



## Find out about our Annual Empowerment Event

Coming to Derbyshire in March  
See back page for details.

### Join our Management Team



- ❖ Could you work together as a critical friend to the local authority and health services?
- ❖ **Would you be able to challenge decisions and look to improve services and support for those living with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities?**
- ❖ Are you happy to gather and listen to feedback from parent/carers throughout Derbyshire and collate views on all aspects of Special Educational Needs and Disability?
- ❖ **Can you look at targeting work on those issues that are important to and on behalf of Derbyshire families in order to improve services and outcomes?**
- ❖ Are you passionate about empowering parents to participate in meetings and events with health, voluntary and local authority services?
- ❖ **Could you share information and best practice to all relevant parties in an effective and meaningful way?**

Do you think that this could be you? If so please follow the link on our website or email us for an application form.

[info@derbyshireparentcarerveice.org](mailto:info@derbyshireparentcarerveice.org)



### Autism Friendly Cinema Screenings

Dimensions work with ODEON, Cineworld, Vue and Showcase to host Autism Friendly Screenings at over 250 cinemas nationwide.

On Sunday mornings throughout the month, films suitable for all audiences are screened in a sensory friendly and inclusive environment.

#### Autism Friendly Screening Adjustments

The autism friendly adjustments are designed to make the cinema more inclusive and accessible for people with sensory sensitivities, and others who can benefit from this environment.

These adjustments are guidelines we share with our partner cinemas. We encourage local cinemas to personalise the screenings to help guests feel more comfortable and support them to maintain high standards.



#### Adjustments include:

- ❖ **A relaxed environment where people understand the needs of children and families with autism**
- ❖ **Lights left on low**
- ❖ **Sound turned down**
- ❖ **No trailers or advertisements (unless they are embedded in the film)**
- ❖ **Staff trained in autism awareness**
- ❖ **Disabled access**
- ❖ **Chill out zone, where available**
- ❖ **Freedom to move around and sit where you like**
- ❖ **Bring your own food and drink**
- ❖ **Free entry for carers with valid CEA Card.**

To find your nearest participating cinema and to find out more information visit

[www.dimensions-uk.org](http://www.dimensions-uk.org)



# What Have We Been Up To?



**November Events**  
Jayne Hankins joined us in November to deliver a presentation alongside Lisa Hodgson on **SMART Outcomes** in 3 locations across Derbyshire.

Please visit our website to view the presentation and see more details.



**Chesterfield Health & Wellbeing**  
Thanks to a grant from NDVA we held a Christmas themed Health & Wellbeing Day in Chesterfield with craft, manicures, facials, a fitness demo, a Jumping Clay activity, hot chocolate and cream, lunch and gifts donated by Irwin Mitchell Solicitors – delivered by Santa himself!



Check out our website for more information and photographs:  
[www.derbyshireparentcarervoice.org](http://www.derbyshireparentcarervoice.org)

# SEND Locality Teams

Since October 2017 there have been six Locality Teams across Derbyshire: High Peak and North Dales, Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover, Amber Valley, Erewash, South Derbyshire and South Dales.

## But What Does a Locality Team Do?

Within the Locality Teams there are Admin Officers, SEND Officers and Lead SEND Officers. The role of the team is to ensure the Local Authority and educational settings follow the SEND Code of Practice so that children and young people achieve well in their education and lead happy fulfilled lives. This includes linking with families and everyone involved with the child or young person to ensure barriers to learning and participation are identified and support is put in place appropriately and effectively to overcome those barriers

### **SEND Officers**

Are a link officer for families and support the outcomes of children/young people by:

- ❖ Meeting with families to discuss the Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA)
- ❖ Explaining the Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan process.
- ❖ Gaining the views of Parent/Carers and where appropriate child or young person to complete Section A of the Plan (Section A is the views, interests, aspirations of the child or young person and those of their parent/carers)
- ❖ Checking all advice is gathered
- ❖ Organising and attending a multi-agency meeting for the EHC Needs Assessment to work together with the family and professionals to co-process a needs matrix (a document used easily identify the child or young person's needs)
- ❖ Leading discussions about the recommendations back to the Local Authority for provision to be made through an EHC Plan or My SEND Learning Plan (a document used by the school/nursery or college to record needs, support and moving forward)
- ❖ Drafting EHC Plans and Quality Assuring
- ❖ Being involved in the reviewing process attending annual reviews on behalf of the Local Authority to monitor progress towards outcomes
- ❖ Attending annual reviews with a role to support the Preparation for Adulthood and ensuring new outcomes are devised relating to Preparation for Adulthood
- ❖ Liaising with young people and families about their transition into adult life and ensuring links are made with relevant agencies and services

### **Lead Send Officers**

- ❖ Have a management role, quality assuring their team and working practices
- ❖ Support the Graduated Response for Individual Pupils (GRIP) and SEND Support recorded through My SEND Learning Plan by:
  - Checking applications, being on the allocation funding panel and reviewing the impact and reallocation of funding
- ❖ Education Health and Care Needs Assessment process support by:
  - Attending meetings where there is indication that it's a complex case, quality assuring in checking and monitoring draft EHC plans, liaising with educational settings, services and agencies for complex children and young people and with complex cases liaising with the central SEND Commissioning Manager
- ❖ Improving outcomes for children and young people and their families by:
  - Helping the educational setting and families understand the SEND Support process and all the processes through to an EHC Needs Assessment, conducting SEND audits, training, signposting and guidance for educational settings

**More information coming soon to the Derbyshire Local Offer**

