



SEND Newsletter

March/April/May 2025

Latest News

Inspiring New Chapter for Speech and Language Therapy in North East Lincolnshire

North East Lincolnshire is embarking on an exciting new journey to transform speech and language therapy for children and young people.

Chatterbug, a trusted provider of innovative speech and language services, has been commissioned to bring tailored, high-quality therapy to the community—ensuring every child has the support they need to thrive.

There are a series of parent carer and professional sessions for people to learn more. Check the SEND Local Offer Events and Training page.



SEND Outreach

We are pleased to share that we have secured funding for our successfully piloted outreach services. These services will soon be going out to tender for further three-year contracts.

Success Stories: The Springboard Programme
One parent shared, "The Springboard programme has been a game-changer for my child. The staff are now more equipped to handle his needs, and I've seen a significant improvement in his ability to communicate and engage with others. It's heartwarming to see him thrive in such a supportive environment."

Reynolds Day Care also reported transformative impacts: "The Springboard Targeted Outreach Programme has significantly contributed to the overall quality of care and education for children with additional needs by enhancing staff skills, improving child development outcomes, and promoting sustainable practices."

DBV Celebration

To celebrate the success of the DBV programme, we are planning a special event. On July 7 this celebration will showcase the positive outcomes and achievements of the programme. Stay tuned for further details on our SEND Local Offer.

We look forward to continuing our journey together, making a lasting difference in the lives of children and families in our community.

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SETTING OF THE MONTH

Franklin College, Grimsby



Franklin College is our setting of the month, led by Jack who is a finalist in the 2025 Educate North Awards for the College FE Student Achievement of the Year Award.

Jack transitioned to Franklin from Orchard School with a Level 2 in English. Because of his commitment to learning and the support of his setting he is now learning at a staggering Level 8, one of the highest grades.

During his time at Franklin, with the support of staff, Jack has learned how to independently manage his needs and self-regulate.

Because of this progress, he represented Franklin at a regional 5KM race which meant a break from his routine, trip away from home, and busy, high-energy environment. Previously this wouldn't have been manageable for him.

We were able to see first-hand how confident and personable he was when we met him to film his video as the winner of the Friendship Award at last year's SEND Awards.

[Watch his video: Friendship Award - SEND Awards 2024](#)

Well done to Franklin for always looking out for ways to spotlight their students' achievements and let them shine. Everybody cross your fingers for Jack who will learn the outcome on the 3rd April.

YPAG



In March we were joined by our Principal Educational Psychologist Dr Louise Jarvis. This provided an informal way for Louise to meet the young people in a relaxed atmosphere and get to know them.

In April our YPAG meeting was a very special event where our young people's group and a panel of special guests gathered at Blundell Park to select the SEND Award Winners. We are privileged to have students contributing to such a special occasion in the SEND calendar. Winners will be recognised on 19 June.

In May, Centre for Young Lives did a programme dedicated to improving the lives of young people met YPAG students to hear their ideas and work with them to design their Charter.

CAFE ASPIRE

Just in the last few weeks it has been our delight as the Parent Carer Forum (PCF) to have secured the opportunity to manage the day-to-day running of the Café and are working hard to fill the space with fun activities for our parent carers.

The premise is owned by Foresight who remain a very active and valued part of the environment. Which enables us to work in partnership to create safe spaces for both of our communities.

We continue to volunteer our time and are hoping that the hard work that we put into the Café will have a big impact on the resources, support, and activities we can offer our parent carers along with their children in the future. We are evolving as a team and can see how we can work alongside other community resources to create a bigger collaborative impact.

We are looking forward to hosting some new and exciting activities in the incredible space, working relentlessly to make the activities SEND inclusive and accessible to all. We are fortunate that there is a fully functioning Disability bathroom facility next door at Foresight, so this opens our events to anyone who wishes to attend.

North East Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum
[Cafe Aspire on Facebook](#)



HEALTH SPOTLIGHT

North East Lincolnshire has surpassed the target for people accessing their free Annual Health Check.

This is an important part of health and wellness for people with learning disabilities. Getting your health check every year, even if you are well, is integral to maintaining good health and promotes independence.

Various teams have been working hard to raise awareness about the offer and promote its importance so we are pleased to announce this positive outcome.

If you are aged 14+ please register on your GP's Learning Disability Register and get your Health Check every year.





SENCO SPOTLIGHT

This issue we hear from Louise @ New Waltham Primary Academy

Hi, my name is Louise Clarke and I am Co-Headteacher and SENCO at New Waltham Academy.

I love being a Primary School SENCO because it allows me to make a real difference in the lives of children. Every day, I have the privilege of supporting students with diverse needs and helping them unlock their full potential.

I find it incredibly rewarding to work alongside teachers and parents, collaborating to create personalised strategies and interventions that empower children to succeed.

The variety of challenges keeps me engaged and motivated—no two days are ever the same. I also enjoy the opportunity to raise awareness of special educational needs within the school, fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for all students. Building strong relationships with children, helping them overcome barriers to learning, and watching them grow in confidence is truly fulfilling.

Ultimately, being a SENCO allows me to have a direct, positive impact on students' educational journeys, which is something I'm deeply passionate about.

