



# Norfolk Parent Partnership News

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NPPN  
national parent  
partnership network

For parents and carers of a child with an Individual Education Plan

**We help/support families of children with special educational needs  
If you have any concerns about your child's education contact us**

Children's  
Services  
and Schools

## Is your child starting a new school or nursery? Do they have Special Educational Needs?

We run a confidential, impartial  
helpline; this is what other parents  
have said about us.

*"Without your calm  
professionalism and  
knowledge I might  
have floundered"*

*"I feel like you are the  
only people who  
understand, sometimes"*

*"The support was fantastic"*

*"Very clear and good  
Information"*

*"You sent me lots of useful  
information that I was able to  
share with my son's school"*

*"The system is complicated  
but you provided information  
which explained it well"*

**Do you have questions you would  
like answered about your child's  
education? Please contact us on  
the number below**

**Norfolk Parent Partnership,  
Woodside Road, Norwich, NR7 9QL**

**Tel: 01603 704070 Fax: 01603 704072**

**Email: [parent.partnership@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:parent.partnership@norfolk.gov.uk)**

**Website: [www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk](http://www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk)**

Norfolk Parent Partnership has the following organisations on our Steering Group



Health



## Changes to the Government's Guidance for supporting children with Special Educational Needs.

At the moment the Local Authority, schools and other education organisations use the SEN Code of Practice which is guidance from the 1996 Education Act. From September 2014 everyone will be working with a new **(0 - 25) Special Educational Needs Code of**

**Practice** which will be SEN guidance from the new Children and Families Bill.

During the summer both the House of Commons and Lords have been considering the **Indicative Code**

which is the **first draft** for them to work with and to suggest any changes. During the autumn a **Consultative Code** will be published which is for **all of us to comment on** before the government makes its final changes.

**Please watch our website:**



[www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk](http://www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk)  
and Facebook for updates and links to the Consultative Code.

### Would you like to be involved in helping the Local Authority prepare for the changes from the Children's & Families Bill?



We will be involved in working with the Local Authority to make the changes towards the Children and Families Bill.

If you would like your views to be considered please contact us by phone, email or letter so we can contact you.

Family Voice  
are a group of  
parents who aim  
to make sure parents of children  
with special and additional needs  
voices are heard within the local



authority. They will also be involved in making sure the authority are listening to the views of parents.

To join, Email:  
[admin@familyvoice.org.uk](mailto:admin@familyvoice.org.uk)

You can also join online at:  
[www.familyvoice.org.uk](http://www.familyvoice.org.uk)

**Tel: 07950 302937**

**Come and join us and let's  
work together.**



Over the last 18 years there has been growing concern nationally about how the law regarding special educational needs has worked to support children and young people. In particular, the way that children and families have been supported throughout an assessment process that can often appear to ignore their views and wishes.

The Children and Families Bill (2014) will be the biggest change in special educational needs legislation since the 1981 Act gave us The SEN Code of Practice, Statutory Assessments, Statements of SEN, and Annual Reviews.

From September 2014 all this will change and there will be a new joined up assessment procedure. This will replace statements with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHC plans) for people aged between 0 and 25 years. For those young people who have a statement now, it is expected there will be a period of time before the new plans replace them.



There will be an option for parents and young people to have a personal budget to use to help to

meet the child or young person's SEN. The Bill will also include a Local Offer, produced by the local authority. This will tell you about all the support and services available to children and young people with SEN. There will be a new Code of Practice which will tell Health, Education, and Social Care to work much more closely together when they commission (arrange) services for children and young people with SEN.

Over the next year the local authority will be working with health commissioners, parents, young people, schools, the voluntary sector and other SEN Service providers. Together we will put things in place so that we meet the new legislation. We will be helped in doing so by advice and support from other authorities who have acted as pathfinders. These authorities have already tried out these new ways of working.

This new legislation aims to put children, young people, and families at the heart of the process in meeting special educational needs.

**Dave Winteringham**  
**Principal Educational Psychologist**  
**Professional Lead for Educational Psychology and Specialist Support**



## Would you like to receive confidential emotional support from another parent?

Parent to Parent (P2P) is a UK-wide confidential telephone service providing emotional support to parents and carers of children or adults with autism.

The service is provided by trained parent volunteers who are all parents themselves of a child or adult with autism.

Volunteers are based across the UK so you don't have to share information with someone in your local area.

.....Ring: 0808 800 4106



## Information & Drop-In Day



**On Wednesday 16th October 2013**

To be held at: Lord Nelson Grandstand,  
Great Yarmouth Racecourse, Jellicoe Road,  
Great Yarmouth, NR30 4AU

Doors will open to the public at 09:15am and close at 5:00pm

On-site parking will be available.

**The day will offer:**

**'Information Sessions'** A small fee will be payable for each session and Pre-booking is required.

**Information Stands** from various organisations.

Email: [exhibitions@autism-anglia.org.uk](mailto:exhibitions@autism-anglia.org.uk) or  
Telephone / text Anne: 07774 033050

For disabled young people in transition to adulthood, their families and people who support them



This new website has been designed as the sector's 'go to' place for the latest news, resources and events on issues relating to transition.

**[www.transitioninfonetwork.org.uk](http://www.transitioninfonetwork.org.uk)**

The aim of this website is to provide information about transition that is useful to disabled young people, parents/carers and professionals. The website has the needs of the user at its heart; it's designed to ensure that you can find exactly what you need from the second you open the home page.



We provide local listings of classes and events in

Norfolk for children ages 0-11 years. With a forum to connect to other local parents, we also have a variety of articles, recipes and reviews of places to eat and places to go.

Look at our website for further details  
**[www.sprouts.co.uk](http://www.sprouts.co.uk)**

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