Welcome...

to the autumn edition of SNIX NEWS, a newsletter for children with special educational needs or disabilities and their families.

Participation and Engagement SEND Group

One of the actions that was agreed from the 2020 strategy was that the existing ‘Participation and Engagement SEND Group’ would continue to meet. The group was initially set up to prepare the Local Area for an inspection by the Care Quality Commission and Ofsted. This took place in 2017.

The Participation and Engagement group meet every other month and is chaired by the Service Manager for IASS, currently Nikki Taylor.

Representatives at the group are from a range of agencies such as Autism East Midlands, Parent Forum Group, Young Health Watch, Shooting Stars and Deaf Connect as well as the Local Authority Services.

The group shares and disseminates information to their contacts in youth clubs and social clubs and through websites to offer everyone an opportunity to contribute and take part. The group report to the Disabled Children’s and Young People’s Delivery Group.

Successful projects have taken place, and the group actively encourages other agencies to use them to gather opinions and to share consultations.

Representatives from the group attended the recent and very sunny ‘Rockin Roadrunner’ at Abington Park on 15 September 2019. This music festival is organised by the night club of the same name – which is for adults with learning disabilities at the Roadmender – but the music festival has evolved into a family and community arena. Local groups display their skills such as Dance with a Difference and Y-Not-Arts from NMPAT.

At the 2019 event, Participation and Engagement partners from NPFG, IASS, Local Offer, NAYC, and NASS were in attendance. Other partners who were unable to attend were represented by the group.

If we spoke to you at the event, it was lovely to meet you all, and if you didn’t get there this year, let’s hope to see you next.
New EHC Service Manager

We would like to inform you of a number of staff changes that have recently taken place within the Local Authority regarding SEND and the EHC Team in particular.

Alison Shipley, Assistant Director for Vulnerable Learners retired in July 2019. Most of her areas of responsibility now report to Sharon Muldoon, Deputy Director of Childrens Services. The exception is the Disabled Childrens Team which reports to Assistant Director, Safeguarding and Children’s Services.

As part of this reorganisation Gwyn Botterill has taken the role of SEND Strategic Manager and now manages services within the Authority relating to SEND i.e. EHC Team, Education Psychology, Specialist Support Services, Sensory Impairment Service and High Needs Funding team.

Anthony Giles has been appointed as the Service Manager of the EHC Team replacing Gwyn Botterill. Anthony Giles remains the EHC Officer for North and East Northampton until this vacancy is filled.

Ian Pinnock has been appointed as the EHC Officer for Corby. Ian comes with a vast experience within education.

Mark Shock has moved across as the new EHC Officer for Kettering, with both Ian and Mark sharing responsibility for covering East Northants.

Pippa Mazzariello is now the EHC Officer for the Wellingborough area.

Bernie Miley has moved across to become EHC Officer for the South and West of Northampton.

There is also a vacancy for the role of EHC Officer for Daventry and South Northants, with all current officers covering the work for this area until a new officer is appointed.

Eileen Lane retired in August from her post as Senior SEN Officer, and her position will not be replaced.

SHOOTING STARS – Making participation work for young people conference 17th April 2019

Three young people represented Shootings Stars to attend the ‘Making Participation Work Conference’ on the 17th April 2019 in London, with support from the Participation Team. The aim of the event was to engage with other young people from across the country and give feedback about their priorities for disabled young people through various workshops.

There were over 80 young people from across the country that attended. The conference was opened by Nadhim Zahawi MP for Children and Families who spoke about bringing together individuals and participation groups from around England to learn about why having a voice matters, discuss their experiences of participation, and inspire each other to get involved in decision-making.

The young people participated in various workshops. The first one was “Life Skills” where the young people learnt how to plan for their future. It was discussing doing things at home, managing money, looking after your health and trying new activities. The workshop looked at how life skills can help you, and gave ideas to use life skills to make your rights a reality.

The young people also attended the “Expressing Yourself and Being Heard Online” workshop where the young people learnt how to make the most of their rights when accessing the internet, how to express themselves and to be heard online; how social media and blogs are great ways to share opinions, and how to make your content eye-catching and accessible to have an impact.

