



SEND BULLETIN

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The LIIA SEND Bulletin highlights events and news for colleagues in local authorities who work with children and young people with SEND. Find out more about LIIA's work in SEND [here](#). With thanks to Cathy Hamer for information on national events.

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

RELEASE OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE STRATEGY: STABLE HOMES, BUILT ON LOVE



On Thursday 2nd February, the Government published its response to the [Independent Review of Children's Social Care](#). The response - [Stable Homes, Built on Love](#) outlines the Government's implementation strategy for reforms to children's social care. The strategy is now open to [public consultation](#).

OFSTED ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22: EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SKILLS

This year's [Ofsted Annual Report](#) describes the extent to which education and children's social care have recovered in the wake of the pandemic.

SURVEY: YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICE

LIIA is running a survey to understand how young people with SEND have their voice heard in their local area, and how we can better support local authorities to engage with their young people with SEND. We also want to help young people with SEND make links with their peers in other boroughs, with the potential to organise regional or sub-regional events. To help us with this work, please fill in this [5-minute survey](#) on arrangements in your borough. The survey closes on the 17th February.

LIIA EVENTS

3.3.23: LOCAL AREA SEND INSPECTIONS: WORKSHOP

On the 29th November, Ofsted released their new framework for conducting Local Area SEND Inspections. There are some significant changes from the previous framework, including the introduction of a 3-tier judgement system. Inspections using the new framework have already begun, though no LA in London has yet been inspected. Inspections are expected to begin with those LAs who were inspected first in the previous round of inspections. See the list of the London SEND Inspections in date order [here](#).

To support Local Authorities in preparing for these new inspections, LIIA is holding an in-person workshop for LAs and partners to discuss the new framework and share learning from LAs who have been inspected under the new framework.

This workshop is aimed at SEND Leads, Strategic Managers, Parent Carers, and Strategic Education Leads, so please encourage colleagues to sign up to attend. Please note that there are only 100 places available at this event, and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Book tickets on the [Eventbrite](#) page.



7.3.23: SEND AND FINANCE WORKSHOP

This is an online workshop for SEND Leads and Finance Leads to share learning on work being done across the capital to address financial challenges in SEND services. Newton Europe will also be joining us to support discussion of the Delivering Better Value and Safety Valve programmes. All SEND and Finance leads should have already received an invite, but please contact **vita.baxelondoncouncils.gov.uk** if you haven't got one. Please also do liaise with your borough's Finance lead to ensure they will be coming and that your borough is represented.

24.3.23: LONDON SEND SUMMIT



LIIA will be holding the second London SEND Summit this year, on Friday 24th March at the Guildhall. We will be coming together as a region to hear more from the Department for Education about how proposed changes to the SEND system (as outlined in the 2022 SEND and AP Green Paper) will be implemented, alongside other key inputs on improving outcomes for children in London.

[Book your tickets on Eventbrite here!](#)

This event is for DCSs, LA SEND leads, DCOs/DMOs, Parent Carer Reps, ICB SEND leads, and other partners, so please do encourage your colleagues to attend as well. Please note that each borough has 5 spaces at this event so you may wish to co-ordinate to ensure that all partners are represented. To access your borough's tickets, please input the first four letters of your borough's name as the access code.

OTHER EVENTS

20.2.23: SOCIAL CARE-SEND CHAMPION TRAIN THE TRAINER WORKSHOP – LONDON

This programme of training is designed to support operational social care-SEND champions in local areas to deliver training and to support the workforce in relation to 3 key areas:

- Module 1 – The legal framework for SEND and Social Care
- Module 2 – The role of Social Care in the SEND system
- Module 3 – Providing good quality social care advice and information

The regional 'train the trainer' workshop will support participants to develop their skills in developing and facilitating social care-SEND training. The DSCO (Designated Social Care Officer for SEND) or other senior Social Care/SEND manager should identify a small group of 4-8 Social Care-SEND champions per local area who will be responsible for ongoing workforce development and who will be able to deliver the training for the local area. All participants will need to complete the CDC Social Care and SEND e-learning in advance. This is a free, online event, participants will receive a link with joining instructions in advance.

