support
4 December	Camborne Community Hall	Dance & smoothie making, arts, information & support
11 December	Roche Victory Hall	Pot u paint, arts and crafts, information and support

All activities run 10:00 - 1:00pm

To book contact Traceypccc@outlook.com

'Have a Go Days'

A FREE and friendly activity for children with additional needs or disability and their siblings or friends, aged 6-17

Bodmin Leisure Centre
Lostwithiel Road,
Bodmin, PL31 1DE

Tues 3 August 10am-12pm
Tues 10 August 10am-12pm
Tues 17 August 10am-12pm

Cornwall College,
Trevenson Road, Pool,
TR15 3RD (Astro)

Tues 27 July 2-4pm
Tues 3 August 2-4pm
Tues 10 August 2-4pm
Tues 17 August 2-4pm
Tues 24 August 2-4pm



Booking is essential. For more information and to book contact Katie on 01736 751924 or email katie@disabilitycornwall.org.uk. Find us on Facebook by searching "Have a Go Days Cornwall".



EHC plan reviews – an overview and update

The education, health and care (EHC) plan for each child or young person has to take place at least once every 12 months. The reviews are commonly called annual reviews but sometimes happen more frequently e.g. for younger children, to support preparation for the next stage of education in the summer term year 5 and year 10, or when a pupil's needs are changing quickly.

Reviews have three main parts



1. **Gathering of information** e.g. the views of the child or young person, updates on learning, the views of the family.
2. **A meeting** when the updated information and the views of the child or young person, their family and everyone else involved are discussed and recorded. People can join the meeting via phone or a computer link as well as in person. If people have different reviews from each other this should be recorded too.
3. The **local authority's decision**, when the Statutory SEN Service has to confirm in writing to people with parental responsibility and young people whether the EHC plan will
 - i. continue as before
 - ii. be ended (ceased)
 - iii. or be adjusted (amended).

There are lots of ways to find out more about annual reviews, these include:

- Talking to the SENCO at your child's school or setting
- Making contact with the Statutory SEN Service
StatutorySEN@cornwall.gov.uk
- [SEND Code of Practice January 2015.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
page 194 onwards

- [Annual Review of an Education Health and Care \(EHC\) Plan - SEND IASS - Cornwall \(cornwallsendiass.org.uk\)](https://cornwallsendiass.org.uk)
- [Annual reviews | Contact](#)
- [The annual review process | \(IPSEA\) Independent Provider of Special Education Advice](#)

At the third stage of an EHC plan review the local authority can decide that an EHC plan should be adjusted. This is called amending the EHC plan. Amending an EHC plan happens after the end of the review process itself.

The Statutory SEN Service has identified, in conjunction with families, schools and settings that sometimes there is a significant delay in preparing the proposed amended EHC plan and sharing it with the young people and their families. The amount of delay has varied across Cornwall.

A key reason has been significant vacancies in the staffing of the Council's Statutory SEN Service at the same time that there has been a focus on maintaining EHC needs assessment timescales (the 20 weeks process), and undertaking additional tasks linked to the response to the pandemic. Such delays are unacceptable and improving how quickly amended EHC plans are available is a priority for the Statutory SEN Service in 2021-2022.

The key steps being taken include:

- Working with schools and settings, as necessary, to ensure all of them send in the paperwork from review meetings promptly, in the SEND Code of Practice, it is stated that schools and settings should submit the written report from the review meeting to the local authority within two weeks of the meeting. A copy of the notes from the meeting should always also be sent by the school or setting to families.
- Establishing minimum timescales for Statutory SEN Service staff to complete the local authority's decision stage of the review. In the SEND Code of Practice four weeks is the timescale from the date of the meeting to the decision being sent to families. The four-week turnaround timescale is sometimes impacted by the two-week timescale for receipt of the meeting report not being met.