Really, really good. Absolutely want to go again. It helps me develop my skills to help me with my future - Harry

Fantastic liked the workshops - Alfie

The young people really enjoyed the day and the feedback was really positive. What they said:

Whilst the young people engaged in the workshops staff networked with other professionals to find out how they participate and gain the voice of the child in their areas. The number of young people that attend Shooting Stars was largely higher than other areas where participation of groups on average is about five young people.

Very informative as it gave me information that you don’t always receive - Stephen
Northants Parent Forum Group

The Northants Parent Forum Group (NPFG) is an independent parent-led group formed and run by parent volunteers to represent the views of families of children and young people up to the age of 25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities in Northamptonshire.

We hope you had a good summer and maybe we have seen you in the meantime at various events during the busy September and October.

Workshops

We will continue our workshop series in November and the second legal workshop will focus on what should be included in an Education Health and Care Plan and getting the content right.

This session will take place on
26th November 2019 from 10:00am -12:30pm

Please secure your place via the following link:
https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/ticket/DxB6GXMiYx/detail/id/3099

The venue will be the Board Room in the Shoosmiths Offices, The Lakes, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN4 7SH.

Cerebra

We also have an offer from Cerebra to conduct workshops on the subjects of sleep and accessing public services, but we wanted to gather feedback prior to booking these workshops. If you would like further information about what the workshops entail or to express your interest, please drop us an email.

As always we appreciate your feedback either via social media, email: enquiries@npfg.co.uk or at our monthly drop in sessions on the first Thursday each month between 10:00-12:00 at the Bee Hive in Kingsthorpe, Harborough Road, NN2 8LR.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the above events!
SEN School Transport Department

What are Pick-up Points?
A Pick-up Point, or ‘PuP’ is a single point of collection or set down for children travelling to and from school. They promote a range of benefits for the children that use them, and have been adopted by a large number of local authorities.

Pick-up Points are designed with the following principles in mind:

- **To keep the points close to your home.** The vast majority of points will be within 0.5 miles of your home, with only a small number being more than this (up to a maximum of a mile).
- **To make the points as safe and efficient as possible.** Pick-up Points have been selected to be pre-existing areas suitable for transport to stop, such as bus stops.

Why Pick-up Points?

- They can reduce travel times on average by half by consolidating existing routes in most cases
- They promote increased daily physical activity for children and accompanying adults
- They promote increased independence for SEN pupils
- They are a more efficient use of NCC resources
- They can reduce our carbon footprint, congestion and noise pollution
- Evidence on travel times and improved performance at school
- A 2012 study into child transport found that exercise, even a small amount has greater rewards for academic performance than diet

Who does this affect?

Our ambition is to enable children to benefit from Pick-up Points. Corby Business Academy is the first school where we have introduced Pick-up Points. They will be introduced at other schools across the county throughout the academic year.

We will work closely with schools to identify suitable candidates for Pick-up Points.

Not all children will be deemed suitable for Pick-up Points because of their needs, or because of their home location.

When will this take place?
Pick-up Points commenced for Corby Business Academy students from the first day of the 19/20 academic year. If your child’s school is selected for implementation of Pick-up Points then we will be in contact accordingly.

How will Pick-up Points work?
A responsible adult will be expected to accompany the child to the Pick-up Point and wait with the child until the transport arrives, unless parental consent has been provided for the child to travel alone.

At the end of the school day your child will be transported to the specified ‘Set-down Point’, where an adult is expected to meet them, unless parental consent has been provided for the child to travel alone.

If an adult is not present to meet the child, the child will not be dropped off (unless prior parental consent has been provided for them to travel alone). The SEN Transport team will be contacted by the Passenger Assistant in this instance and the nominated contacts will be called.

Please send any questions regarding Pick-up Points to: tcu@northamptonshire.gov.uk

National consultation
The Department for Education have a national consultation for revised guidance on home to school travel and transport.

