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WELCOME

I am delighted to welcome you to our new look update for Local Area SEND in Derby City.

I have been working closely with our teams across health, education, and social care to deliver the transformational change that is needed for SEND and finding creative solutions to the challenges of 2020. Our Co-Production Charter in action is a testament to partnership working and the real difference this can make for children, young people, and families.

Thank you to all our stakeholders for their ongoing support. I look forward to sharing our updates with you as our improvement journey continues.

With very best wishes for a positive 2021.

Yours in SEND,

Pauline Anderson Service Director - Learning, Inclusion and Skills



Dear colleagues,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your incredible dedication to the children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) in Derby. As Chairperson of the Local Area SEND improvement board, I am constantly in awe of the effort that you display throughout the year.

Leaders (including myself) have asked a lot of you during these unprecedented times and this has been a difficult ask, even for the very best: which you are! Thank you for doing all you can to improve outcomes for children and their families.

The Local Area SEND improvement board has challenged itself to aim at ensuring children and young people with SEND receive 'best in class' provision. The strategies that have been put in place over the last 12 months give us the opportunity to revolutionise the experiences of children and young people in our City. I hope that you have seen some of the impact of this work.

I would urge you to spend time with colleagues from other SEND services across the City. It is of paramount importance that we have a shared understanding of the barriers we face and the potential that we have. By working together, we will solve many of our challenges.

I hope that you, your families, and friends stay safe, thank you for all that you do and all that you are.

Phil Harrison Chairperson Derby Local Area SEND Improvement Board

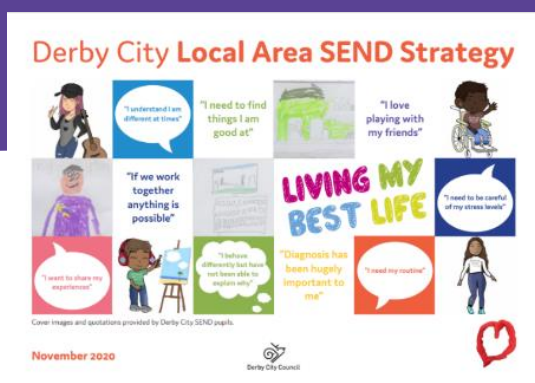


Local Area SEND Strategy Launched

We have worked closely with our partners and stakeholders to understand the SEND needs in our City, embracing co-production, as reflected in the co-production charter that sits alongside this strategy.

This strategy provides shared and clear direction for Local Area SEND. It outlines the five priority areas that have emerged, what this will look like in practice and most importantly how this will improve the lives of children, young people and their families with SEND in Derby City to enable them to be 'Living My Best Life'.

The full strategy can be found at <https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/derbys-send-local-offer/ofsted-cqc-information-updates-reports/document-downloads/>



Call for Views

As part of our journey to transform Special Educational Needs and Disabilities services for Derby City we have recently undertaken a Call for Views; this is vital to help us to understand what we need to do that.

The themes emerging from this are a need for:

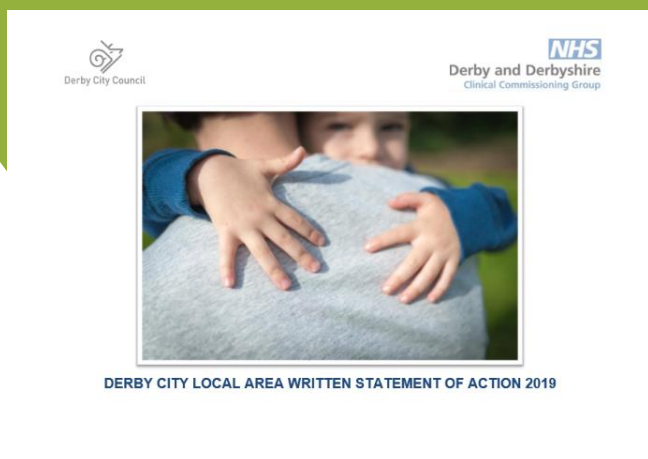
- Focus on the Graduated Response
- Further Enhanced Resource places
- SEMH places
- Effective monitoring of placements

Our next steps are to develop a full consultation to be launched from April 2021 onwards.



Derby City Written Statement of Action Progress

A year on significant progress has been made, with positive feedback from stakeholders and Department for Education Improvement Advisors alike. Progress has continued at pace, despite the challenges of COVID and continues to be an exciting journey, to improve outcomes for children, young people, and families within Derby City.



"It is clear that progress continues to be made with respect to the WSoA despite the challenges of Covid-19, thank you to everyone who has contributed to this very important area of improvement, I'm sure the parents, carers, children and young people in Derby City will benefit from your commitment to improved SEND services." DfE Improvement Advisor

Have you visited our local offer website recently?

We've given our website a new look to make it easier than ever to find information, and search for services in the City.

The purpose of our Local Offer is to allow parents, carers, and young people to find out more easily about services and support and how to access them!

We have developed our Local Offer in co-production with parents, carers, young people, and schools. This work will carry on as we continue to review the site to make sure that services are easy to find and understand.

If you want to get involved in helping us to improve the local offer website, have your say at <https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/derbys-send-local-offer/get-involved-have-your-say/> or email the team at local.offer@derby.gov.uk



What is SENDIASS?



