

Welcome

Dear all,

Welcome to the summer term newsletter, it's a busy but positive term for us all as many of our children and young people are looking forward to their next steps and transitions. It also feels like we are regaining some normality, we have fewer staff off with COVID (touch wood!) and people are able to take much needed holidays and breaks. It feels like Anna Gray, our new Head of SEND has been here forever, and she is working hard with the team to manage the increase in requests for statutory assessment. After covering that post for a while I am now spending the summer term reviewing and supporting the SEND Hubs, we are delighted to welcome Lisa Abel to the hub manager post in Hambleton and Richmondshire, and so have a strong team of hub managers to work with. We've put in an extra SENCo network session in the summer, face to face, at which I hope to meet many of you, and we can all put faces to names and build relationships. We'll have lots of the hub staff there for you to chat to over a coffee, it'll be so good to see a room full of people!

Carol-Ann



Early Years SENCO Networks

- 12th October 2022 – 9:30-11:30am
- 12th October 2022 – 6:30-8:30pm
- 8th February 2023 – 9:30-11:30am
- 8th February 2023 – 6:30-8:30pm
- 17th May 2023 – 9:30-11:30am
- 17th May 2023 – 6:30-8:30pm

On Teams, please book via NYES

Statutory assessment update



At the end of last week, the Department for Education (DfE) published their [annual statistical summary of Education, Health and Care Plans \(EHCPs\)](#) in England. This shows that the total number of Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans has continued to increase with the number of children and young people with EHC plans at 473,300 as at January 2022.

North Yorkshire County Council currently has 4,065 EHCPs, a 12.4% increase since the same point in 2021, and 500 assessments for Plans are currently underway. In recognition of this increase, we are working towards increasing the capacity of the team and also evaluating our current structures and processes to ensure that these are as streamlined and effective as possible for families and schools. As you'll be aware, there is a statutory responsibility for EHCPs to be reviewed within 12 months to ensure that the Plan remains current, so that we are achieving the best outcomes for children and young people. Before Easter we sent the list of pupils whose Annual Reviews are due in the Summer Term, along with any children who have not had an Annual Review within the last 12 months so that these could be prioritised with urgency. Thank you for your support in doing this.

I have also recently written to Headteachers regarding Annual Reviews, with a list of pupils at each school whose Annual Reviews are overdue. The purpose of this was to identify the reasons for delay including any barriers to organising the review meeting, and also to confirm the planned date of Annual Review. Thank you for all of your responses to this. There are some responses still outstanding. **Please prioritise this for action.**

As you'll be aware, following a SENDIST dispute in Devon in March 2022, the ruling was that LAs must notify the parent or young person of a decision to amend the EHC Plan and what the proposed changes actually are **within four weeks of the Annual Review meeting**. The final EHC plan must be issued as soon as practicable and no later than 8 weeks after this. Therefore, the LA must send the parent or young person the final amended EHC plan within a maximum of 12 weeks of the annual review meeting. Please make sure you are keeping these timescales in mind in co-ordinating your Annual Review meetings.

Digital EHCPs

We are well on-track with the roll-out of our Digital EHCPs. This will provide many benefits, including improvements in efficiency of collaboration and information sharing and a reduction in bureaucracy; giving children and young people and their parents and carers more agency in the planning process; enabling EHCPs to be updated iteratively so they are live and reflect current need and allowing for improved data collection both in terms of tracking of individual progress, and analysis of trends in the prevalence of need and support and provision made available. These will be launched in two stages, with the digital platform going live in Hambleton and Richmondshire from 20th June, and all other localities from September. We are currently giving the system a final test run-through before the launch. Information about training and support for schools will be shared over the next week, and in the meantime please do contact me if you have any questions.

Wishing everyone a very relaxing – and hopefully very sunny – half-term holiday!

Anna

Need support for a pre-school child?

We get many questions from early years providers and childminders about where best to get support for a child in their setting with SEND.

If this is the case, please contact the SEND Hub who will be able to help.

NYSENDhubs@northyorks.gov.uk





Hi, my name is Lisa Abel and I am pleased to be joining you in North Yorkshire as SEN Hub Manager for Hambleton and Richmondshire. My last job was in City of York, where I worked for 8 years as SEN Manager overseeing all things EHCP. Before that I taught in a wide range of primary schools, both mainstream and special schools for 20 years and was a SENCO for at least 14 of those. I have a passion for working with children, young people with special educational needs and supporting their families, although I have a particular interest in working with children with SEMH, having ran Nurture Groups in schools for many years. I look forward to getting to know the children, families, schools and colleagues I shall be working with and hope to meet you in the near future.



SENCo networks are coming up at the end of May/start of June, all available to book on NYES. We are also planning some face to face extra days in the summer, provisional dates are 28/6 for primary schools and 1/7 for secondary, at a central venue, for networking and skill sharing- keep your eyes on NYES!