They also welcome feedback from other interested parties, including:

- schools
- parents
- organisations involved in advising parents
- transport providers
- special educational needs and disability organisations

The consultation closes on
31st October 2019
In March 2017, three events were held as a consultation with the SEN community to develop a strategy for Special Educational Needs in Northamptonshire for the next three years.

It is planned that there will be a ‘What Next’ consultation opportunity in 2020 to set a new five year plan for special educational needs and disabilities in the county.

What happened after the consultation events?

There was an agreed set of principles:

- Collective Responsibility
- Early Support and Intervention
- Inclusion
- Appropriately Trained Workforce
- Localisation
- Personalisation
- Co-production
- Partnership
- Culture Change

The points raised and recorded from the events were compiled into a ‘delivery plan’ and agreed with the Disabled Children and Young People’s Delivery Board (a cross-agency partnership of senior managers). This plan is reviewed at each board meeting and the delivery plan is updated.

The delivery plan has four key priorities:

**Priority One**
To ensure that every child and young person with SEND makes excellent progress, through access to high quality provision.

Three special school head teachers met with the LA to discuss and agree how mainstream schools can be supported by them.

The Inclusion Network meetings (for Sencos) now have a strategic officer from the LA leading on training and attending to offer advice at every meeting.

**Priority Two**
To engage with children, young people and their families to promote early identification and support that meets need.

A Partnership Participation and Engagement Board meets regularly. It is available to conduct surveys and provide feedback from young people and families for all strategic groups.

All young people with an EHC plan have a Viewpoint logon that enables them to securely report about their support, health and social situation. This informs the ‘annual review’ of their EHC plan.

Training has been undertaken with health care colleagues to develop links and information to inform EHC assessments and reviews.

**Priority Three**
To develop smooth progression to adulthood for all young people with SEND.

A short breaks contract was awarded to Action for Children to provide youth groups and holiday activities. SCOPE was awarded a contract to offer ‘Sleep Solutions’ in a variety of locations. A parental ‘Shadow Board’ and associated social media groups were established for residential short-breaks.

A transport working group created a ‘Transport Panel’ to agree and provide creative and flexible solutions for SEN children when needed.

**Priority Four**
To improve the quality and timeliness of multi-agency Education, Health and Care assessments and quality of plans for those who require specialist levels of support.

The restructure of EHC team to a locality based service took place, following the completion of the transfer of all statements of special educational needs to EHC plans. There has been recruitment of new SEN Officers to manage workload, however the team is not yet fully staffed.

EHC plan quality surveys started in September 2019. Education providers and parents can use an online referral form to request a statutory assessment.

The SEN Sufficiency report was published and, following consultation, approved by Cabinet in September 2019. Work is on-going to progress the schools in south and east Northamptonshire and additional capacity across the county in areas where there are identified gaps.

The SEN EHC moderation panel was restructured and the Health Service Designated Clinical Officer attends to offer health advice.

The ‘All Age Autism Strategy’ was developed and published. Autism Champions group established to provide support. Autism awareness training is being delivered by the occupational workforce development.
Secondary School Transfer Year 5 Seminar

Supporting the positive transfer to Secondary School for Children with Special Educational Needs

This seminar is for you if you are a Parent or Carer of a child in Year 5

- With an EHC Plan
- Or who is receiving SEN support at School

Northampton Venue
Nene Whitewater Centre
Bedford Road, Northampton, NN4 7AA

Kettering Venue
The Eden Centre School
21 Montague Street, Kettering, NN16 8XG

Oundle Venue
Oundle CofE Primary
Cotterstock Road, Peterborough, PE8 5HA

Dates
Northampton Venue
Tuesday 28 January 2020
9.30am - 11.30am
Tuesday 10 March 2020
12.30pm - 2.30pm

Kettering Venue
Tuesday 14 January 2020
9.30am - 11.30am
Tuesday 24 March 2020
12.30pm - 2.30pm

Oundle Venue
Thursday 23 January 2020
9.30am - 11.30am

Booking is essential
Please contact us to register your place, clearly stating the date, time and venue you wish to attend. Please also indicate whether you will be in Group 1 or Group 2 during the session

Email: contact@iassnorthants.co.uk
Parents

SEND Support Service courses for parents

The SEND Support Service run courses on a variety of themes including anger and emotional understanding, anxiety and sensory issues.

