

Devon SEND Improvement Programme Newsletter

May 2018

[GDPR](#) is coming! Click the link to [opt in](#) and continue receiving updates about the latest SEND news.

Champions for Change update

Our young people's group, Champions for Change, met again on 2nd May 2018. The young people had their say on the questions to ask potential providers, as part of the [re-procurement of children's services](#). We also met our film-maker and cooked pizzas!



Services for children with Visual Impairments, Hearing Impairments or Multi-Sensory Impairments

A range of events have been held to gather the views of parent carers and children and young people affected by a sensory impairment. The [next event is on 24th May 2018](#) at Café 55 in Exeter, and will bring providers and parent carers together to look at how services can be delivered in the future. Contact Lucy Brewer if you would like to attend: lucy.j.brewer@devon.gov.uk



Small Grants Scheme 2018-19 now open

Devon's [Small Grants Scheme is now open](#) for applications from community groups that support children and young people with disabilities and their families.



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SEND Local Offer website: <http://new.devon.gov.uk/send>

We're looking for a Business Change Manager

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an experienced Children's Social Care practitioner to help us to improve outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and their families, by supporting the delivery of significant transformation projects and providing a crucial bridge between project delivery and the operational environment. [Applications are open](#) until 20th May 2018.

Meeting the Needs of Children and Young People with SEND in Devon – Core Competencies



The key message from the SEND Code of Practice is that everyone is responsible for meeting the needs of children and young people and working in partnership with families. This document, developed by partners and led

by a parent carer, aims to highlight core competencies (key areas of knowledge and understanding, skills and abilities) to ensure we collectively meet the needs of children and young people with SEND and their families in Devon.

New powers of SEND Tribunal

When the content of an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is challenged at court level, it goes to the First Tier Tribunal. From 3rd April, this Tribunal for SEND can now make non-binding recommendations for Health and Social Care, as well as Education. You can [read about the new trial and its implications](#) on the EHCP page of the SEND Local Offer website : <http://devon.cc/ehcplans>.

Scrutiny Report on SEND

Devon County Council's Children's Scrutiny Committee received a [report on attainment of children and young people with SEND](#).

Submit a story

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