



**SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM**  
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

## NEWSLETTER, Spring Term Edition 2018

**A parent participation Forum creating opportunities for parent carers to work with service providers to improve the delivery of Social Care, Education and Health Services**

### **Strategy Meeting with the Local Authority and Health Partners**

Many thanks to everyone who responded to SNAP's request for feedback about the EHCP process. We put together a presentation for our Strategy Meeting and read a huge number of your quotes to Senior Managers and Assistant Directors at Central Bedfordshire Council. Several local Councillors also attended and heard your feedback. Please continue to tell us your experiences, both good and bad, to help us support change for the better.

### **Joint Outcomes Training**

SNAP have been involved in the development of Joint Outcomes Training which is going to be available to both practitioners and parents involved in the contributing towards Education, Health and Care Plans. The training will be run by SNAP PCF, Beds Borough Parent Carer Forum (BBPCF), Central Bedfordshire Council and The Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to attend training alongside the professionals who contribute towards the EHCP process. If you are interested in attending or would like to find out more please contact us.

### **SEND Conference**

We are very excited to be planning for our SEND Conference which will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March., this is a free event. Guest Speakers will discuss topics including SEN Legal 'the legal test for an EHC Needs Assessment'. We also have speaking Steve Minchington – "Autism, a Personal Perspective" and Families in Focus "a guide to stress ". There will also be the opportunity to book time to speak to heads of service and other local authority and health professionals at our mini -surgeries as well as a wealth of information to be gained from the many stall holders that will be attending. If all that isn't enough to tempt you to come along lunch will be provided and if you would like you can enjoy a head massage during the day.

### **Parent Panel**

Would you like to have an opportunity to meet other parents and give your feedback about the services you receive? We are looking for parents to help shape services locally and specifically feed into the following areas: Central Bedfordshire Council Local Offer. Preparing for Adulthood, Leisure Services and the Re - commissioning of some local services. See overleaf for more information.

### **SEND Satisfaction Survey**

SNAP are running a survey to gather parent's views on how well education, health and social care are doing in Central Bedfordshire. The feedback from the survey will be shared with heads of service at the local authority and health, will help to focus our priorities and will be shared with OFSTED and the CQC when they carry out a joint area SEND inspection. We would like to thank the 100+ parents who have already completed the survey, there is an opportunity to win a £25.00 M&S voucher for completing this. The link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G6YVBNW>

# SNAP PCF upcoming events:

New, coffee mornings in Leighton Buzzard run by parent carers for parent carers at Astral Park Sports & Community Centre, Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4AY. Free to attend and your children are welcome.

## Dates & Times:

Monday 19th February 9.45am - 11.45am  
Monday 19th March 9.45am - 11.45am

## SEND Conference 'to empower & inform parents' 21<sup>st</sup> of March at the Rufus Centre, Flitwick.

Please visit our [website](#) for further information.

Booking a ticket for the conference is done through [Eventbrite](#), if you have difficulty accessing this, we can book a ticket for you. Please either email [admin@snappcf.org.uk](mailto:admin@snappcf.org.uk) or call 07984 545044.

## Who is SNAP PCF?

SNAP is a pro-active group of parents who all have children or young people with additional needs or disabilities. We have come together as a group of parent carers to work with other individuals and organisations to help influence and improve the local services that are provided for our children and young people within Central Bedfordshire.

We focus on helping to raise the standard of social care, education and health services within the county, to ensure that these services are provided in a way that meets the needs of all disabled children and their families in the county.

As parents of disabled children and young people, we bring a real-life perspective and experience to the planning and development of the services that our families use. We constructively challenge decisions that are taken by our local council and health authority about the future planning of services; we work in partnership with our local council and health authorities to make decisions about services they deliver.

## How to contact SNAP PCF?

Our Participation Manager, Kirsty Green, can be contacted either by email [Kirsty@snappcf.org.uk](mailto:Kirsty@snappcf.org.uk) or call 07805 002163

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## Apply to join our Parent Panel.

Would you like to have an opportunity to meet other parents and give your feedback about services you receive? Our parent panels will be focusing on specific issues and services and give you the opportunity to shape local provision.

*We will give you a £15.00 Marks & Spencer gift voucher as a thank you for attending, you will also receive a newsletter from us informing you how your feedback helped to develop the service.*

*Please contact [admin@snappcf.org.uk](mailto:admin@snappcf.org.uk) for further information.*