They also offer age-specific courses, such as ‘Spectrum and Reflections’ These are six-week courses for parents and carers of children with social communication difficulties and/or autism who live in Northamptonshire. Parents and carers have the opportunity to learn more about autism.

Each session is two hours long and is held once a week for 6 weeks. We hope, through the course, to enable parents and carers to develop a range of support strategies for their child which can be used both at home and in their educational setting.

All courses are free of charge and can be booked on the SSS website. These courses are very popular, and new dates for courses are released each term. Please check back if you find the course you want is unavailable.

You can sign up to a reserve list if the course you need is full and you should be notified when ticket cancellations are redistributed. You can also email us on sss@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk if the course you want is unavailable. Where possible we will try to arrange a space on the course for everyone on the reserve list.

If you have booked a course and then find you don’t need it, please cancel it on the Event Brite system so that your space can be redistributed.

Dyslexia Awareness Training Workshops for Parents

Are you the parent of a Dyslexic Child or Teenager in Northamptonshire or Buckinghamshire?

Would you like to be able to help your child with?


If the answer is 'YES' to any of the above, then to register your interest or to book a workshop, please email info@nbda.org.uk

Study Skills – November 21st 7pm – 9 pm (Venue t.b.c.)
Maths Strategies – February 10th 2020 – (Time and venue t.b.c.)
Spelling Strategies – March 24th 2020 (Time & venue t.b.c.)
Assistive Technology – May 11th 2020 (Time & venue t.b.c.)
Emotional Impact – June 22nd (Time and venue t.b.c.)
Reading & Comprehension – Sept 8th 2020 (Time and venue t.b.c.)

Please note: Places are limited to 25 per workshop on a first come first served basis.
Cost per workshop:
Members £7:00 Non Members £15:00

Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire Dyslexia Association www.nbda.org.uk Help line: 01604 328 075 (Answerphone only) Admin: 01327 303 623 Email: info@nbda.org.uk
Northamptonshire Energy Saving Service (NESS) is a 3 year project delivered with funding from National Grid’s Warm Homes Fund. The 5 delivery partners have their own activities but jointly deliver a comprehensive service to households in the County where homes are cold, insufficiency heated, or where the householders cannot properly afford to heat their homes. Launched in June 2018, the first year is complete and has been a great success. Of the 1174 households NESS has assisted, 69% of them has someone with a long term illness or disability. The staff working on this Project have delivered face to face advice regarding energy efficiency, securing the best deal for their energy. Clients have been provided with specialist advice on benefits and allowances, and assistance to apply and secure these. As required, debts have been managed or applications to trusts to write off debts have been made where appropriate. Home Energy Assessments have been completed in households which have benefited from draught proofing, minor repairs, gas safety checks, fitting of thermostatic radiator valves and advice on correct use of heating controls. NESS is also fortunate to have use of the Rural Information Centre—a vehicle specially converted to allow confidential advice in rural locations or at community events—60 such outings have been held to date with more to come. NESS will soon be holding a number of public events so check our website for all the up to date information.

How NESS has helped one Northamptonshire resident

Miss A is a home owner. Over recent years she has experienced health problems and in mid 2018 her health suddenly declined resulting in her not leaving her home at all. As a consequence, she had her benefits stopped for not attending a mandatory meeting, in turn she could not afford credit for her gas and electric meters and her boiler broke down. Fortunately a neighbour realised she had not seen her for a long time and visited; she then helped Miss A to see her GP who referred her for specialist assessment; this resulted in, amongst other things, a referral to NESS for help. A NESS advisor visited Miss A at home and initially negotiated some emergency credit for the meters so the boiler could be inspected. The boiler was beyond repair. Miss A had a replacement boiler fitted, received specialist benefit advice to secure her entitlement to benefits and her debt with her energy company was addressed via a payment plan. Miss A now has:

- Heating and hot water
- A gas and electric supply
- Money to live on

Key achievements in year 1:

- 1174 households assisted
- £2,010,633 new income secured for households
- £120,408 debt written off
- £942,346 debt managed
- £22,852 saved through tariff switching
- £120,054 energy saving via provision of small energy saving measures
- 199 new households added to the Priority Services Register
- 228 new households now receive the Warm Homes Discount
- 10 new boilers fitted via the NESS Emergency Fund

www.northamptonshireenergysavingservice.org.uk
01604 623700
The County Toy Library have £3000 to spend on new toys/equipment for children with additional needs. We are offering a number of children with additional needs & additional needs groups one year’s free membership along with a voucher to spend on toys/equipment of your choice!

Pop along for details on how to apply for free membership!
Picture the Difference

Picture the Difference have secured two years of National Lottery funding to open a 2-day a week daytime project called ‘PtD on Stage’.

Also we have received NCF and SEMLEP funding for two other year-long projects.

Arts Leader Training Programme

For additional needs adults who have an arts skills they would like to share with others with a view to regular volunteering with PtD and some paid sessional work. Some arts skills and experience necessary.

Included:
- Personal & professional goal setting
- Arts workshop planning & practice
- Learning styles & communication development
- Video tutorial creation
- Safeguarding training
- Volunteer DBS certificate
- PtD Crew evidence portfolio

PtD Crew Interviews: September 2019 Mondays 7.30pm
Skill Sharing Starters: October 2019 Mondays 7.30pm
PtD Crew Training Days: Saturdays 5 & 9 Oct; 9 & 23 Nov 2019
PtD Arts Holiday Club Week: 17 – 21 February 2020

This course is free
email admin@pitchediff.com for more details

PtD ‘On Stage’

Share arts skills and volunteer with us in your community.

As part of the ‘PtD On Stage’ team, you will help co-create two productions a year, offering pop-up theatre performances to local community groups, schools and residential homes.

You will take part in some or all of the following tasks:
- Script-writing
- Drama performance
- Song-writing, singing & music production
- Puppet, prop, scenery and costume-making
- Publicity design and promotion
- Creating a personalised evidence portfolio
- Lunch preparation & serving (all on a rota basis)

This project is for young people and adults with additional needs (16+) who have a proven interest or talent in the performing arts.

Wednesday & Thursdays starting 19 September 2019
email admin@pitchediff.com for more details
Groups and Clubs

A safe space to talk

SPENCER DALLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Children and Family Drop In Sessions

For parents of deaf children to come and discuss any worries or concerns or for deaf children / young people to come and discuss any issues, parents can be present or they can wait outside.

The session will be run by our Children and Families Officer, Jennie Hison, who is DBS checked and has Level 3 Counselling Children and Adolescents and many years experience with issues encountered by deaf children and their families.

The first Monday of the month 3-6pm

November 4th
December 2nd

For more information email: jennie.hison@deafconnect.org.uk

Masque Theatre, Latimer Arts College, Barton Seagrave. NN15 6ST.

T: 01604 637117
E: kettering@NMPAT.co.uk
W: www.nmpat.co.uk/kettering

Multi-Sensory effects, switches, Makaton signing and instruments. These events are particularly suitable for children with special needs due to their relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

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NMPAT


NMPAT Kettering Music and Performing Arts Centre

FRIDAYS 4-6PM £2 PER CHILD

GAMES

TUCK SHOP

JUNIOR DEAF

FOOD

YOUTH CLUB

CRAFT

FRIENDS

October 25th
November 8th
November 22nd
December 13th

Supported by
Children in Need

At SPENCER DALLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
TINTERN AVENUE, NORTHAMPTON NN5 7BE
JENNIE.HISON@DEAFCONNECT.ORG.UK
JACQUI.DOLLAR@DEAFCONNECT.ORG.UK

NMPAT Kettering Music and Performing Arts Centre

Relaxed Sing Along!

Free for Everyone
10:30—11:30

November 9th and 30th

Masque Theatre, Latimer Arts College, Barton Seagrave. NN15 6ST.