- Putting monitoring processes in place to track the length of time between saying an EHC plan will be adjusted and then sending out the proposed amended EHC plan to families.
- Setting a service target that proposed amended EHC plans will be sent to young people and families within 5 weeks of the letter that confirmed one would be produced. There is no target set for this in the SEND Code of Practice
- Providing an update on the time taken to amend EHC plans in November 2021.

We feel it important to share this information with Parent Carers Cornwall and will keep in touch about progress.

[Tracey Daniel](#)

Manager of Statutory SEN Service

Cornwall Council

Meet the Team!

We thought we'd take the opportunity to introduce the SEND Management Team. Over the coming newsletters we will introduce you to the other teams to help you put names to faces!



Julie le Masurier is the Head of SEND. Away from work she loves being outside and using power tools – sometimes both things at once!



Will Pritchard is the Senior School Effectiveness Officer (SEND). When he isn't working he enjoys spending time with his family, walking the dog, cycling and mucking about in a canoe.



Paul Commons is the SEN Support Officer who deals with budget monitoring, issuing and maintaining contracts, dealing with Data Protection issues and providing statistical data. Out of work he likes to get off land as much as possible and enjoy any activity sea-related!



Theresa Maunder is the Special Educational Needs Support Services (SENDSS) Manager with Communications. When not in work she enjoys long walks and box sets (not at the same time!).



Nick Millward is Senior School Effectiveness Officer (SEN) and Strategic Lead for Social, Emotional and Mental Health.



Tracey Daniel is the Service Manager of the Statutory SEN Service. She loves nothing more than messing about on a narrowboat!

News from the Teams!

Cognition and Learning



Each year, for the last 18 years, Cornwall Council's Cognition and Learning Service and Dyslexia Cornwall have organised and delivered a conference together.



Eighty people attended this year's inspirational conference, which was held virtually, on the 21st May. The conference focussed on challenges in mathematics and was expertly led by Dr Camilla Gilmore. In the morning session Camilla focussed on why it is that some children and young people find maths so very difficult, and in the afternoon, she explored ways in which settings can support and enable their learners.

Delegates were extremely positive about the content of Camilla's keynote speech and commented on her clarity and expertise:

Camilla was a great presenter-nice and clear for all to understand'

Absolutely fabulous
A captivating and inspiring day

'Fantastic day-
thank you - really informative day'

So useful and really thought provoking. I am looking forward to sharing it and putting it into practice'

Excellent day with lots of ideas to take back to school

Great to attend something that made so much sense - real areas of need identified and strategies given for schools to implement

AAC Team

Update on Cornwall Council AAC Team Technical Officer

Following Julie Veal's move to another team, we have appointed Sharon Rix who will be joining Cornwall Council's AAC Team as an AAC Technical Officer for the west of Cornwall. We are looking forward to Sharon joining the team and contact will be made to all families and settings of the students that Sharon will support. Sharon is due to start with us at the beginning of July.

There are a number of upcoming courses run by the AAC team:

Effective Communication Partners Workshop – 15th July 2021

A virtual workshop that supports parents/carers and professionals supporting children who need to use high-tech aided communication.

The workshop enables parents/carers and professionals to be effective communication partners and to support other communication partners to be effective too! Please see the attached flyer for the date/time and how to book.

Literacy Development for students using high-tech Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) -24th September 2021

The course is aimed to give teachers and support assistants the tools to make literacy whilst using AAC successful in their classrooms.

AAC and Exams Access

Laura Baggley, AAC Lead for Cornwall Council will be presenting at this year's Communication Matters Conference on the work of the AAC Exams Access Working Group and the national guidance document that has been produced. The Guidance document aims to support all parents/carers, settings and professionals in what Exam Access arrangements can be requested and how from Key Stage one upwards. The document can be found on Cornwall Council's AAC Team webpage for download and will be updated annually to reflect the latest JCQ and STA regulations. The document is suitable for students at a range of stages in their education and for parents/carers, teachers, SENCos, and other professionals.

