

SEND forum agenda for Thursday 9th October 2025 1 - 2:30pm

1pm – Welcomes and SEND updates – SENI managers

1:20pm – SENDIASS – Angela Buxton

1:30pm – Relational Practice Offer – Zoe Lattimer, Virtual School

1:50pm – SALT Update – Kelly O'Sullivan

2:05pm – YOUnited Neurodevelopmental pathway – Chris McGraw

2:20pm – Family Voice updates

2:35pm – End of forum

Think:

**If you paint
over a window,
is it still a
window?**

Local Area SENI Support Service update

Key dates and information:

- Secondary SENCO Network meeting *24th November* at 3:30pm at QKA - <https://forms.office.com/e/dUpvrxCJSC>
- Primary SENCO Network meeting on *27th November* at 3.30pm at Paston Ridings - <https://forms.office.com/e/5L5nawe1UE>
- SENI advisory panel - <https://forms.office.com/e/MNiRnu0EgH>
- LASS RFIs - [2024-rfi-blank2.docx](#)
- Success with SEND sessions
- SEND forum 4th December - [PCC SEND Forum Teams link](#)

Local Area SENI Support Service update

New colleague:

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

Having lived in Peterborough for most of my life, I've spent much of my career working in local schools, including time as a SENCo. Over the years, I've developed a strong interest in SEN, and I find the work of Temple Grandin particularly inspirational. I also had the opportunity to teach abroad earlier in my career.

I've always believed that consistency, high expectations, and a genuine interest in the people you're working with are key to helping children and young people thrive.

I'm excited to bring my experience to the Local Authority and to work with colleagues who share the same passion for inclusion and improving outcomes for children and families.



The Autism/ADHD Advisory Teacher Service

- It's been a busy few weeks, please nudge us if we haven't got back to you!
- **Planning meetings with schools** - we are trying to get these done this term, please let Claire N know if you haven't been contacted about these yet.
- **PINS update**, thank you to everyone for working with us on this, if you were involved last year you will receive an invite shortly for an online update.
- **Autism & Self-Care: Toilet Challenges & Hygiene**

Free Webinar

Autism & Self-Care:
Toilet Challenges & Hygiene

05.11.2025 10am



Exam Access Arrangements Workshop

We are hosting the event at:
Nene Park Academy
(Oundle road, Peterborough, PE2 7EA)

Tuesday 4th November 2025
1:30pm-3:00pm

Email Rhys Baker to sign up
Rhys.baker@peterborough.gov.uk

This session is for **parents of secondary-aged young people** to get their questions answered and learn what support school can put in place for their young person for their exams

The Autism/ADHD Advisory Teacher Service

New colleague:

My name is Rhys and I joined the AATS in September. I will be mainly focussed on secondary provision.

I have worked in and around schools for 15 years, including 3 years as a SENCO. Most of that time has been in secondary schools where I taught Biology to 11-18 year olds. I have taught in inner-city schools and grammars. I have been classroom-based and worked in Alternate Provision.

I spend my spare time doing ballet, powerlifting and volunteering. I think bow ties are cool, waistcoats are underappreciated and that the world would be a lot better if we stopped to listen more.



The Early Years SEND Specialist and Portage Service



National **Portage** Association
Partners with Parents and Children



- We have had a busy summer offering 'small steps holiday sessions' to children on our waiting list and their parents. Parents welcomed support around transitions into pre-school and school, supporting play and learning strategies, the use of visuals, and DLA support.
- We attended Barnardo's family events in the parks where our families joined us for a huge singing session!
- The team continued to offer Portage programme home visits and are now contacting new families, as others move on this term.

MeLSA Mediating Learning Support Approach

MeLSA (Mediating Learning Support Approach) is an evidence-informed approach created by Educational Psychologists to support how pupils learn. It is designed for any school-based professional such as TAs, LSAs, teachers or SENCOs, and can be applied with whole classes, small groups or individuals.

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Find out more:

[Click here](#) to sign up to Headteacher/SLT info sessions:
21 or 23 Oct 2025 (3:30–4:30pm)
[Click here](#) to express interest or sign up via link/QR code.

PCC SEND Hubs

- **Free Hub Training – week beginning 20/10 and 3/11**
 - Early Years, Autism, PD, Speech and Language and SEMH Hubs, opportunity to visit the Nurture provision at St Michaels. <https://learntogether.peterborough.gov.uk/asset-library/pcc-send-hubs-training-calendar-autumn-term-25-v21.pdf>
- Southfields **Makaton training** - Significantly reduced price to booking online - Level 1 and 2 £115.00 - throughout November and December
 - Makaton helps people living with – Autism, Cleft lip & palate, Developmental language disorder, Down's syndrome, Global developmental delay, Multi-sensory impairment , Verbal dyspraxia
- **SEND Conference** tabletop
 - To sign up to the conference - <https://forms.office.com/e/kwKh1R6reB>
- Local Offer Link - https://fis.peterborough.gov.uk/kb5/peterborough/directory/site.page?id=zaWjffd_yUo