

SPECIAL VOICES NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Special Voices (Slough parent/carer forum)

Special Voices is a group of parent/carers of children, young people & adults with disabilities/additional needs & is the parent/carer forum for Slough. We are all volunteers working in partnership with the Slough Children's Services Trust, Local Authority, CCG's and voluntary organisations to help shape and develop future services in Slough through participation and co-production with all your views & experiences that you share with us, without you we couldn't change things for all children/young people/adults in Slough.

Our mission is to raise awareness about the rights and needs of children/young people/adults with additional needs and to ensure that they and their families are consulted and participate in any decisions made during the planning and delivery of services for all our additional needs children/young people & adults.

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Drop - in Coffee Days 2019

**Cippenham Baptist Church Hall,
11 Elmshott Lane. SL1 5QS**

ANYTIME BETWEEN: 9.30am - 1pm

Wednesday - 6th February @ 9.30am

**Please see back of newsletter for
guests attending & consultation**

Next coffee day: 6th March

Drop - in Coffee Evenings 2019

**Classroom 3, Cippenham Baptist Church
11 Elmshott Lane. SL1 5QS**

ANYTIME BETWEEN: 6pm - 8pm

Tuesday - 12th February & 12th March

**Our office: Every Monday - Drop - in anytime between 10.30am -
12.30pm (except Bank Holidays)**

Classroom 3, Cippenham Baptist Church. 11 Elmshott Lane. SL1 5QS

Parent/carers information & support. Come in for a coffee where we can help you find the information you need. It is also an opportunity to have a chat over coffee & find out how you can volunteer with us to help us in our work

Dear parents and carers

An invitation to have your say on funding for children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan, Wednesday 6th February 9.30am. The event will be held at Cippenham Baptist Church Hall, 11 Elmshott lane. SL1 5QS.

Slough Borough Council wants to hear your views on changes it wants to make to how it provides additional (top up) funding for children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). You are very welcome to come to our meeting on 6th February when Vikram Hansrani (Service Lead, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)) and his colleagues will explain the planned changes, answer your questions and listen to your views.

The new approach has been developed by a group of head teachers, SENDCOs, local authority officers and a range of specialists. It is intended to make sure that the funding for children and young people with SEND is used most appropriately.

The Local Authority plans to introduce the new arrangements from 1st April 2019, for new requests for EHC assessments and for children with an EHCP who are transferring to the next education phase in 2020. There will be no changes to the funding for children and young people in existing placements.

You will also be able to see proposed changes on the *Local Offer* from midday on Monday 4th February until Friday 15th February. A short feedback questionnaire will be available for you to give your opinion.

To access the website please follow this link: www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk/localoffer

Feedback following the consultation process will be provided on The Local Offer Website by Wednesday 20th February.

Your views matter and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

Best wishes,

Vikram Hansrani

Special Voices Family Participation Day

P. A. L. S 225 – 227 Northern Road. Slough. SL2 1LU

Saturday 16th March 2019 1.30pm – 4.00pm

FREE entrance gift for parents & chocolate egg for children, free raffle, free parking & finger buffet

Special Voices would like to invite families with SEN/disabled/additional needs children, young people & adults in Slough to a participation event where we would like you to tell us your experiences & views of the services in Slough that you use, what has gone well this year? Are things better this year than last? Come & tell us with our very simple & short interactive session using our post it notes system where all family members can take part and is anonymous.

YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK YOUR FAMILY FOR THIS EVENT

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