Sensory Support Service

The Hearing Support Team moved the Deaf Awareness training sessions online this academic year in response to Covid restrictions with HUGE positive impact! We have seen over 250 delegates attend over the year and the feedback has been nothing but positive. The Teams training sessions have meant staff in schools and settings can easily attend the sessions; we have offered flexibility with timings which has meant staff can attend without having to travel and take time out from their teaching. A big success for our Team!

The Vision Support Team is also working with Cornwall Library service this year to ensure braille books are available so our learners can be involved in the summer reading challenge. They are also providing appropriate tactile/sensory rewards for those who take part. We are working closely with Moorvision to provide 4 exciting trips for our learners over the next academic year, starting with Flambards in August and the pantomime at Hall For Cornwall in December – Cinderella, with Audio Description!

A number of members of staff are retiring at the end of the academic year. We are looking forward to welcoming new teachers and teaching assistants to our team!

The Communication Support Team

In an exciting innovation, The Communication Support Team have invited secondary schools to bid to partner with us in producing and piloting accessible, relevant and transformative speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) training and toolkits. Rollout of these will begin towards the end of the Autumn Term 2021 and into the Spring Term 2022.

Did you know...

That you can access some excellent resources which support parents and carers emotionally at SPACE? Resources can be found at

<https://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/space/>

Parents 4 Parents Cornwall

Are you a parent/carer of a child with additional needs or disabilities?

Do you attend meetings with schools, health services and organisations?

Do you lack confidence in attending these on your own and wish you had someone who could go with you?

Parents 4 Parents Cornwall will accompany you to important meetings, empowering you to ask the questions about your child's needs whether at schools, health, care providers, short breaks, etc.

Parents are trained in

- Understanding and supporting your needs
- Developing Education, Health and Care Plans
- Signposting

They are part of the Parent Carers Cornwall, an independent organisation that enables parent carer voices to be heard through parent participation.

You can access Parents 4 Parents Cornwall and book a trained parent to accompany you to a meeting by calling **07591 019548**

Please try to give at least 10 days notice of a meeting taking place where you require support. You must have all of the details of the meeting to hand.

You will receive a confirmation of who will be accompanying you and they will meet you at the location of your meeting.

Please note trained parent supporters cannot take you to the meetings and you will need to organise your own transport.

To book support contact 07591 019548
infoparentcarercornwall@gmail.com





An introduction to Sensory Stories with Joanna Grace

What is a Sensory Story?
What does my child
get out of a sensory story?
How can I use sensory stories?
Followed by a Q & A Session
all via Zoom

22 September 2021
10.00am - 12:30

To book contact
Michellepcc@outlook.com

Do you know about the CEA Card?



The CEA Card is a national card scheme developed for UK cinemas by the UK Cinema Association (UKCA).

The Card enables a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema.

The Card is also one way for cinemas to make sure they look after their disabled guests. If you require an adjustment to visit a cinema because of your disability, cinema staff should make them for you whether you have a CEA Card or not.

The Card is developed by UKCA's Disability Working Group, whose members include film exhibitors and distributors, and national disability charities such as RNID, RNIB, Dimensions and Whizz Kidz.

<https://www.ceacard.co.uk/>



Transforming the Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) Service

Cornwall's NHS Speech and Language Therapy service supports children and young people of all ages with their communication and eating and drinking needs

The demand for Speech and Language Therapy has grown over the last 3 years and the recent pandemic has also contributed to the rise in the number of children that are open to the Service. During this time, we have also seen an increase in the complexity of the communication difficulties that the SALT Service is both supporting and treating.

There are now over 3000 children open to the SALT service and the number of clinicians available to support these children remains equivalent to 27 full time Therapists

Under **One Vision** we have been working with our partners in the Council and beyond to find solutions to the pressures that we are currently facing. It is important that we make sure that everyone is playing their part to support children's speech language and communication needs. We are currently developing a transformation project to allow the service to better meet the needs of children requiring support.

What do we hope to achieve through this project?