The agenda for the May sessions will be:

- 1pm SEND team performance data
- SEND hub QA process
- 1:40 Referring to hubs - session with your hub manager
- 2:00 Occupational Therapy update
- 2:15 Medical Education Service update
- 2:30 Speech/Language and Communication Needs update
- 2:45 Planning for transitions- this year and next

To include: timelines (inc EHCPs, phase transfers), when to start planning, accessing transitions funding, strategies to support a good transition
3:30 finish



SENCO networks (via Teams)

PRIMARY

- Selby 24th May 1-3:30
- Scarborough, Whitby & Ryedale 25th May 1-3:30
- Hambleton & Richmondshire 26th May 1-3:30
- Harrogate, Ripon, Knaresborough & Craven 7th June 1-3:30

SECONDARY

8th June 1-3:30



SEND Champions in Health

What is a SEND Champion?

A SEND Champion group has been created by North Yorkshire and York CCGs. The champions are a group of enthusiastic and motivated clinicians who all want to improve SEND services and support in their area of health.

What do SEND Champions do?

Their job is to share information with staff and leaders, support staff with writing advice for EHCPs and checking the advice before it is sent to the Special Educational Needs Team at City of York Council. Each person will lead on one area of work, e.g. Voice and Participation, Quality Assurance, Training, Local Offer and Website Updates.

NHS North Yorkshire CCG SEND Team



EDUCATIONAL HEALTH & CARE PLAN

Following feedback from children & young people, parents, carers and shareholders, a deep dive into the health information for EHC assessments is being undertaken by the new Associate Designated Clinical Officer (ADCO) role within North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

The ADCO will be focussing on the quality, accuracy and timeliness of the health information provision in order to support the outcomes for children and young people. Updated EHCP training sessions are in place for health providers.

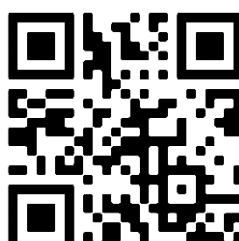
The ADCO would like to consult with parents, carers, children & young people, around your thought around health advice in EHCP's and will complete this with Parent Carer Voice and York Inspirational Kids.

Link to Local Offers

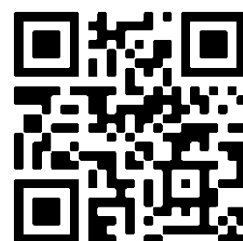
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Who are the Locality Boards and what do they do?

There are 5 Locality Boards (LBs) across North Yorkshire, they are a partnership arrangement between education providers and North Yorkshire County Council (in particular, Inclusion Team and School Improvement Team). The boards take collective responsibility for maximising outcomes for children and young people (aged 0 – 25) and embedding a strong culture of inclusion.

The LB members include Early Years Leaders, Post 16 Leaders, Headteachers / CEOs from Primary, Secondary, Special and PRU and NYCC Officers from Inclusion and School Improvement teams.

The 5 LBs cover the following geographical areas;

- Craven
- Hambleton and Richmondshire
- Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon
- Scarborough, Whitby, Filey and Ryedale
- Selby

LBs fund projects that can directly help you support your children and young people and they will let you know the projects they are running in a variety of ways including through email, this newsletter and via the SENCo Network. They are keen to hear what support you would like and so may send you a survey via email.

For further information please contact either

jennie.holt@northyorks.gov.uk (H&R and Selby) or
katie.middleton@northyorks.gov.uk (Craven, HKR and SWFR).



Selby Locality Board

Having met on 17th May, the board considered the projects they would like to investigate further – by end of June there should be some projects to announce so watch this space. SEMH, SLCN and transitions are all areas that the board are wanting to focus on over the next year. Projects will be advertised through SENCo Network meetings, NYCC's Newsletter and via email to your SENCo.



Watch Out!

Hambleton and Richmondshire Locality Board

The board met on 18th May to discuss Inclusion and School Improvement projects to be delivered over the next 10 months. These discussions focused on transitions, autism and SLCN. By the end of June the board will have agreed the action plan and projects will be able to begin, projects will be advertised through SENCo Network meetings, NYCC's SENCo Newsletter and via email to your SENCo.

Any questions? email:
jennie.holt@northyorks.gov.uk



Free online training for schools in the **Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon** locality who have SNAP Screening tools.

Monday 23rd May 2022 12.30pm -1.30pm

Tuesday 14th June 2022 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday 28th June 2022 11am – 12pm

Please email Katie.Middleton@northyorkshire.gov.uk for training links.



Why start a TMP?

We currently have 7 targeted mainstream provisions open across North Yorkshire, with 3 more opening in the Autumn term.

Our aim is to have Communication & Interaction and SEMH provisions across Primary and Secondary settings in all localities.

Did you know?

Each TMP has 8 places for pupils – 6 permanent and 2 flexible places

There is a start up fund to help with new resources

Each TMP is supported by a bespoke training package, to support whole school and TMP staff

There is also a therapeutic offer, including Educational Psychology time, Speech and Language support and Occupational Therapy time

If you would like more information about TMPs please contact wendy.butterfield@northyorks.gov.uk who will be happy to meet with you to discuss a TMP in more detail.

Would you like to contribute to this newsletter??

We would love to hear all about your SEND good practice, success stories or anything you have found that you would like to share with others.

We can share them in future editions of this newsletter to celebrate all the amazing work here in North Yorkshire.

If you have a story to share please send it to: wendy.butterfield@northyorks.gov.uk