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BREAKING NEWS

Lost Property - Did you Attend WPCC's Early Years and Primary Information Event in Devizes on Friday 21st June 2019?

Thank you to everyone who attended our information event at the Corn Exchange in Devizes on 21st June, we had a wonderful turn out and evaluation forms described a very positive day.

The following items were left at the venue, if they belong to you, please contact us (01225 764647 option1 or email: admin@wiltspcc.co.uk) and we will arrange their return to you:

- 1) A blue and white striped sweatshirt
- 2) Lip gloss
- 3) A pair of glasses

WPCC Phone Line Hours 2019

SENDIS service extended handovers consistently take place on Mondays and Wednesdays each week between 11.00am and 2.00pm and this now includes a weekly team meeting on Wednesdays incorporating SENDIS, Outreach and Participation issues.

Phone lines will still be open during these extended handover times and callers will be invited to leave a message on the answer phone, with their name and number, so that we can return their call as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the high demand for our service our phone lines are **extremely busy**.

Press **option 1** when you call and if you cannot get through please leave a message, your contact number and state if you require help with your short breaks application. We will call you back. Alternatively you can email us at admin@wiltspcc.co.uk

Office hours will remain 10.00am - 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, unless stated otherwise.

Please Note: The office will be closed Bank Holiday Monday.

If you wish to view our previous newsletters, please follow this link: [Previous Newsletters](#)

Have Your Say

Reminder Help Shape the Future of Health and Care Services

Can you answer the following three questions to help shape the future of health and care services in Wiltshire, Swindon and Bath & North East Somerset?

- What's the one thing you wish you'd know sooner to help you stay as healthy as possible?
- What's the one thing that would help you to find and use health services more easily?
- What's the one thing that would help to make a difference to your health and care in the future?

Health and care organisations across Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES), Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW), referred to collectively as the BSW Partnership, are working together to drive up the quality of services across our combined area, improve health outcomes and ensure our services are cost-effective and sustainable.

From June 13th until 31st July 2019, the BSW Partnership want the public to inform the development of their joint five year plan in line with the NHS Long Term Plan. They are committed to ensuring that the public's voice influences key decisions and helps to shape our services.

The BSW Partnership will be finding out what people think using a survey, (available online and in paper form), social media and face-to-face engagement, to ask the three simple **'What's the one thing...'** questions.

This is an opportunity to identify the health and care issues that are important to local people.

Your views will help build the health and care plan for Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) for the next five years. This plan will set out how the BSW Partnership intends to take the ambitions laid out in the NHS Long Term Plan and turn them into local action to improve services and the health and wellbeing of our local population – building on the work they have already been doing.

The BSW Partnership wants to develop a bold set of ambitions for the next five years that enable children and young people to **'Start Well'**, then to **'Live Well'** and **'Age Well'**. The Partnership will spend more time and effort helping people to stay well, to help them act early to prevent ill health and get support, and where care and

treatment is required, they will work with people to ensure their care is joined-up and based on what matters most to them.

The Partnership wants to understand your priorities when it comes to preventing ill health and getting the health and care services you need now and in the future.

To have your say, take part in the [short survey](#). The survey is **open until 31st July 2019**. Your survey answers are completely anonymous.

You can email: ourhealth.ourfuture@nhs.net or phone: **03333 219464** to request a **paper copy** of the survey.

Please also see our website article: [Shape the Future](#)

General Feedback (see attached form)

If you have any general feedback you would like to share, please telephone us on: **01225 764647** or send an email to: admin@wiltspcc.co.uk. Please be assured that when we share feedback with services, we never identify the person who gave the feedback, unless we have their consent to do so.

When sharing your feedback, it is often helpful to know:

- Which part of Wiltshire you live in? (North, South etc.)
- How old your child/young person is?

You may prefer to complete the **attached feedback form**, send us an email or call us to give your feedback.

Consent to share your contact details? (Optional) so we can work with service providers to address issues with you individually. You can, send us an email or call us to give your feedback.