These are our priorities.

- A reduction in waiting times which have grown.
- A reduction in the number of children on the caseload so the service is not as thinly spread so that we can deliver results.
- An improved triage process that will ensure that only children requiring specialist support will be accepted to the caseload. The wider system will play their part to support the children who are not seen directly by the SALT service
- Improved caseload distribution across staff to reflect locality and specialist clinical needs across the County. We have areas where we experience a higher demand and need to move our teams to meet those demands.



- Improved outcomes for children on caseload who will now be able to access the interventions they need at the right time with the right person to deliver the long-term change
- Improved working relationship and collaboration with the Council as they also change their SALT offer and clarify the role everyone plays in supporting children with speech language and communication needs
- Improved relationships and communication with parents, schools, and early year settings
- Allow the service to respond to an anticipated increase in demand for SALT in the next academic year as we continue to recover from Covid.
- To allow us to continue to incorporate new technologies in practice

How are we going to achieve these aims?

One step at a time



The SALT service will initially be looking at every child on the caseload and carrying out a communication risk assessment or review. This will result in **some** cases being closed but the children that need the support of a Speech and Language Therapist will remain open. Communication advice and signposting will also be provided alongside any closed case.

Should any child's needs change and, a parent, carer, or school become concerned in the future there is a central helpline manned by qualified therapists who will talk through what is new and either offer advice or consider any further speech and language support that may be required



There will also be changes to the referral process starting in September. We will be introducing a conversation with any potential referrer before they complete a referral form to explore the presenting difficulties and what the SALT service or our partners can do to support these needs.

We will continue to provide updates as the project progresses

Thankyou

Sue Newman

Children's Services Operational Manager

(Speech and Language Therapy, Neurodevelopmental Assessment Team, YOS nurses)

Children's Services

Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Early Help Newsletter – Summer 2021

Free information, support and guidance

Online Parenting Support Courses

We are continuing to support parents and carers and offer interactive parenting courses online. This replaces some of our face to face groups to ensure we are offering a full service to parents / carers in the safest way. Service requests will continue to be received through the Early Help Hub.

www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelphub

The courses available will be:

- **Being Passionate About Parenting - Early Years 1 - 3 years**
- **Being Passionate About Parenting 4 - 11 year**
- **Being Passionate About Parenting with basic introduction and an awareness to ADHD 5 – 11 years**
- **Being Passionate About Parenting with a basic introduction and awareness about the “Spectrum” 5 – 11 years**
- **Being Passionate About Parenting – The Teenage Brain 12 -17 years**
- **Take 3 – Supporting Teenagers 12 – 17 years**

Courses are usually delivered over 3 sessions (1.5 hours per session) with the exception of “Spectrum” which is delivered over 4 sessions (2 hours per session) and Take 3 which is delivered over 5 sessions (2 hours per session)

Family Information Services

For useful parenting information, updates on parenting programmes including face to face delivery and Parenting Podcasts please access the Family Information Service website –

www.supportincornwall.org.uk

Future Highlight

- **Baby and Me – 1 x 6-hour sessions**

Six 1-hour sessions for parents and their baby under 12 months to support parents to get to know their baby, meet other parents, learn about babies' development and the chance to join in rhyme time and activities such as baby massage

- **Passionate About Dads – 1 x 2-hour session**

A 2-hour session for dads of babies and young children pre-birth to 2 years old to learn more about preparing to be a dad, looking after your little one and having fun with your baby/child.



For further updates and information on what's happening in your area visit us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/PenwithFamilyHubs

www.facebook.com/KerrierFamilyHubs

www.facebook.com/CarrickFamilyHubs

www.facebook.com/RestormelFamilyHubs

www.facebook.com/NorthCornwallFamilyHubs

www.facebook.com/CaradonFamilyHubs



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Together 
for Families



www.cornwall.gov.uk



Parents and carers wellbeing workshops providing support to help you navigate the journey of raising a child in a fast-changing world. Delivered through a series of multimedia workshops for parents and carers living in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Designed to help you get a better understanding of the everchanging world your child is growing up in, to guide you to available services and support and to promote helpful conversation.

