

Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (WPEHS) offer for children and young people with SEND and their families and carers from April 2017

The Wellbeing Prevention and Early Help service (WPEHS) offers support to children, young people age 0-19+yrs (0 - 25yrs for SEND) and their families. The service identifies as early as possible when a child, young person or family needs support, helping them to access services to meet their needs, working with them to ensure the support offered is right for them, offered in the right place, at the right time.

The main focus of the service is to provide an enhanced level of support to individual children, young people or families with higher levels of need. Service resources are prioritised towards identified priority target groups or individuals at risk who are assessed using Lancashire's Common Assessment Framework (CAF) as having more complex or intensive needs aligned to Lancashire's Revised Continuum of Need (CoN) at Level 2 and who would benefit from a targeted early help offer.

As an integrated part of its service offer for children, young people and families, WPEHS will deliver the following for children and young people with SEND and their families;

1. WPEHS SEND offer regarding group based programmes

WPEHS delivers a variety of group based interventions to support parents, families, children and young people which target specific areas of need or vulnerabilities.

The WPEHS brings together and works in partnership with other key agencies coordinates services around the prevention and early help agenda, from midwives and health visitors to childcare providers and support for young people and families, ensuring a range of direct in order to facilitate access to integrated, targeted and some universal services across the Neighbourhood Centres in each District to meet the needs of local communities. These sessions are accessible to all children, young people, their families and carers, including those with SEND needs.

In addition, the WPEHS, as part of their targeted early help offer, will **provide at minimum, two group based opportunities per week dedicated to children and young people with SEND** in each district area, one focused around children (up to 0-11yrs), and a second focused on young people (over 11yrs).1-25yrs.

Children and young people attending these targeted groups may need to be accompanied by a parent/carer to attend to any personal or care needs as required.

Current details of these groups across the County area are as follows; .

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District	Group	Where	When	Contact
Burnley	Our Choice SEND Group 15-25 years	Burnley Zone	Tuesday 18.30 – 20.30	Kathryn Bancroft 07398253144
Chorley	0-5 years SEND Group	Highfield Neighbourhood Centre	Run Fortnightly Saturday 10.00 – 12.00	01257 262441
	6-11 years SEND Group			
	12-25 years SEND Group	Chorley Zone	Saturday 10.00 – 12.00	01257 270483
Fylde	Teen Seen 12-25 years SEND Group	Fylde Zone	Tuesday 18.30 – 20.30	Rachel Jackson 01772 682548
	0-5 years SEND Group	Sydney Street Neighbourhood Centre	Tuesday 16.00 – 17.00	VCFS led 01253 81571
Hyndburn	0-11 years SEND group SHINE	Great Harwood Neighbourhood Centre	Thursday 16.00 - 18.00	Aysha Begum 01254 880818
	12-25 years SEND Group SNAP	Hyndburn Zone	Thursday 18.45 - 20.45	Gillian Anson 07825112129
Lancaster	AOK SEND Stay and Play 0 - 11 years	Lune Park Neighbourhood Centre	Wednesday 13.00 – 15.00	Wenda Tyrer 01772 539444/ 539420
	ASD & SEND Youth Group 11 – 25 years	Morecambe Library	Wednesday 18.00 – 20.00	Wenda Tyrer 01772 539444/ 539420
Pendle	Colourful Voices SEND Group 12-25 years	Pendle Zone	Thursday 18.30 – 21.30	Tammy Tywang 01282 606333
Preston	Rainbows SEND Group	Riverbank Neighbourhood	Wednesday 9.45-11.30	Bev Jackson 01772 906770