Activities for Children and Young People

What's On Calendar July 2019

For a **full list** of remaining activities for **July** for children and young people with disabilities, including Music, Social, Sport, Drama, trampolining clubs and much more please go to our **What's On Calendar** for more details: [What's On](#)

South Wilts Mencap Disco (SWM) Salisbury July 5th 2019

The South Wilts Mencap disco is a fun night out for the tiny cost of £2 entry. A licensed bar is available and adults with learning disabilities and their friends aged 18 and over are welcome. It takes place at Stratford Social Club, Stratford Road, Salisbury **SP1 3JR**.

If you are interested in knowing more, phone **Dolly Burnett** on **07795 803775**. [SWM Disco](#)

Play Partner Party Devizes July 21st 2019

Play partner parties are a way to enable children who may feel socially isolated, have a disability or SEN to meet and play with other children. Parties are usually held once a month around the county and are hosted by play partner helpers who are friendly and caring young people aged 13 – 17 years. The children are entertained with activities and a tea party. If families get on they may choose to continue and develop these friendships outside of the play partner parties. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer/guardian at all times. Families and siblings are more than welcome.

There is one play partner party happening this month: Devizes Play Partner Party Sunday July 21st from 4.00pm – 6.00pm at Coral Cove, Hopton Road, Devizes **SN10 2ET**. It will be available for young people aged 5 – 16 years for a voluntary donation of £5.00 per child.

To book contact Coral Cove on **01380 739944**. For enquiries please contact: **Liz Cooper** by email on liz.cooper1974@gmail.com
[Devizes Play Partner Party](#)

Reminder Brandon Trust Activity Holidays August 2019 (see attached poster)

Please see the **attached poster** for further details of this activity holiday for 14 – 18 year olds with learning disabilities and/ or autism.

Email: sarah.thornell@brandontrust.org or call **07464670568**

Reminder Mindful Bakes - Summer Holiday Activities (15th July - 6th September 2019).

Mindful Bakes is a business set up by Laura Jackson an Occupational Therapist who recognises the importance of baking as a form of therapy. She has over 15 years' experience of working with children and adults with a variety of special needs. Read more on their website: [Mindful Bakes](#)

Join them this summer where they are running breakfast clubs, lunch clubs, afternoon clubs and afternoon tea sessions for 5 - 17 year olds. Click [HERE](#) to find out more details:

Reminder Splash Wiltshire Summer Free Activities – Apply NOW!

Splash Wiltshire will be delivering FREE positive activity days during the Summer holidays across the county offering lots of fun, new, exciting opportunities for young people age 9-16 years who are facing challenges in their lives. They will of course be providing FREE central transport pickups to every activity. Take a look:

[Splash Website](#)

Please state on the referral form if transport is required and from which pickup point. If you are unable to get to the venue or the pickup point please contact the Splash office on **01380 732829** and they will try to help.

How to refer a young person to Splash: Anyone can refer a young person to Splash; just follow the instructions below:

- Download the referral form from [SPLASH Wiltshire](#) just click on the red “make a referral” tab.
- Complete the form including parental consent and return it to them either by post to Splash Wiltshire Unit C2, Beacon Business Centre, Hopton Park, Devizes, **SN10 2EY** or email: info@splash-wiltshire.org.uk
- Get your form back to them by **July 1st** as they will start allocating places immediately. However they will continue to accept booking forms right up to the day before an activity (spaces permitting). If you need any support completing a referral form please give them a call and they can talk you through it. The Splash team are in the office Monday-Friday on **01380 732829** and they will be more than happy to help! Please remember that even if the young person has already attended a Splash project, they will still need a signed referral form with all their current information.

Reminder Disability Sports Summer Activities 2019 (see attached poster)

Wiltshire Council is organising a summer of fun for any young person with SEN and/or a disability aged 8-19 years.

The following activities are happening around the County during the summer holidays:

- Inclusive Athletics Dauntsey's School, West Lavington Thursday August 8th 2019
- Multi-Sports Hardenhuish School, Chippenham Thursday August 15th 2019
- Inclusive Basketball Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre Salisbury Wednesday August 28th 2019

For all sessions the cost is £15 per person and they take place from 10.30am – 2.30pm.