For further information please visit:

www.headstartkernow.org.uk
www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall

Alternatively email us with the subject heading 'Wellbeing Series':

wellbeingseries@cornwall.gov.uk



Parents can struggle at one time or another. For some, the challenges can be greater. You are not alone.

Home-Start's volunteers work alongside families just like yours to give compassionate and confidential support. They help people to regain the confidence to be the parents they want to be.

'Walk, Talk and Play' Groups in June and July to book your place contact:

julia@homestartkernow.org.uk

or take a look at the website:

<http://homestartkernow.org.uk>

Useful Links

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/childrens-services/early-help/useful-websites-for-early-help/>

Provides useful links to other areas of support.

<https://solihullapproachparenting.com/>

Access to resources about becoming a parent or being a parent from children aged 6 months to 19 years

Free Access Code: TAMAR

www.autism.org.uk

For families and individuals on the autism spectrum. Providing support, guidance and advice, as well as campaigning for improved rights, services and opportunities.

www.adhdfoundation.org.uk

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Foundation actively promotes a strength-based approach to living successfully with ADHD and other 'neurodiverse minds', such as, dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism spectrum, dyscalculia and Tourette's syndrome.

www.addiss.co.uk

The National Attention Deficit Disorder Information and Support Service. Providing people-friendly information and resources.

www.pdasociety.org.uk

Pathological Demand Avoidance Society offer Information, support and training for PDA.

[PDA Together | Facebook](#)

For parents and individuals to support and inform each other within the world of PDA.

www.capt.org.uk

The Child Accident Prevention Trust, working to reduce the number of children and young people killed, disabled or seriously injured in accidents.

If you would like this information in another format, please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY
 Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: **0300 1234 100**



Time2Move
Holiday Programme

Ages 5-16

Goes Live!

Fun activities for everyone varying from circus skills to beach activities and every session includes a FREE meal for all children.

Activities are taking place across Cornwall throughout the summer holidays, find one in your area by visiting our website:

www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme



Find out more

- Activities available for children aged 5-16
- Free places for ALL children eligible for Free School Meals

For more information contact:

✉ lewis.sanders@cornwall.gov.uk

☎ 07527 470537

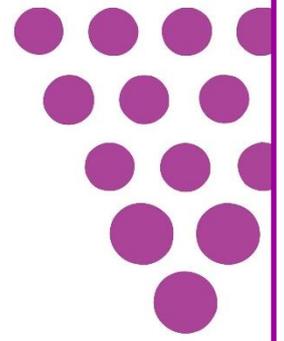
Have fun with friends this summer and attend a Time2Move Holiday Programme near you.



Healthy Cornwall



Home to School Transport for Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan



This guide covers the main points about school transport for children with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan. A copy of Cornwall's Home to School Transport Policy is available at www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport.

All families have the same responsibilities for getting their children to school regardless of whether or not a child has special educational needs.

However, there are certain eligible groups of children for whom Cornwall Council has a statutory duty to provide transport between home and school free of charge. This is set out in law (508 and 509 of the Education Act 1996 and Schedule 35B inserted by the Education and Inspections Act 2006.)

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY
Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: 0300 1234 100



Will my child be eligible for free home to school transport?

Children with an EHC Plans have the same entitlement to transport as all other children.

However, where a child has an EHC Plan, the nearest school that provides education appropriate to the age, ability and aptitude of the child, including any special educational needs, may well be different than for other children.

Where a school is named by the Local Authority in Section I of a child's EHC Plan, that school will be deemed to be the child's nearest suitable school for the purposes of transport eligibility - unless named as a result of parental preference and the Statutory SEN Service have explained in Section I of the EHC Plan that the child's needs could be met at a nearer school.