SENDIASS stands for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Services. We are a free, impartial, and confidential service. We can offer independent information, advice, and support to:

- a parent or carer for a child or young person up to age 25 with special educational needs or disabilities
- a child up to age 16 who has special educational needs or disabilities
- a young person aged 16-25 who has special educational needs or disabilities

How can SENDIASS Help?

We can offer you advice and information on key issues like Special Educational Needs and support that may be required in the educational setting. We can also offer support on Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments and Plans and matters relating to social care and health. We can also give you practical support with tasks such as:

- Understanding complicated documents and reports
- Completing paperwork
- Attending meetings with you to ensure your views are heard
- Please contact us to discuss how we can support you



Sarah Hart -
SENDIASS Officer



Michelle Lowe – SENDIASS
Officer Co-ordinator



Claire Morris -
SENDIASS Information
Officer



Victoria Horswell -
SENDIASS Information
Officer

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Learning Disability Health Checks



Did you know that if you are over 14 years old and have a diagnosed Learning Disability you are entitled to an annual health check with your GP? To find out more information including how to access this health check and what happens, follow this link:

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/dont-miss-out/dont-miss-out-annual-health-checks>



What happens in an Annual Health Check

Watch our video to see people with a learning disability talking about what happens at an Annual Health Check, why it's important, and what support you can ask for.



The Accessible Information Standard



How to get information you can understand from health and social care services



Easy Read

Neuro Development Support

The NHS currently offers diagnosis and some post diagnosis offers of support for children and young people with Neuro Developmental needs, (including Autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and their families. We are working alongside Derby and Derbyshire schools, Local Authorities, voluntary services, parent carer forums and other NHS organisations to look at the system wide offer of help and support to identify areas for transformation.

This resource aims to help you to find ways to support each child to be their best self and give support to you to help you do this:

[Derby City](#)

[Derbyshire County](#)

Creating a community, a place to be...

We have been working hard to shape existing services, alongside helping decision makers understand current needs. Derby City families tell us their needs are not being met through the existing help and support for those with ASD and ADHD. This includes insufficient support and provision in educational settings and health services. We are pleased to say change is coming and look forward to consulting with everyone on this.

Our home is your home

We have a new Parent Carer forum base that is bigger, brighter, and bursting with space for families, professionals, and clubs, with activities and a place for friendship, to have your say and receive support.

Parent Carers Together
Suite 0.2 Litchurch Plaza
Litchurch Lane
Derby
DE73 6WR

Tel: 01332 477829

Email: Admin@parentcarerstogether.com



What's on:

We have lots of clubs and activities taking place such as:

Mon – COVID Crisis Club – 7:00-9:00pm

Weds – Behaviour Support – 9:30-10:30am,
Well-being Wednesday 7:00-9:00pm

Thurs – Men's Meeting – 7:00-8:00pm

Fri – Friday Night Showcase – 7:00-8:00pm

Sat – Creative Crafts – 10:00am

Sun – Siblings Group – 10:00-12:00pm

For more details please visit our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/derbycityparentcarerstogether/> or contact sam.hart@parentcarerstogether.com



More than surviving: Lottery funded



Lottery funding has supported our vision and enabled us to provide more support in the community for our children, young people, and their families; especially during COVID.

Highlights have included:

- Advocating for parent carers, liaising with schools, social care, and the Local Authority.
- Supporting the Local Authority with annual reviews and provision.
- Helping parent carers to realise their potential
- Providing support calls, recognising success, and developing a plan for further life areas.



Emotional Health & Wellbeing Support

Children and Young Peoples Emotional Health & Wellbeing Support:

Derby and Derbyshire Emotional Health and Wellbeing website – This is the central point for all Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health information for children, young people, parents, carers, and professionals. www.derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk

These are just a few of the services that can be found on the Derby and Derbyshire emotional health and wellbeing website.

KOOTH: A platform to provide information, advice & support on emotional well-being and mental health, articles, messages and online therapeutic / supportive conversations for children and young people aged 11-25 in Derby and Derbyshire.

QWELL: Developed for parents and carers of young people under the age of 18, to provide information, advice & support on wellbeing and short term therapeutic / supportive conversations.

Mental Health Support Line: A new mental health support line run by the NHS and operating 24 hours, seven days a week has been set up to provide access to support for people of all ages in Derby and Derbyshire.

The line is run by experienced mental health professionals who are equipped to provide mental health support and advice, support for people experiencing immediate distress or to their families or carers & a professional point of contact for health and social care partners to support any individuals in mental distress

Please call 0800 028 0077 for free where mental health professionals will be on hand to help.



EHWB Leaflet.pdf

And finally

A massive thank you to all our stakeholders and partners for your ongoing support.

In the words of one of our SEND students.....



"If we work together,
anything is possible" }

Useful contacts

- **Derby City Local Offer**

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- **SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)**

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www.derbysendiass.org.uk

We can give you this information in any other way, style or language that will help you access it. Please contact us on: 01332 Minicom: 01332 640666

Polish

Aby ułatwić Państwu dostęp do tych informacji, możemy je Państwu przekazać w innym formacie, stylu lub języku.
Prosimy o kontakt: Tel. tekstowy: 01332 640666

Punjabi

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Slovakian

Túto informáciu vám môžeme poskytnúť iným spôsobom, štýlom alebo v inom jazyku, ktorý vám pomôže k jej sprístupneniu. Skontaktujte nás prosím na tel.č: Minicom 01332 640666

Urdu

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