



Upcoming Events

February/ March 2020

Council for Disabled Children Key stakeholder event

The CDC (Council for Disabled Children) is holding an event for key stakeholders across education, health and social care in East Sussex, to develop a multi-agency outcome framework for supporting children and young people with SEND and their families. The East Sussex Parent Carer Forum has been asked to have representatives there to help facilitate table discussions amongst the attendees. We will feedback to you in the next newsletter on this event. If you feel you might like to attend this event with the ESPCF please let get in touch with us at info@espcf.org.uk

ESPCF Training

A 4-hour training session delivered by 2 experienced parent trainers that develops parents' knowledge and confidence when dealing with the health system (but it will also touch on Education and Social Care). It will start with discussing people's lived experience, strengths, passions and getting everyone on the same page in a base level understanding of whole health system in East Sussex. It will discuss outcomes for CYP/families and why they are important, evidencing need in the SEND community and challenging/influencing decisions. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss building relationships, what are the levers that can be used, how parents can work together and improve this area.

CITES secondary school stakeholder event

The Children's Integrated Therapy and Equipment Service (CITES) have been commissioned to undertake a project lead by an external consultant, to devise a co-produced therapy model in secondary schools that hopes to improve outcomes for students with sensory, physical and communication needs. Over the past two months the project team has spoken to students, parents/carers, education professionals, therapists and therapy assistants and gathered rich information which will help to better understand how we work together now, and what is important about therapies and ideas for service change.

CITES have informed us, they are now ready to take their next step which is to bring stakeholders together and use this information to devise options for new ways of working that will be piloted across 2020-2021 in at least two schools. We are really pleased that, although we were not involved in the work covered by CITES over the past two months, ESPCF has been allocated spaces on the stakeholder day on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 for the next phase of this CITES project. These parent carers will be representing your collective views.

3 focus groups to inform the content of the Local Offer

There will be 3 focus groups across the county in March, the aim will be to understand what information families need to search for via the Local Offer. This needs to be understood from a broad perspective, to inform a web development project to hopefully better support families. The workshops will be led by a web designer. Whether you are at the beginning of your journey OR have been through the SEND process and have much experience, if you would like to help shape this for others please get in touch for more information and to be added to one of the focus groups info@espcf.co.uk