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SEND forum agenda for Thursday 5th March 2026

1:00pm – Welcomes and SEND updates – SENI managers

1:15pm – SEND Hubs – Helen Magan

1:30pm – Nessie – Jess Lawrence

1:45pm – Romsey Mill Charity – Rebekah Adenaike-Fere

2:00pm – SALT upcoming changes to the speech sound pathway - Bethany Cole

2:15pm – Family Voice Updates

2:30pm – End of forum

Thunk:
What colour would a zebra be if it lost all its stripes?

Local Area SENI Support Service update (LASS)

- Secondary SENCO Network meeting 24th March at 1:30pm at Hampton College - https://forms.office.com/e/UbS5u8kgSv
- Primary SENCO Network meeting on 23rd March at 3:30pm at St John Henry Newman - https://forms.office.com/e/mJx5aCQb4K
- SENI advisory panel - https://forms.office.com/e/MNiRnu0EgH - booking in April
- LASS RFIs - Request For Involvement (RFI) from SENI Services - information from professionals
- Success with SEND sessions - 30th April at 3:30pm (all welcome)
- SEND forum 30th April - PCC SEND Forum | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams
- LASS and SEND Hubs training - https://sway.cloud.microsoft/A1KFsOZIjgiaJMYd?ref=Link

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Local Area SENI Support Service update

New colleague:

Hello, I'm Abi Kefford and I'm new to the role of LASS Specialist Teacher. I'm excited to join the SENI team.

I began my teaching career in Grantham and then moved to Peterborough 12 years ago and I have worked locally in a mainstream school and special school. I enjoy keeping active, training for races and spending time with my family.

When I was training to become a teacher at university, I developed a particular interest in SEND, as I worked with many children with SEND during my school placements and as a swimming teacher.

I’ve always believed that all children should be given the opportunity to reach their potential in all areas of life, and that they should have adults around them who champion them and their achievements.

I am excited to learn more, share my knowledge and support the schools and young people in Peterborough alongside my brilliant colleages.

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Local Area SENI Support Service update (LASS)

New colleague:

Hello, I'm Joanne Simmons, and I'm new to the role of LASS Specialist Teacher. I'm excited to join the SENI team.

Beginning my teaching career in Croydon, and moving to Peterborough in 2012, I have held a variety of roles over the past two decades. However, my passion in education truly lies with SEND. It was an organic progression from my early teaching years—within an inclusive school environment for all—to gradually becoming a SENDCo and completing a range of qualifications along the way to further develop my subject knowledge.

I believe I have a genuine, therapeutic, and relational approach to my teaching style, and I have always felt that building trusted relationships with children and their families is a key aspect of education, particularly for our SEND and vulnerable learners.
I hope to be able to support you soon in your schools, and I am looking forward to assisting you in achieving the best outcomes for all children across Peterborough.

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The Autism/ADHD Advisory Teacher Service

- We have our new Play workshop on the 18th of March at Manor drive – please book a place by emailing sen&inclusion@peterborough.gov.uk
- Remember to attend the Intervention Network meeting if you are part of the group at Ravensthorpe on the 11th of March between 1.30-3pm
- Who am I session? Thank you to QKA for hosting
- The Autism Education trust is now the Neuroinclusive Education Network, please note our change of email to NENpeterborough@peterborough.gov.uk please use this to book training.
- RFI cases – are high
- We will be running another Early bird plus course next term, if you have parents who accept a place on it we will contact you to see if you would like to attend.
- Transitions to school....we will be contacting preschool settings after Easter

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Autism Advisory Teacher Service

The Sensory and Physical Support Service (SAPS)

- With great sadness, Caroline Fallon, former teacher of PD and SENCO, passed away on 14th February. Thank you for all of the messages that have been sent in. They will be shared with the family. The funeral is on 18th March at 12.30 at Cambridge Crematorium East
- Please keep a close eye on events taking place in the PD and Deaf hubs. They provide an excellent opportunity for our young people to meet others across the city
- Transition work with young people is already beginning and will increase in the summer term. Please let your Teacher of the Deaf or teacher of VI know if you have any specific queries around this
- The team are delighted to welcome Millie Brockwell as a HLTA with the VI team. She will be full time with a focus on assistive technology in the VI team. Her work will begin in earnest after Easter with shadowing taking place this term.
- Claire Edwards will be working full time with the Teachers of the Deaf as a HLTA after Easter. Claire had previously split her time between both teams

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The Early Years SEND Specialist and Portage Service

National **Portage** Association

Partners with Parents and Children

- Our core Portage work continues along-side our group offer
- After Easter we will have our next NAS EarlyBird parent programme beginning (for parents of pre-school children that have had a recent diagnosis of Autism)
- We continue to offer joint packages of input to our children and families in collaboration with SAPs, Health, Barnardo's and Family Hub colleagues
- We will be delivering our two and half day NPA Portage workshop for those professionals working in early years and foundation stage that are specifically interested in positively supporting children with SEND 0-5
- Contact: sarah.bernard@peterborough.gov.uk

Service Manager for further details

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