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FUNKY FRIDAYS

SENIOR DEAF YOUTH CLUB

Dates

October 25th
November 8th
November 22nd
December 13th

Activities

Games
Crafts
Wellbeing
Food
1:1 support
Chat
Friends
Understanding

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Spencer Dallington Community Centre
Tintern Avenue Northampton. NN5 7BE
childrenandfamilies@deafconnect.org.uk
NTFC Community Trust & Northamptonshire FA
FREE FOOTBALL TASTER SESSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH
DOWN’S SYNDROME

Sundays
9.30am – 10.30am
Goals Soccer Centre, Mereway, Northampton, NN4 8BT
A fun-focused introduction to football for players of all abilities
Aged 14 and under
Players should wear suitable footwear (trainers) and bring a cold drink
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Scouts Northamptonshire

We believe that everyone, regardless of their additional needs or disabilities should be able to participate in scouting. Within scouting, we strive to work with parents and carers and make reasonable adjustments to support young people.

We believe that, with the right support, any child, young person or adult can access scouting.

Scouting offers a structured environment and a balanced programme. The range of activities and experiences on offer help young people in many ways to develop skills for life. However, we also recognise that there are some things that young people may find challenging and will need extra support.

A new and exciting offer of scouting with this extra support has opened in the Northampton District.

The new SEND Scout Group will be held at the MENCAP Northampton Building, Ransome Road on alternate Sunday mornings.

We are hoping to develop our offer as a county and open other SEND Scout Groups across Northamptonshire.

We are currently recruiting more adult volunteers to make this possible.

Do you think you could inspire? Why not contact us regarding volunteer opportunities?

For more information please contact Claire Baxter (ACC inclusion) claire.baxter@northantsscouts.org.uk
http://northantsscouts.org.uk/index.php/talk-more

Disability Multi-Sports Club
2:00PM - 4:00PM
November - 3rd, 10th, 24th December - 1st, 8th
For all young people (0 - 25 years) with SEN/SEND & their families to participate in a variety of sports & softplay/sensory play in Northampton.
£4 Per Child - £8 - For 2 or More Children, Parent/Carers - Free
Venue - Fernie Field Scouts Building
Fernie Field, Moulton, Northampton, NN3 7BD
Activities Include - Football (Outside)
Squash, English Shuffleboard, Boccia (Inside)
Arts & Crafts & Sensory Play/Soft Play (Inside) & More....

For More Information Contact Mark Tel. 07491 306630
Email info@sport4fitness-cic.co.uk www.sport4fitness-cic.co.uk

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The County Toy Library provides a quality toy and equipment lending service for families, groups, schools, Children's Centres and childminders in Northamptonshire.

The County Toy Library is a charity and is located in a shop unit on the Kingsheath estate in Northampton. The toys and equipment are for children aged 0-12 years old and for children with additional needs. The County Toy Library has a wide range of fun, stimulating and educational toys.

A family with a child with additional needs can apply for one of the 24 free annual membership, plus a £30.00 credit to spend in The County Toy Library, to support their children. This offer includes group membership for voluntary or charitable groups supporting families with additional needs children.

Specialist toys and play equipment are often expensive to buy and being able to borrow it from The County Toy Library benefits children with additional needs by being able to practice skills and to find out if they like the toys or the equipment.

To register please come into the shop and bring a proof of your name and address on a Tuesday or Thursday. Then after registering and joining The County Toy Library you will be able to go to the shop during all our opening hours.

The County Toy Library have £3,000 to spend on new toys and equipment for children with additional needs, therefore these will be coming soon!

The County Toy Library is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 4pm, once a month on a Sunday from 10am to 1pm and from September, on a Friday(term time only) from 10am -2pm.
Funding launched for Inspiring Coaches & Volunteers from under-represented groups

Northamptonshire Sport have announced that they have a grant from the National Lottery to fund people from under-represented groups (including those with a disability) for sports and volunteer coaching.

They are encouraging coaches, volunteers, ‘activators’ and instructors to inspire more people to get more active by offering two funding grants for education and training in sports.

