



**SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM**  
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

## NEWSLETTER, Autumn 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**

### **Local Offer**

SNAP PCF have continued to work with Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) to develop the Local Offer. We held two Parent Panels to review the Education and Care part of the Local Offer. From the findings of our 'Satisfaction of SEND Services Survey', 55% of parents told us they had not heard of the Local Offer. CBC have committed to advertising the Local Offer in the New Year to ensure as many families as possible know what the Local Offer is. In the mean time please look at The Local Offer. It is meant to be a 'one stop information shop for parents' <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/children/sen-disability/landing.aspx> If you see information that needs amending or adding, hit the Feedback button on the site and tell them. As parents we need the information to be up-to-date and helpful, enabling us to navigate ourselves through the SEND system.

### **Annual Review Training**

Parents asked us to arrange training on the Annual Review Process for their child's Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). We delivered two evening training sessions and invited Louise Bartos, Head of SEND and Hero Slinn, SEND Manager to deliver this training which was similar to what had been delivered to schools. The feedback from parents was really positive and we plan to run more sessions in the future including; training on the Annual Review Process for when your young person is aged 14+ and Preparing for Adulthood.

### **Great news**

Following on from the success of our last annual conference, SNAP PCF were successful in applying for a grant from the Department for Education to hold another conference in March 2019. This is a FREE event for our members to attend (the real price of a ticket is £57.00). It is really easy and free to become a member of SNAP PCF just complete this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MembershipformtojoinSNAP> Please note we have 500 free MAX Cards and will give you a free MAX Card when you become a member <http://www.snappcf.org.uk/max-cards/>

### **Coffee mornings**

We run two coffee mornings for parents to attend. One is in Astral Park, Leighton Buzzard and the other is held at The Chilterns, Houghton Regis. Details can be found on our events calendar along with other local SEND events <http://www.snappcf.org.uk/events-calendar/>

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of February, Julie Cronin the Designated Clinical Officer will be attending the coffee morning at The Chilterns. We can ask for other service providers to attend the coffee mornings to give you information and advice. Please do get in touch with your suggestions.

**SEND Conference 'To Empower & Inform Parents'  
4<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 at the Rufus Centre, Flitwick.  
Please visit our [website](#) for further information.**

**This conference is free to attend for our members, there are 100 tickets available on a first come/first served basis. It is really easy and free to become a member just complete this form.**

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**this form can also be found on our website.**

**Please book your ticket for the conference through Eventbrite if you have difficulty accessing this, we can book a ticket for you. Please either email [admin@snappcf.org.uk](mailto:admin@snappcf.org.uk) or call 07984 545044.**

### **Who is SNAP PCF?**

SNAP PCF role is to be a critical friend to the Local Authority (LA) and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) regarding services they provide to the SEND community ages 0-25 years.

Our focus is to enable parents to participate and have a voice. We do this by holding coffee mornings and running Parent Panels (this is where you review a service the local authority or health provides, we give you a £15.00 M&S voucher for attending). We also inform and empower parents by holding an annual conference where we invite heads of service from the local authority to attend and to meet with you for a mini surgery.

We also have a Satisfaction of SEND Services Survey running which we will use to inform our priorities and give to OFSTED and the CQC when they carry out their SEND Area Inspection in Central Bedfordshire - details of the survey can be found here:

<http://www.snappcf.org.uk/strategy-meeting-25th-june-2018-update/>

### **How to contact SNAP PCF?**

Our Director/Participation Manager, Kirsty Green, can be contacted either by email

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### **Become a member of SNAP PCF**

The benefits of becoming a member of SNAP PCF means you receive an invitation to attend our conference, attend parent training, our coffee mornings and can apply to attend our Parent Panels.

Here is a link to our membership form

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Or contact us at [admin@snappcf.org.uk](mailto:admin@snappcf.org.uk)