For more information and to book your place, please contact: Rob Paget, disability sports development officer on **01722 434770** or email robert.paget@wiltshire.gov.uk Please see the attached poster.

Events and Information

Next Week.....

Parent Carer Support Group Melksham July 1st 2019

This is a group for anyone who cares for a child or young adult with SEN – particularly those who are struggling to find time to plan, write and make things they need to help them and their children at home.

For more information please contact **Terrie-Ann Coe** on **07944153992** or visit our website: [Parent Carer Support](#)

National Autistic Society (NAS) Support Group Salisbury July 1st 2019

This is a group for anyone who is, or whose family is, affected by Autism or Asperger Syndrome. The next meeting is at The Community Space, Tesco, Southampton Road, Salisbury **SP1 2NY** on Monday July 1st 2019 from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. For more information contact them on **07795368113** or

email NASSouthWiltshireBranch@nas.org.uk. [NAS Salisbury](#)

**Marlborough and District Dyslexia Association (MDDA) Open Evening
Marlborough July 3rd 2019 (see attached poster)**

Come along to this **FREE** open evening for parents, children and teaching staff and get ideas and information/resources on a variety of activities. It is taking place on Wednesday 3rd July 3rd at 7.15pm -8.45pm Marlborough Library, 91 High St, Marlborough **SN8 1HD**.

For more information contact **Gina Cooke** on **01672 512354** and **see the attached poster**.

Take a look at their website: [MDDA](#). Call **MDDA** helpline on **0772 945 2143**.

**SOMEHOW (SOcial, eMotional and mEntal Health service using technOlogy
in Wiltshire) Project – Focus group discussion session for parent carers in the
Tidworth area July 3rd 2019**

Wiltshire Council are inviting parents/carers of primary school children (aged 4-10 years) to attend a focus group discussion session, to gather feedback to help inform ideas for a project of digital service provision for primary-aged children who are presenting with social and emotional/mental health difficulties

Lauren Jones from Wiltshire Council is the project co-ordinator and she is also a researcher for the Department of Psychology at the University of Bath.

This focus group will take place as follows:-

Clarendon Infants School, Ordnance Road, Tidworth **SP9 7QD** at 10:00-12:00 on **July 3rd**.

During the session Lauren would like to find out your thoughts on the project and would value your input to shape the development of digital service provision for primary school children with social, emotional and/or mental health difficulties. Focus groups will be audio-recorded with your permission and will last approximately two hours. Refreshments will be provided. Lauren Jones (project coordinator) will lead the sessions, and Trudy Srawley (Chair of Participation, Wiltshire Parent Carer Council) will help to facilitate this session.

If you would like to take part in **this session or the final session on July 10th** please contact: **Lauren Jones** (Project Coordinator at Wiltshire Council) Lauren.Jones@wiltshire.gov.uk. [SOMEHOW Project](#)

Kidz to Adultz Exhibition Cardiff July 4th 2019

One of the largest, **FREE UK** exhibitions dedicated to children & young adults with disabilities and additional needs, their families and the professionals who support them.

120+ exhibitors offering advice and information on funding, mobility, seating, beds, communication, access, education, toys, transport, style, sensory, sports, leisure and more!

Find out more [HERE](#)

Autism Events Frome July 4th and Bristol July 7th 2019

Take a look on the following links for details of these two events:

[**Autism and Mental Health Awareness Day July 4th**](#)

[**Primary to Secondary Transition Bristol July 7th**](#)

And More.....

Choral Evensong Salisbury July 9th 2019

Students from Exeter House School, Exeter House Vocational Centre and Wiltshire College and University Centre having been working alongside Salisbury Cathedral choristers to devise their own words and music in response to the traditional Evensong liturgy.

All are welcome to join the congregation in Salisbury Cathedral on Tuesday July 9th at 5.30pm.

