

SEND forum agenda for Thursday 4th December 2025 1-2:45pm

1pm – Welcomes and SEND updates – SENI managers

1:20pm – SEND Hubs – Helen Magan

1:30pm – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD) Training – Lisa Hatfield (Virtual School Advisor)

1:45pm – Learning Disability Annual Health Checks for children in mainstream provision - Nandini Mukhopadhyay (NHS Clinical Lead for People with LD and Autism)

2pm – Family Hubs Programme – Fran Macklin (Family Hubs Lead Officer)

2:15pm – Children's External Placement Education and Tuition (CEPET) & Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)

+ Arrangements for Out of School Tuition and Alternative Provision – David Rhodes (PCC SEND Commissioning Manager)

2:30pm – Family Voice Updates

2:40pm – End of forum

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If you placed a Christmas candle next to a mirror would there be twice as much light?

Local Area SENI Support Service update (LASS)

- Secondary SENCO Network meeting *13th January* at 1:30pm at QKA - <https://forms.office.com/e/Wneb7JE0EM>
- Primary SENCO Network meeting on *3rd February* at 2.30pm at Ormiston Meadows - <https://forms.office.com/e/Dk17ns42v8>
- SENI advisory panel - <https://forms.office.com/e/MNiRnu0EgH> - booking March
- LASS RFIs - [2024-rfi-blank2.docx](#) - please ensure the 3 requested items are attached
- Success with SEND sessions - [Success with SEND Session - 21st January](#)
- SEND forum 22nd January - [PCC SEND Forum Teams link](#)

The Autism/ADHD Advisory Teacher Service

- Early bird plus will be running again in January - staff can attend too if you.
- Developing play in the Early years - on the 18th of March at Manor Drive primary academy.
- I have a Diagnosis session - on the 4th of March at Queen Katherine Academy.
- Newsletter
- RFI's and planning meetings - huge demand

The Sensory and Physical Support Service (SAPS)

- Many of you will be aware that Caroline Fallon (Teacher of PD has) has left the council. For general enquiries, please get in touch with the Hubs (OMA for Primary and Jack Hunt for Secondary). If you have more specific enquiries, please get in touch with the OT who works with the young person. If you are unsure, please get in touch with Ben Hotchkin benjamin.hotchkin@peterborough.gov.uk
- Due to waiting times for Audiology and for ENT surgery, we have noticed a large uptake in referrals for glue ear. Glue ear can affect a high number of young people in Early years and primary settings. You may notice young people coming in with soft bands around their head to aid their hearing. SAPS have a video to aid with understanding around this which can be found in this link: [Glue Ear in Children and Young People](#). Should you require further support the usual referral to the team can be made.
- In the new year, we are looking to follow up our successful program of signing with parents of Deaf children. More details will follow but if you have parents who may benefit, please let your Teacher of the Deaf know.

The Early Years SEND Specialist and Portage Service



- We have been as busy as ever offering our 'Portage model' of home visiting support to our pre-school children with complex developmental needs and their families.
- We are currently running our NAS EarlyBird programme with 8 sets of parents, of children with an Autism diagnosis, and the new materials have had positive feedback.
- Our Sensory Learners group continues to be a vital part of our support package for children and their families.
- We plan to run 'Small Steps' training in January 2026 for those signed up to the PINs project, please contact deborah.cafano@peterborough.gov.uk to reserve your place, as we have a few still available
- Look out for the NPA Portage Workshop date in Spring 2026
- Merry Christmas! From us all...