They have two funding pots available for coach education and training:

1) **Inspiring Bursary Scheme** - for individuals looking to lead or support sport or physical activity sessions. Applications are welcome from paid coaches or volunteers aged 16+ who are coaching, or are planning to coach within Northamptonshire.

2) **Diversity Workforce Fund** - for organisations that are working with a group of coaches to lead or support sport or physical activity sessions.

Examples of education and training may include ‘UKCC Level 1 or 2 coaching courses’, ‘community sports leadership’ awards, ‘exercise instructor’ course, ‘activator’ courses and ‘inclusive activity’ programme leaders.

The rounds for applications in 2019-2020 are:

- **Round Two**: Closing Date 15th December 2019
- **Round Three**: Closing Date 15th March 2020

Please note that applications must be submitted before the course starts. Detailed information including terms and conditions and the application forms can be found on the Northamptonshire Sport website: [https://www.northamptonshiresport.org/coaching-framework](https://www.northamptonshiresport.org/coaching-framework).

If you would like to find out more about this opportunity please email coaching@northamptonshiresport.org.

There is also practical support from Northamptonshire Sport for people setting up sporting clubs for young people with additional needs such as startup equipment costs, marketing, venue hire. Contact Mathew Peleszok for more information. mathew.peleszok@firstforwellbeing.co.uk
How Does a Referral to the ASD/ADHD Children’s Service Work?

In January 2019 the ADHD/ASD Children’s Service introduced a new referral pack for their service. It is to make sure that they have as much relevant information about the child or young person as possible. The pack was agreed with Sencos, Educational Psychology, Community Paediatric Service and the Children’s Referral Management Centre. The referral pack consists of questionnaires that need to be completed by the educational setting, the parents or carers and (in some cases) the young person themselves, as well as the information from the professional. All referrals must include the referral pack.

The referral pack can be found on the NHS ‘Referral Management Centre’ (RMC). The RMC provides a single point of access for professionals to make referrals into children and young people’s specialist community health services. The RMC manages all referrals to ensure that children and young people are seen by the right person, with the right skills at the right time.

It is expected that the referring professional (which can be the family doctor or the school) will co-ordinate the preparation of this pack. If a child is not in an educational setting, then the referring professional needs to contact the ADHD/ASD service for further advice.

If there are any questions regarding the referral pack or making a referral, the referring clinician/professional can contact the ADHD/ASD service, where a phone consultation appointment can be booked with a clinician from the service.

On receipt of the RMC referral form and fully completed referral pack, the Children and Young People’s ADHD/ASD service will screen the referrals to see whether further assessment for either condition is indicated.

The ADHD/ASD service does not accept self-referrals or referrals directly from parents.

The ADHD/ASD service offers detailed diagnostic assessments for ADHD, ASD and Asperger’s, as well as post-diagnosis support. They can help develop coping strategies for the child or young person and their families, to promote independent living skills and offer support with further education and employment. They will also work with their families to give them all the information they need and to provide workshops where they can learn more.

It may help to know that referrals for primary school age children from the south of the county will be seen (via the Referral Management Centre) by the Paediatricians at Northampton General Hospital (NGH) and not the ADHD/ASD service. Pre-school age children will also be seen by Community Paediatricians. All Secondary school-age students in Northamptonshire will be seen by the ADHD/ASD service.
Editorial Note

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Do you go to a group and want to show off what you have done recently? Do you need new members?

Please let us know and we will advertise for you on the Local Offer and in the next SNIX. The Local Offer is being updated all the time, and we also post out information on Twitter and Facebook.

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Please note that in order to keep the SNIX magazine produced, the Local Authority is now having to charge businesses to advertise in the SNIX magazine. Therefore some of the articles in the magazine may have been paid for by the provider. Adverts will continue to be relevant to the audience of SNIX. Please note that the Local Offer does not endorse or support these services.

SNIX would welcome more opportunities to generate an income to keep the magazine free for families and anyone wishing to take up an advert with us, should get in touch by the deadlines. Sponsorship would also be considered.

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