

Notes from September Café on Restructure of Sutton Education Services (SES)

Adrian Williams, Interim Head of Education and Tracy Burley, Managing Director of SES joined us to discuss the restructure of Sutton Education Services (SES), the implications of the new arrangements for parent/carers of children and young people with additional needs and to answer questions. This meeting was very well attended and draft notes, including Questions and Answers, are currently being finalized for publication on our website.

A New Carers Strategy

We are looking for expressions of interest from carers to join a small task and finish group to help us develop our joint Strategy. Please contact Jane Knowles at the Sutton Parents Forum or Fay Austin, Commissioning Manager Sutton Council, for more details.

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Sutton's Local Offer

Information for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)



As I am sure you are aware, following the implementation of the Children and Families Act 2014, it is now a statutory requirement for each local authority to produce a Local Offer.

The Local Offer is a “one stop shop” of services and support that is available to children and young people from the age of 0 to 25 years with special educational needs or a disability and their parents and carers.

There is information on Universal services, which can be accessed by any child, with or without a disability; targeted services, which are provided specifically to support children and young people with disabilities and their families and specialist services which provide support at the highest level of need.

The Local Offer is a living document that is constantly reviewed and updated. Your feedback is important and there is a feedback facility.

We are all very pleased with the feedback so far and we would like to receive yours too! Please have a look at: <http://localoffer.sutton.gov.uk>

If you would like any further information, have any suggestions to make or if you know of a service that you think should be on the Local Offer, please email localoffer@sutton.gov.uk I look forward to hearing from you.

Rosemary Brennan
Local Offer Project Officer



Sutton Parent Carer Forum Café

MENTAL CAPACITY, POWERS OF ATTORNEY & COURT OF PROTECTION EXPLAINED

Wednesday 18th October 2017 coffee from 10.00am for a 10.30am start until 1pm

Strawberry Lodge Conference Centre, Strawberry Lane,
Carshalton SM5 2NQ



Philip is the Managing Director of Renaissance Legal. He specialises in helping families and carers of disabled and vulnerable people plan for their future using Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Court of Protection applications and Inheritance Tax Planning.

Philip regularly speaks at and holds legal clinics & seminars on behalf of many local and national charities including Mencap, The Carers Centre, Age UK, Amaze and Rett UK.

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person who may not be able to make decisions about their welfare and finances now or in the future, you will need to consider the best ways to protect them as they move to adulthood. Philip Warford, Lawyer and specialist in planning for the future of disabled & vulnerable people, will talk through who can make decisions on behalf of another person, the key principles of the Mental Capacity Act 2005, Powers of Attorney and how the Court of Protection might help.

Philip will discuss:

MENTAL CAPACITY

- What is mental capacity & who assesses mental capacity
- What affects mental capacity
- Different levels of capacity for different things
- How the Mental Capacity Act 2005 affects us

POWERS OF ATTORNEY

- What is a Power of Attorney
- Lasting Powers of Attorney explained

COURT OF PROTECTION

- What it is and what it does
- When and how to contact them
- Timescales and their charges

To book your place please email
suttonparentsforum@outlook.com

Family Workshops



Sutton Parents Forum and Sutton College are pleased to offer the following workshops exclusively for families with children and young people with disabilities / additional needs. These classes will take place at Sutton College.

Date: Friday 27th October 2017
Venue: Sutton College, St Nicholas Way, Sutton, SM1 1EA
Cost: £5 per child (up to 16 years old)
£10 per young person (over 16 years old)
Max 2 children per adult

Drama & Music - "The Worst Witch & Fantastic Beasts"

10:30 to 11:30 (ages 4 to 10 yrs)

12:00 to 13:00 (ages 10 to 25 yrs)

Spooktacular Science

13:15 to 14:30 (ages 4 to 10 yrs)

14:45 to 16:00 (ages 10 to 25 yrs)

To find out more or to book your places, please contact the Sutton Parents Forum: suttonparentsforum@outlook.com or telephone 07557 760328 or 07468 692410 by 6/10/17

Places are limited—book early!

For further information on Sutton College family learning courses, please email familylearning@suttoncollege.ac.uk or visit www.suttoncollege.ac.uk/category/family-learning/



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Dates for Your Diary!

Please remember that **all** parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs and/or disabilities are members of the Parents Forum. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis or be registered with a disability for you to access our services and attend our events.

Date	Time	Topic	Venue
12.10.17	10am—12	ASD/ Neurodevelopmental pathway Coproduction Meeting 2	Good Shepherd SM5 4NP
18.10.17	10am—1pm	Philip Walford (see front page)	Strawberry Lodge SM5 2NQ
7.11.17	11am—2pm	Welfare Benefits Workshop focusing on families with children with additional needs	Encompass 3, Robin Hood Lane SM1 2SW
24.11.17	10am—2pm	SES Follow Up Adrian Williams and Tracy Burley	TBC
7.12.17	12—2pm	Christmas Lunch in partnership with Sutton Mencap	8, Stanley Park Road SM6 0EU