



SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

NEWSLETTER, Summer Term Edition 2018

A parent participation forum creating opportunities for parent carers to work with service providers to improve the delivery of Social Care, Education and Health Services

Strategy Meeting with the Local Authority and Health Partners

Thank you to everybody who completed our Satisfaction with SEND Services in Central Bedfordshire Survey. SNAP PCF assembled all the data into a presentation and report which we delivered to key partners from Health, Social Care and Central Bedfordshire Council on Monday 25th June. Having carefully removed all data that could identify individuals, we felt privileged to be able to present every single parent comment from the survey, as a true reflection of the parent voice. The results will also influence the direction and priorities of SNAP as a forum.

The presentation and report are available on our website: <http://www.snappcf.org.uk/strategy-meeting-25th-june-2018-update/>

The survey will continue to run and we urge anyone who has not yet completed it to continue to do so as their responses will be presented at the next strategy meeting. Here is the link to the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G6YVBNW>

Preparing for Adulthood Roadshow

We ran two Preparing for Adulthood information meetings for parent carers who have a young person 14+ with the Adult Social Care Team. The feedback was really positive and we look forward to more roadshows later in the year. If you want to keep up-to-date with what we are doing, please complete our membership form: <http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MembershipformtojoinSNAP>

Coffee mornings

We have been running a successful coffee morning in Leighton Buzzard and look forward to welcoming parents back to Astral Park in October. The Chilterns School has offered its school to run coffee mornings from October. These are for all parents who have a child or young person with any additional needs and disabilities. It is run by parents for parents and a warm welcome awaits. There is no need to book, it is free to attend and children are welcome (you are responsible for your child, no creche is provided).

Parent Panels

This gives parents the opportunity to get involved with the forum and to give your views and participate to improve services locally. So far we have focused on the Early Years section of the Local Offer and the Children with Disabilities Team Local Offer <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/children/sen-disability/landing.aspx> The feedback from Central Bedfordshire Council Officers who attended the meetings were positive as it helped to; understand what parents were looking for, their frustrations when they couldn't find this and what needed to be prioritised first. We also ran a Parent Panel helping to develop information leaflets to be displayed at The Edwin Lobo Centre with Cambridge Community Health Trust. The feedback was, 'It was really interesting to hear all the thoughts and ideas of parents and they will make sure they incorporate as many as possible'.

We will be running further Parent Panels to look at other areas of The Local Offer in the Autumn Term. These are open to our members and you can apply: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/snapparentpanel>

SNAP PCF upcoming events:

Our coffee mornings are run by parent carers for parent carers.

We are returning to Astral Park Sports & Community Centre, Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4AY.

Dates & Times:

- Monday 8th October 2018
- Monday 5th November 2018
- Monday 10th December 2018
- Monday 7th of January 2019
- Monday 4th of February 2019
- Monday 11th of March 2019

New coffee mornings at The Chiltern School, Kings Houghton Campus, Parkside Drive, Houghton Regis, LU5 5PX.

Dates and times:

- Tuesday 9th October 2018
- Tuesday 6th November 2018
- Tuesday 11th December 2018
- Tuesday 5th February 2019
- Tuesday 12th March 2019

Who is SNAP PCF?

SNAP is a pro-active group of parents who all have children or young people with additional needs or disabilities. We have come together as a group of parent carers to work with other individuals and organisations to help influence and improve the local services that are provided for our children and young people within Central Bedfordshire.

We focus on helping to raise the standard of social care, education and health services within the county, to ensure that these services are provided in a way that meets the needs of all disabled children and their families in the county.

As parents of disabled children and young people, we bring a real-life perspective and experience to the planning and development of the services that our families use. We constructively challenge decisions that are taken by our local council and health authority about the future planning of services; we work in partnership with our local council and health authorities to make decisions about services they deliver.

How to contact SNAP PCF?

Our Director & Participation Manager, Kirsty Green, can be contacted either by email kirsty@snappcf.org.uk

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Look at our website: www.snappcf.org.uk

Apply to join our Parent Panel.

Would you like to have an opportunity to meet other parents and give your feedback about services you receive? Our Parent Panels will be focusing on specific issues and services and give you the opportunity to shape local provision.

We will give you a £15.00 Marks & Spencer gift voucher as a thank you for attending.

Please complete a membership form and a Parent Panel form to join.

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