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	0-5years	Centre		
	SEND Group 12-25years	Ashton Neighbourhood Centre	Friday 18.00 – 20.00	Cam May 01772 727032
Ribble Valley	0-11 years SEND Group	Ribble Valley Zone	Wednesday 16.30 -18.00	Emily Harrison 01200 443317
	Spring into Phab SEND Group 12-25 years	Ribble valley Zone	Monday 19.00 - 21.00	Elf Valinakis 01200 443317
Rossendale	0-11 years SEND Group Clovers Group	Maden Centre	Every 3 rd Monday of the month 13.15 -14.25	Janet Whittaker 01706 237780
	12-19 years SEND Group Stars	Rossendale Zone	Thursday 18.00 -21.00	Rachel Ferguson/ PaulWalsh 01706 242020
South Ribble	12-16 years SEND Group	South Ribble Zone	Friday 16.30 – 18.30	Helen Gardener 01772 426850
	16-25 years SEND Group - Unite	Walton Le Dale Neighbourhood Centre	Thursday 18.00 – 20.00	Helen Gardener 01772 426850
Wyre	0-11 years SEND Group	Flakefleet Neighbourhood Centre	Wednesday 15.30 – 17.30	Angela Spearpoint 01253 770682
	A Team 12- 25 years SEND Group	Wyre Zone	Monday 18.00 – 20.00	Michelle Beavers 01253770682

The details of this group work programme are well publicised at district level, through family based networks, partnership arrangements and social media.

Details are also available on the YouthZone 'What to Do' webpages on the council's website and the Family Information Network Directory.

Further information regarding these groups are also available from the WPEHS advice and support line, Talkzone, on 0800 51 11 11 or talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk

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In order to deliver these sessions safely WPEHS staff are committed to undertaking suitable risk assessments designed to manage needs and ensure the appropriate involvement and access requirements of all group participants. It is expected that children aged 11 and under will be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Subject to an appropriate risk assessment young people aged 12 and above may attend group sessions unaccompanied subject to the following;

- The young person is ambulant.
- The young person has no personal care needs
- The young person does not require administration of medication

2. WPEHS SEND offer regarding parenting support/education programmes

Parenting support is delivered by WPEHS through one to one targeted family support and group based programmes. These sessions are accessible to all parents and carers, including those whose children have SEND needs.

In addition, as part of the WPEHS targeted early help offer, **each district will deliver a parenting programme opportunity dedicated to parents and carers of children and young people with SEND at least once a year.**

These programmes will be tailored to meet the needs of families with SEND children/young people and will be advertised locally through the district 'What's On' Guides. Typically lasting between 10 to 12 weeks all courses will be delivered from a Neighbourhood Centre.

The WPEHS will identify families that may benefit from these courses from the caseloads held throughout the year in addition to publicising these courses locally. Access to these courses will also be available through referral via a Request for Support form.

3. WPEHS SEND offer regarding voice and influence

WPEHS is committed to ensuring that our service provision is shaped by the views and experiences of children, young people and families.

The WPEHS actively promotes the involvement of children and young people with disabilities and their parents within wider engagement processes as part of a council's participation strategy. This includes promotion of the Lancashire POWAR group, Lancashire's participation council group for children and young people with special needs and disabilities and Lancashire's Youth Council for young people aged 12-19 (25) which operates at both District and County levels.

Locally all districts actively consult with service users and their families to receive feedback on service provision and to help shape the services that are delivered.

4. WPEHS SEND offer regarding young people's transitions for learning, education and employment

Supporting young people into positive destinations is a key outcome measure for both LCC and Schools. Continued support whilst pupils are in transition on leaving school is an essential element of the support provided to SEND young people. Upon receipt of a request for support form, WPEHS will work with vulnerable SEND young people ages 14 – 19yrs within the bandings A-E1 to contribute to multi-agency planning and support for key transitions in their education, employment or training.