For this reason, it is important that you carefully check Section I of your child's EHC Plan before it is finalised.

Cornwall Council also reserves the right to provide transport assistance to children who are not otherwise eligible. Requests for transport under this category will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may require evidence to be provided, as appropriate.

What if we move to a new house?

Where a child moves to a new address, eligibility for transport is reassessed using the normal eligibility criteria.

Where a child's circumstances change (e.g. change of address), Section I of the EHC Plan will be reviewed and updated accordingly. Your child's entitlement to transport will then be reassessed.

What type of transport is provided?

Transport for eligible pupils is provided via the most cost-effective suitable method which meets the individual needs of the child or young person.

The type of transport provided is regularly reviewed. The annual EHC Plan Review Meeting is the main opportunity to review your travel arrangements, to ensure that it continues to meet their needs, taking into account increasing independence over time in order to support transition to adulthood.

It may also be possible to offer you a **mileage allowance** to enable you to transport your child yourself. Mileage allowances can only be agreed where it is cost effective to the Local Authority to do so.

How do I apply?

Before your child starts at their new school, the Statutory SEN Service will support you to complete a Transport Request Form (TRF). The purpose of the TRF is to accurately capture your child's travel requirements/needs.

If your child's needs change after starting at their new school, your child's school will work with you to complete a revised Transport Request Form (TRF).

TRFs are considered by the Transport Coordination Service, who will email you to confirm whether your child is eligible for home to school transport, and if so, what travel arrangements have been agreed.

Can I appeal decisions regarding home to school transport?

If you apply for transport and your application is refused, or you believe that the travel arrangements that have been agreed for your child are unsuitable, there is a right of appeal. Further information is available via the link below.

www.cornwall.gov.uk/transportappeals.

Please note that, if you do not agree with the wording of Section I of your child's EHC Plan, you should contact the Statutory SEN Service in the first instance.

Need Help or Support?

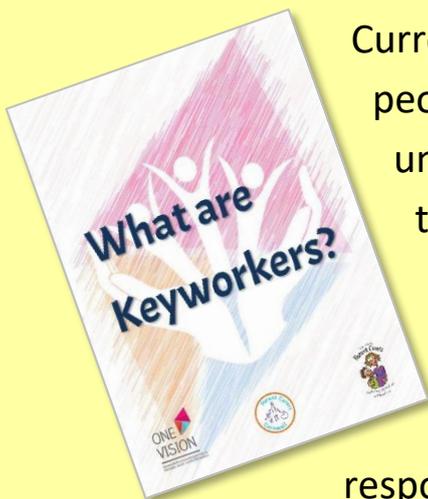
The **Transport Coordination Service** can be contacted on 0300 1234 222 or via email at transport@cornwall.gov.uk.

Your **SEN Casework Officer** can be contacted on 01872 324242 or via email at statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk.

The Keyworker Pilot

Parent Carers Cornwall has been involved with the NHSE keyworker programme from day one including supporting Cornwall to produce the bid for this pilot designing the leaflets, Parent Carers Cornwall Lead Kay Henry and the chair of Isle of Scillies forum Tracey Leah Smith chairs the strategic meetings twice monthly for the keyworker programme. They both also attend the National Community of Practice meetings with NHSE to report back on the pilot.

We will be meeting with families who are supported by the keyworkers to evaluate how the keyworker is supporting their family and how the service is running for the benefit of the young person.



Currently the keyworkers are supporting those young people who would normally be admitted to a residential unit, they are helping them avoid admission. This is a three-year pilot however through evidence during the pilot we feel encouraged it will become a long-term area of support to young people and their families.

The Key Working Function has been developed as a response to the **NHS England & NHS Improvement Long Term Plan (LTP)** commitment that by 2023/24, children and young people with a learning disability, autism or both with the most complex needs will have a designated Key Worker, implementing the **recommendations made by Dame Christine Lenahan**.