If you are a DSCO, senior Social Care or SEND Manager in a local area and would like to nominate a small team to be involved in the training for your region **please contact Tamara Moncada at tmoncada@ncb.org.uk**. Please note this is a repeat of the national sessions that CDC ran in March 2022 so if you have already participated please do not register to attend this one. It is possible for other participants from the same local area to attend the regional session.

MULTIPLE DATES: CDC SOCIAL CARE AND SEND TRAINING SESSIONS

As part of the Research and Improvement for SEND Excellence (RISE) programme funded by the Department of Education, the Council for Disabled Children (CDC) will be delivering training sessions in February and March on Social Care, SEND, and Co-production. This workshop was designed specifically to meet an area of need for professionals working in the children's social care system, following a workforce survey conducted by CDC and NDTi.

The objectives include:

- Increase your understanding of the opportunities for co-production in social care and SEND,
- Increase your knowledge and skills in communicating with disabled children and young people in the context of social care and SEND,
- Learn from CDC's previous DfE funded programme on Transforming Culture and Practice in Social Care, and
- Reflect and share local strengths and challenges with colleagues from other local areas.

If you work in the children's social care system and are interested in improving your understanding and knowledge of Social Care, SEND and Co-Production, CDC encourage you to [register here](#).

The workshop is being delivered multiple times and will take place online, using MS Teams, so please select the training date that suits you best. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Tamara Moncada at tmoncada@ncb.org.uk.

22.2.23 9.30 – 12.30 BEHAVIOUR, EXCLUSIONS, DELAYED ENTRY AND THE EQUALITY ACT (COUNCIL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN)

This national seminar will explore the connections between equality considerations, behaviour and exclusions from settings for children 5 and under. A rights-based approach to behaviour management of early years children will be applied.

[Book tickets here!](#)

23.2.23 COST OF LIVING: SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN THE EARLY YEARS

This Anna Freud training is hosted by Early Years in Mind. **[Book tickets here!](#)**

8.3.23: MAKING PARTICIPATION WORK - NATIONAL PRACTITIONERS' CONFERENCE

This online event brings together participation, co-production, engagement practitioners and strategic managers to discuss how SEND youth voice and engagement plays a role in developing quality local area provision. The deadline for sign-ups is Friday 10th February 2023. You can register for the conference **[here](#)**.

GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLE

CAMBRIDGESHIRE INTENSIVE SHORT BREAKS HUB: WEBINAR 15.2.22

NHSE are hosting two Lunch and Learn Webinars to share good practise approaches with local areas developing their plans to respond to the Long Term Plan commitments focused on increasing community services to prevent avoidable hospital admissions, reduce lengths of stay and to keep children in their communities. This webinar will showcase Cambridgeshire's Intensive Short Breaks Hub, leads will share the approach they took to pull large scale and cross system transformation together.

The session will cover:

- A brief overview of the model
- What the local area did
- How they did it
- How they secured buy in and funding

This hour-long session is aimed at:

- ICB Children's Commissioners
- Local Authority Commissioners and Heads of Disabled Children's social care teams
- Provider Collaboratives
- Designated Clinical Officers
- Parent Carer Forums
- CAMHS/IAPT teams focused on Autism & Acute ward settings.

To sign up to this Webinar, please [click here](#).

RESOURCES

PDA (PATHOLOGICAL DEMAND AVOIDANCE) SOCIETY RESOURCES

These FREE resources including a wide range of information sheets, are available to download from the resource library, along with our What is PDA? booklet, Practice Guidance for identifying and assessing PDA and many other helpful resources and webinars.

[Click here to see the resource library.](#)

CORAM: 10,000 VOICES

A new report by Coram Voice, 10,000 voices, highlights what children in care aged 4 - 18 have said about their well-being. The report found that the vast majority of children in care felt their lives were improving and many spoke positively of their experience.

[Read here!](#)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT 2014 : A FAILURE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Read the Select Committee report on the 2014 Children and Families Act [here](#).

THANKS FOR READING!

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