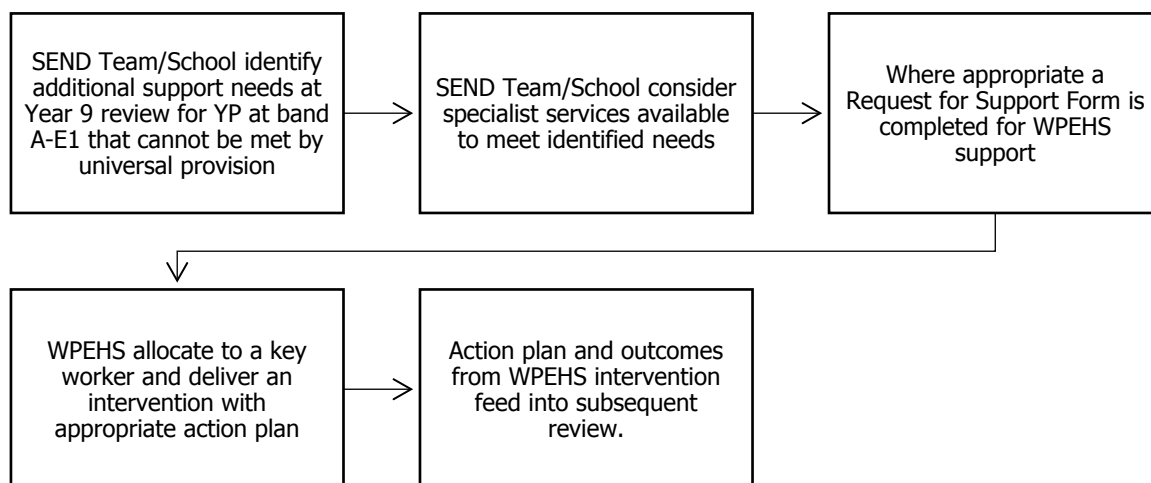
Schools and Further Education colleges have a statutory duty to provide all young people with independent careers guidance. The council works in local partnerships with schools, colleges and other partners to help develop the careers guidance offer they make through the Learning and Skills Team. The WPEHS work closely with the education and skills providers to inform its targeted support offer to young people with regard to;

- Capturing information about the intended destinations of SEND young people during year 11 in order to inform alignment of young people's intentions with the types and quantity of post 16yrs offers made available by colleges and training providers.
- Tracking the current destination of SEND young people in response to raising participation age
- Reducing the numbers of SEND young people who are not in education, employment and training, vulnerable to being so, or whose current destination is not known.
- Capturing through tracking the offer made available to SEND young people at the beginnings of Year 12 and 13 (September Guarantee)

The council is committed to paying particular attention to children and young people with SEND, who are significantly less likely to participate than their peers without SEND, and provide targeted support where needed. Where individual schools identify that a particular young person with SEND requires additional targeted support this can be requested by completing a 'Request for Support' form which will be assessed by WPEHS to see if appropriate support can be offered by the WPEHS at an early help level. Requests for Support for young people with SEND will be allocated to a qualified WPEHS worker who will provide a targeted intervention for a period of up to 12 weeks to address identified unmet needs that are not part of some other partners agencies remit of intervention. Where SEND young people are in receipt of targeted support WPEHS workers may attend and contribute to the SEND reviews and Education, Health and Care Plan assessments.

Requests for Support forms are available at [Lancashire Children's Trust - - Request for Support Form](#) and should be submitted to preventionearlyhelp@lancashire.gov.uk

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Universal information advice and guidance is additionally available via virtual and digital support, which can be accessed through the 'Talkzone' service via telephone, email, SMS text and social media (principally facebook and twitter). This service provides a foundation stone for access, being available 365 days per year, 2pm to 10pm.

5. WPEHS SEND offer regarding multi-agency working and pathways

The WPEHS is committed to ensuring clear information sharing processes and pathways with Health, Education and Social Care with respect to children and young people with SEND and their families to support the early identification of developmental delay or SEND, to be responded to at the appropriate level and by the appropriate agency.

Targeted support is available to families' assessed using Lancashire's Common Assessment Framework (CAF) as having more complex or intensive needs aligned to Lancashire's Revised Continuum of Need (CoN) at Level 2.

The WPEHS key workers will work as part of a 'team around the family' and will undertake the Lead Professional role where appropriate within their caseloads.

The WPEHS recognises and interfaces with other appropriate assessment tools used by key partners and will work in partnership to provide focused and coordinated early help interventions as part of agreed actions identified within the Education Health Care Plan or Review Action Plans.

Support can be requested by completing a 'Request for Support' form which will be assessed by WPEHS to see if appropriate support can be offered by the WPEHS at an early help level.

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Where Children's Social Care identify families with children and young people with profound disabilities who would benefit from the targeted family support that WPEHS can provide this can be accessed via completion of a Request for Support form.

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