Initially, key worker support will be provided to children and young people with a learning disability, autism, or both, who are inpatients or at risk of being admitted to hospital, but it is envisaged that support will also be extended to those who face multiple vulnerabilities such as looked after and adopted children, and children and young people in transition between services. This links closely to other commitments in the Long-Term Plan, including the ambition to move towards service models for young people that

offer person-centred and age-appropriate care for mental and physical health needs, with a needs-based approach – instead of age-based - to transition to adult services.

A Key Working function is seen as being an important response to ensuring children and families get the right support at the time and that local systems are responsive to meeting their needs in a holistic and joined up way. To ensure multi-agency co-ordination around the young person's plan, considering influencing factors including the wider family's needs.

5 Keyworkers are now in post to support families in Cornwall and additional funding has been achieved to employ another keyworker.

Details about the keyworker programme can be found on The Council for Disabled Children's website.

[What is Key Working FINAL \(councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk\)](http://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk)



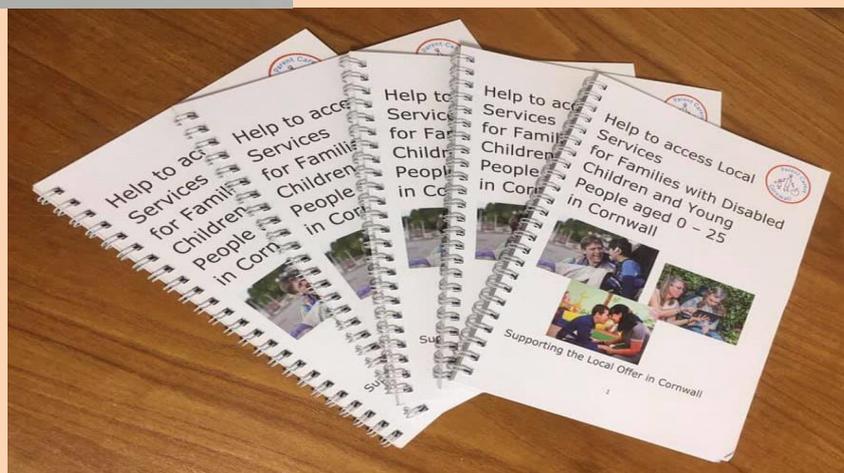
Parent Carers Cornwall Booklets



Did you know we do a range of booklets to help support families with information?

Is your child/young person transitioning to school/college?

Our booklets regarding that transition are filled with useful questions for you to ask while looking around the education establishment.



We also produce an informative guide to services that can support families in Cornwall and Nationally.

If you would like a copy or know a family who would contact traceypccc@outlook.com

ELLIE'S HAVEN SENSORY STUDIO



WOULD YOUR CHILD BENEFIT FROM USING ELLIE'S HAVEN SENSORY STUDIO?

(Following the current covid regulations) We will be reopening for bookings from Monday 21st June 2021.

Our sensory studio is an Aladdin's cave of specialised equipment aimed at helping children with special needs to develop a wide range of skills (and enjoy themselves in the process). We offer three 90-minute sessions every weekday, starting at 10am, 12noon and 2pm. Each session is for the exclusive use of a single family or child and career. Sessions in our sensory studio are free of charge for eligible children. Under normal circumstances this means ones that are receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

To Enquire About Our Session Availability Please:

Call 01503264230 OR Email info@ellies-haven.org.uk

We Look Forward To Welcoming You



'A special place for Special Children'

A 16-PANEL SOUND
AND LIGHT

INTERACTIVE FLOOR
AN INTERACTIVE
BUBBLE TUBE, BACKED
BY MIRRORS

AN INTERACTIVE
PORTABLE LED FIBRE
OPTIC "SIDEGLow"

ELLIE'S HAVEN'S
SENSORY STUDIO IS
WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE AND HAS A
HOIST FOR USE WITH
THE WATER BED. IF YOU
NEED TO USE THE
HOIST, PLEASE BRING
YOUR OWN SLINGS.

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