Find out more [HERE](#)

Disabled Living Newsletter July 2019

Please see our website for this latest newsletter and their Kidz to Adultz magazine: [**Disabled Living Newsletter**](#)

Child Care Choices (see attached poster)

Please **see the attached poster** explaining the different funding schemes available to parents when looking to access child care.

Also visit [**Child Care Choices**](#) For full details.

Final Reminder SEND Transport Meet & Greet Visits

Wiltshire Parent Carer Council has been contacted by one of the SEND transport providers in Wiltshire asking for some advice, hints and tips for their drivers/staff when visiting a family for a **SEND transport 'Meet & Greet'**. Meet & Greet visits enable children/young people and their parent carers to meet the transport staff (both driver and passenger assistant) and familiarise with the vehicle before transport to school starts. It also gives families an opportunity to ask questions, discuss pick up times, etc. The aim of these visits is to prepare and reassure children, young people and their families as much as possible in advance.

We welcome any constructive comments from families about the 'Meet & Greet' visit that would be useful for the provider/drivers. To take part please complete the following survey: [Transport Meet and Greet](#)

The survey link will be open until **5pm on Sunday 30th June 2019**.

The WPCCC will collate the comments and present them to the transport provider and to Wiltshire Council's SEND Transport team who will be revising their drivers' handbook later in the year.

Reminder Stomp and Stamp Leaflet (see attached)

This leaflet is for families of children and young people with a learning disability, autism or both who may be prescribed (or are prescribed) psychotropic medication.

STOMP stands for **S**topping **T**he **O**ver-**M**edication of children and young **P**eople with a learning disability, autism or both.

STAMP stands for **S**upporting **T**reatment and **A**ppropriate **M**edication in **P**aediatrics

The **STOMP** and **STAMP** programme of work is about making sure children and young people with a learning disability, autism or both are only prescribed the right medication, at the right time and for the right reason.

For the full details please **see the attached leaflet**.

Reminder Job vacancies at Springboard Chippenham September 2019 (see attached information)

Springboard is a charity providing a service for preschool children with special needs:

[Springboard Chippenham Vacancy](#)

Due to their expansion and having an additional playroom from September 2019, they currently have two vacancies for part time playroom assistants.

Please **see the attached information**.

Further details can be found on their website: [Springboard](#)

Reminder Mobility Equipment from my AFK (see attached poster)

My AFK (formerly Action for Kids) is a national charity supporting disabled young children, young people and their families.

Find out more [HERE](#)

Parents of children with additional needs aged 0-25 can apply for funding for mobility equipment, including wheelchairs and specialist trikes. Parents are asked to get a quote (or two quotes for more expensive items) and send them to My AFK with a supporting letter from their child's/young person's Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist. My AFK have suppliers they work with that are quite competitive so they can signpost families if they need suggestions of which suppliers to use.

Families donate towards the equipment **if they can afford to** but it is **NOT** mandatory. For trikes, My AFK often suggest they go to a supplier called Theraplay Trikes UK and for powerchairs/wheelchairs they often buy from Recare or Midlands but families can buy from a range of companies. My AFK tend to part fund the more expensive items. For example, if a family needs a £10,000 powerchair, My AFK will contribute to it as well as helping the family by applying to other charities on their behalf, to raise the balance. They can also help families access a voucher from the wheelchair service towards wheelchairs.

For more details please **see the attached poster** and contact **My AFK** on **02083478111** or email mobilityservices@my-afk.org
Please **see the attached poster** and contact

Please contact Wiltshire Parent Carer Council if you have any problems accessing any of the above information.

Thank you,

Sharon & Elaine
SENDIS Officers

Calendar

Please remember to have a look at our What's On Section, to see what activities are on this month and in the future. Follow this link to take you straight there: [What's On](#)

Wiltshire Local Offer

Please use this Link to access information on Wiltshire's Local Offer: [Wilts Local Offer](#)

The Wiltshire Local Offer provides information and guidance on services for children and young people, aged 0-25, with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). This website contains information about education, health, social care, preparing for adulthood and leisure. It is also your opportunity to provide feedback and help shape the future services.

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