Louise Clark



Events and Training



[E-learning- lets go potty](#)

[Speech and Language online parent drop-in](#)

[SPACE Forum intro to Makaton](#)

[SEND Law and the Equality Act Reasonable Adjustments](#)

[Early Years Network Childminders](#)

[Early Communication Builders](#)

[Adaptive Teaching](#)

[Young Minds Matter- Mental Health including Behaviours that Challenge](#)

[Good Autism Practice](#)

[Emotion Coaching](#)



SEND EARLY YEARS

Our Early Years Team have been working closely with educational settings, and other professionals to deliver training and networking sessions to provide the best support to our youngest learners.

Highlights include a session with The National Day Nurseries Association. A child's brain is 80% developed by the time it is three years old highlighting the importance of education and learning in the early years.

They're also working with SENDCo's to improve support for children with emerging needs.

Other practices promoted included hands-on activities to match the energy levels of regulated and dysregulated children under five to enhance focus, attention and develop social skills.

The power of visual supports and neuro-affirming and inclusive language.

Have your say. All-age learning disabilities

The North East Lincolnshire (NEL) Draft All-Age Autism Strategy has been co-produced with experts by experience from the autistic community and the NEL Parent Carer Forum.

The strategy is shaped by both national and regional autism plans, ensuring it delivers the best possible support in North East Lincolnshire. It focuses on listening to autistic people, families and professionals, working together, and making sure autistic people have the right support at the right time.

Our aim is to ensure comprehensive engagement with all stakeholders, if you have missed the er. opportunity to contribute so far, it's not too late!

Your views and opinions on "how we can make North East Lincolnshire a great place for autistic people to live, and what can we do to support and help improve their outcomes?"

Please take a look at the document on the [SEND Local Offer](#) and if you have any comments/feedback on the document and/or the contents please email: hnyicb-nel.FMHD@nhs.net by 12 June 2025.



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OUR FAMILY Money and Finance

New research from Scope shows that, on average, a family of a child with a disability would have to pay £581 a month to have the same standard of living as a family with a non-disabled child. For 1 in 5 families, these extra costs come to more than £1000 a month.

Take a look at these links if you would like advice, support and guidance regarding money and finance

<https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/information-advice-services/benefits-financial-help/>

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en?source=mas>

What's On?

There are so many exciting events taking place this Spring in North East Lincolnshire. The best way to keep up to date is by taking a look at the link below.

Our Children, Our Future



North East Lincolnshire Council

Families Information Service

PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD

ASK ANNIE

SEND EMPLOYMENT FORUM



The SEND Employment Forum continues to provide information and guidance about Supported Internships, Supported Employment and the huge benefits employing people with SEND brings to the workplace.



The latest meetings held encouraged more businesses to attend.

We need your help to spread the word and in welcoming more people to become involved. If you know of any local businesses who would like to come along to the next SEND Employment Forum, please get in touch via askannie@nelincs.gov.uk



PFA NEWS

Our assessment days have taken place for our next cohort of supported internships starting in September.

Lots of luck to our interns who will be undertaking their rotations as Diana Princess of Wales Hospital, and the joint programme with Humberside Police and North East Lincolnshire Council.

To learn more about preparation for adulthood contact askannie@nelincs.gov.uk or text Annie Cook at 07585 122306



I am enjoying the programme, a very positive experience compared to past experiences within the workplace. I have been taken in by everyone quite quickly and feel part of the team. I have been invited to the Christmas night out. I have developed my communication skills, self confidence and more aware of my own abilities and self-care needs.

I have developed my communication skills, the staff are understanding, kind and pleasant. We can have a good laugh. The police team are nice and friendly, I have been welcomed into the team and I am really excelling with the tasks given and I am now doing tasks that police staff aren't trained to do. I feel trusted and valued within the workplace and I don't want to leave. I am always being praised and this is passed on to the higher managers. I have had a great, positive experience on this programme.



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NEL SENDIASS has been working in conjunction with ICB and LA on preparing for adulthood and there will be a short online questionnaire for parent/carers to complete if their child/young person is on SEN support and in a secondary school. This questionnaire should be made available through the SENCO within the school. Keep an eye on our Facebook page as we have some SEN support and getting extra help awareness raising training coming up in the summer term at the Town Hall and you will need to book yourself a space through Eventbrite.

PARENT CARER FORUM

Family Fun Day



Join NELPCF's Family Fun Day to enjoy raffles, namecards, tombolas, sweet treats and more. There will also be a cupcake decorating competition with prizes. £2.50 per entry contact kayleigh.nelpcf@gmail.com. Businesses are invited to hold stalls for £10 by contacting Kayleigh at the email above.

DATE: Saturday 26 July

TIME: 11am-3pm

PLACE: Carr Lane Social Club fields

Find out more about the forum and where you can find them by visiting their Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/NELPCF>

Total number of EHCPS held by NE Lincs LA	2218	↑
Number of EHCAR requests last month	46	↑
% of EHCPs issued last month within 20 weeks	91%	↑
Number of SEND transport routes	181	↑
Number of CYP with SEND aged 0-25 receiving transport	608	↑
Attendance of pupils aged 5-16 with an EHCP	89.3%	↑
Attendance of pupils aged 5-16 receiving SEN Support	89.9%	↓

