



"He jumps out of bed in the morning to go to school!"

Bradley lives in the fens with his grandmother Yvonne. Bradley struggled with main stream primary education, attending various schools until he eventually left full time education.

Yvonne had been in touch with Norfolk SEND Partnership for the last three years, and had help from Independent Partnership Supporters with paperwork, meetings with schools and general education advice.



Yvonne is so grateful for the support from both the staff in the office and the Independent Supporter, Nicky.

'Without the help and advice from Norfolk SEND Partnership, I would have fallen apart with all the worry and anxiety.'

Bradley has now started at The Sheridan School in Northwold, where he is progressing well and more importantly is happy. **"He jumps out of bed in the morning to go to school!"**

The Local Offer

Each Local Authority has to publish a Local Offer setting out in one place information about what they expect to be available in;

Education, Health and Social Care

for children and young people in their area who have Special Educational Needs and disabilities.

It should provide clear, complete, easy to understand and up to date information about what is available and how to access it.

It should mean that gaps in what is available across the county can be seen and if possible provision put in place.

It should directly involve young people and parents of those with SEN and disabilities in its development and review.

The Local Offer is a resource to find out about what is available; it asks for feedback but does not give advice.

Norfolk SEND Partnership Information Advice and Support Service

Each Local Authority has to have a SENDIASS service to give information advice and support to Children, Young People, Parents and Carers about Education, Health and Social Care with or about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. This support is given by phone, email or face to face.

Norfolk SEND Partnership IASS has a dedicated website and **helpline 01603 704070**. We also have a group of Independent Partnership Supporter volunteers who support young people and parents. You can also email at;

sendpartnership.iass@norfolk.gov.uk

SEND Partnership will suggest you look at the Local Offer for up to date information about what is available.

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Transition for those with SEND

Is your child changing schools this summer?

Are you moving on to college or other training providers?

We all hope that schools and colleges are ready to support all their new pupils or students when they start their new provision. Early preparation and a good Transition Plan can help things go smoothly. The Transition Plan could include:

- Visiting the school or college both when pupils or students are present and when it is quiet
- Visual timetable with pictures
- A map of the premises
- Practising the journey with visual clue cards
- Photographs of the teachers or tutors
- Considering reasonable adjustments early for those with disabilities
- Making sure information is passed on from the current SENCO to the new one
- Checking that new staff are trained and aware of your child or young persons SEN and disabilities
- Discussing new vocabulary, what do the new words mean? e.g. science to physics, chemistry and biology
- Changes to homework, what will be expected?
- Who can help, who do I go to?



Making sure Care Plans are transferred if needed.

Writing a personal profile with the pupil or student for new staff.

**For further suggestions and information please call us on:
01603 704070.**

If your child has a statement of SEN or an EHC Plan the Local Authority will write to you this Sept/Oct asking you to name the school you would like your child to go to.

Moving to High School in September 2016?



If your child has a statement of SEN or an EHC Plan the Local Authority will write to you this Sept/Oct asking you to name the school you would like your child to go to.

It is important that you start looking at schools now so you are able to make an informed choice.

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“ Sleep.... What’s that ?”

FREE paired workshop for parents/carers of children with additional needs experiencing sleep difficulties on:

Workshop 1: 21 September and 9 October 2015

Workshop 2: 12 October and 6 November 2015

Workshop 3: 9 November and 30 November 2015

All workshops from 12 am to 2pm **at the Newberry Clinic, Lowestoft Road, Gorleston NR31 6SQ and The Hamlet Centre, Norwich.** Email joybishop@sleepeast.co.uk to book your place.

Norfolk SEND Partnership is an ‘arms length service’ funded by Norfolk County Council, working with the voluntary sector and other professionals to support young people and parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Welcome Nikki and Elaine to the SEND team

Nikki Forshaw - Assistant Partnership Officer

Having previously worked for 8 years as an Additional Needs Coordinator, I was keen to take on this new role with Norfolk SEND Partnership to continue to support young people and their families through the changes that the Children & Families Act 2014 has introduced.

One of the most notable changes is that now the law extends to young people aged 25 when in education or training. This will put greater focus on post 16 providers.

There is also a requirement for local authorities to work more collaboratively, bringing health, social care and education closer together to plan support services for young people.

With that in mind, this new role will take three main strands initially:

- **Linking up with health colleagues** to find out more about their processes and any changes that are happening within the health arena that might

affect young people with EHCP's. We also want to look at ways of joint working that should make things clearer and systems easier to use for our young people and families.

- **link in with young people (16-25)** to ensure they are represented in the way they want to be at college or other further education establishments. Asking questions like, 'is the help you need easily available to you?' 'What student support groups can you go to in your college for help or advice?' 'Do you get the support you need from them?' It would also be good to know what is working well and what might need improvement so that it can be taken forward and shared.
- **lending a hand in the office with the helpline work** and advising parents and young people in line with the code of practice.

Nikki will be based at the SEND Partnership office in Norwich but will work with contacts county wide.



Elaine Horn— Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) Independent Supporter (IS)

I have recently been working with the Education, Health and Care Plan Coordinators, supporting their work with Statements of SEN and the new Education, Health & Care Plans which were introduced in September 2014.

I am very pleased to have joined the Norfolk SEND Partnership; to manage the Independent Supporter (IS) role and work alongside IS colleagues across the county.

Our IS team will be supporting young people, parents and families through the changes between Statements of SEN and moving on to an EHC Plan, 'the transition'. We will also be there for



those of you who are going through the process for the very first time and would like some support. Starting on the process can be stressful and we can be there to help you understand how the EHC Plan works, what you need to do and what choices you have. This should help to make the process far clearer and more successful for young people, you and your child.

I will be based at the Norfolk SEND Partnership office in Norwich, covering the whole of the county. **If you would like the support of an Independent Supporter from SEND Partnership**, please ring the office on 01603 704070 to arrange a convenient meeting with an IS, at your home or somewhere local to you.

Scope are also delivering Independent Support across the county. To contact Scope call 07764 256471 or email: wayne.doman@scope.org.uk



**Do you like helping others? Are you a good listener?
Could you support young people and parents of children
with special educational needs and disabilities as a volunteer?**

We are holding FREE training in the Wymondham area this autumn 2015

**The course runs for 9 weeks (excluding school holidays) one day a week,
9.30am to 3.30pm**

If you are interested we look forward to hearing from you.

Make a real difference to young people and parents of children with SEND

For more information call us on 01603 704070

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