



SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

Update

From our meeting with Sue Harrison, Director of Childrens Services, on the 24th of August 2020

We are meeting with Sue Harrison monthly. This gives us an opportunity to raise any concerns we have and to share our ideas in how to improve SEND services.

SNAP PCF asked Sue Harrison the following:

- We want to review and amend the Education Health Care Plans (EHCP) template with SENDIASS and the SEND Team. We want to ensure there is a section to evidence the plan is quantified and specified. This will be included in workstream 2 of the Ofsted Written Statement Of Action (WSOA)
- SNAP PCF to be involved in the independent external review of the various Panels for EHCP's and the Joint Allocation Panel (JAP) which is being commissioned as part of the Ofsted WSOA
- To review the audit tool and the process the Independent Auditors will use to audit the EHCP's, alongside the externally commissioned audit team. This is an action set out in workstream 2 of the Ofsted WSOA.
- SNAP PCF has raised concerns how the SEND Team are assessing school transport. This means parents are sometimes denied school transport despite being legally entitled to this. We have suggested that SNAP PCF, SENTAS the Manager of the SEND Team and the Transport Team meet to discuss the transport legislation, amend their policy and update their staff.
- As part of the Ofsted WSOA we have asked that SENDIASS join workstream 2 meetings to look at the quality and leadership of EHCP's as they have an insight to the issues parents are raising about their plans.

We are pleased to tell you Sue Harrison has agreed to all of the above. We are sure you would agree this is a positive step to improving SEND Services for families.

SNAP PCF will continue to be a strong voice for parents in Central Bedfordshire.