



# GET INVOLVED

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## York SEND Strategy 2021-2023

We've worked with families to develop York's SEND Strategy 2021 – 2025. The strategy outlines four key priorities that we will work on for the next four years:

1. The voice of children, young people and families is visible in all that we do
2. Ensure sufficiency of support through joint working across the local area partnership, adopting evidence based commissioning using the JSNA
3. All children and young people identified as having special educational needs have their needs identified early, are supported in the local area and are able to access a range of provision that results in success and achievement
4. All children and young people are able to experience a smooth transition at key points throughout their education and into adulthood.

### WELCOME

to the second annual newsletter from City of York Council and Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership (formerly Vale of York CCG).

We hope it will update you on how we are working with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their families in York.

Lots has been happening and we are working hard to ensure that you feel involved and informed about the work we're doing.

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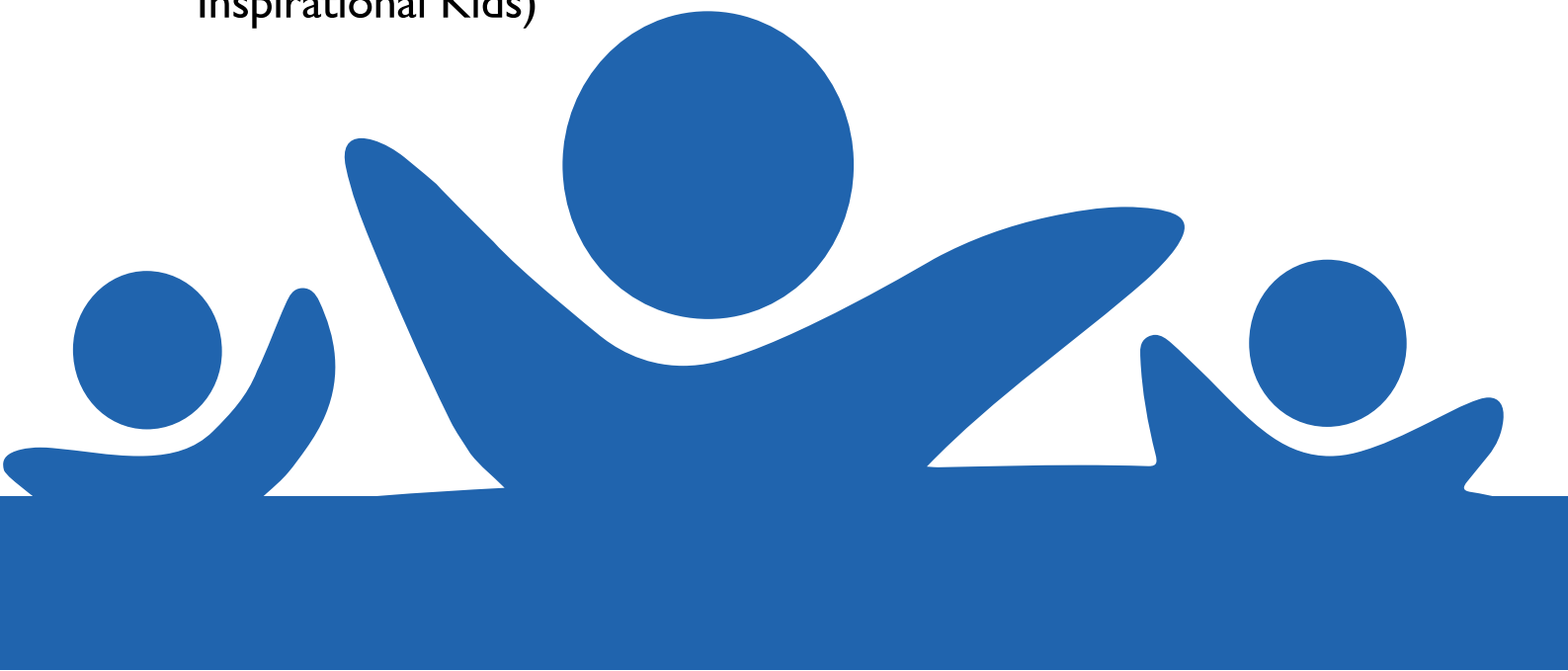
| You said, we are doing – how we are using your feedback to make changes

| Opportunities Event

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# What we've been working on:

- ✓ Checking Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) to ensure they are high quality
- ✓ Working with other Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) to develop good quality statutory health advice
- ✓ Embedding the Outcomes Framework
- ✓ Investing in new posts at both the council (CYC) and clinical commissioning group (CCG) to focus on SEND
- ✓ Developing a training package, in partnership with York Inspirational Kids, for staff across CYC and the CCG
- ✓ Completed the first stage of the Inclusion Review with over 600 families
- ✓ Improving early identification of SEND needs
- ✓ Investing in a new EHCP systems to improve efficiency and quality of plans
- ✓ Investing in SENDIASS and the Parent Carer Forum (York Inspirational Kids)



# You said...what we are doing with YOUR feedback

We have been continuing our work with children, young people and families to improve their experiences. Here are some examples of how we have acted on the feedback we have received.

## You said...



**EHCP paperwork was too long and took too much time to complete.**

**The Q&A sessions held in lockdown were useful and there should be regular sessions for new parents entering ‘the world of SEND’.**

**Young people told us that they want to be more involved in their Education, Health and Care plans.**



## We did...

- ✓ Worked with York Parent Carer Forum and other parents to redesign the Request for Assessment Paperwork and the Annual Review Paperwork.
- ✓ Produced a workshop/Q&A timetable, inviting a range of SEND services to hold sessions for families throughout the year.
- ✓ Trialled young people's EHCP Audits, enabling young people to achieve a sense of ownership after auditing their own plans.
- ✓ Held the Opportunities Fair to help young people explore their post 16 options. 94% of students felt it had helped them feel more confident about next steps. 69% said it helped them feel more independent.

## Date for your diary:

Post 16 evening drop in event for families of young people with SEND to explore post 16 options on 18 October, 4pm-7.30pm at Askham Bryan College

**If you have any questions about the event, please contact [york.apprenticeships@york.gov.uk](mailto:york.apprenticeships@york.gov.uk)**

# Update from our Parent Carer Forum

Since the SEND inspection in 2020, you've been supporting us to make changes and improvements to our provision.

In October 2021, 75% of families said that their involvement was positive and purposeful, compared to only 26% in July 2020.

Join the Parent Carer Forum now by emailing: [pcf@yiks.co.uk](mailto:pcf@yiks.co.uk)

"Engagement throughout has been so uplifting compared to where it was 4 years ago"

"I do feel this is the start of it and we will get families back on board and engage with us"

"It has been very eye-opening being part of the parent carer forum. We are always included, and our thoughts and opinions listened to and genuinely explored, driving change."

## What are we working on now? And what do we need your help with?

- | Support for children pre-assessment for autism and post-diagnosis -Autism referral pathways | | |
- | Emotionally based school avoidance response
- | Tics and Tourettes advice being developed
- | Local Offer Parent Carer Review
- | Developing the Learning Support Hub

# New outcomes framework to help children live their best lives

In York, we want all children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to be happy and live the best lives they can. That's why we worked with parents, carers and young people with SEND to produce a set of outcomes that we all want to achieve for our children and young people.

## These 7 SEND Outcomes are:

1. I am healthy
2. I have a choice and I am heard
3. I am safe
4. I achieve my goals
5. I am included
6. I can overcome challenges and difficulties on my own or with support
7. I am becoming independent

**Each outcome will look different for each child so for a more in-depth list of descriptors, visit [www.yor-ok.org.uk/outcomes-framework.htm](http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/outcomes-framework.htm)**

The outcomes framework, which launched earlier this summer, will change the way we work and the way we measure how effective we are in supporting children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

We'll know whether the new framework is working when children and young people can show or tell us that everything we do is supporting them to achieve these outcomes.

### **We will use this framework when we:**

- Commission new services
- Check the quality of our practice
- Listen to voices of children and young people

### **What will this mean for my child and I?**

The new framework will mean that all the professionals supporting you and your child can identify and work towards making sure they achieve their best outcomes in each of the key areas.

**You can find out more at <https://yor-ok.org.uk/outcomes-framework.htm>**

# Super NHS SEND Champions

## What is a SEND Champion?

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospital and York CAMHS have created a group of 'SEND champions'. The champions are a group of enthusiastic and motivated doctors, nurses and therapists who want to improve SEND services and support children and young people with SEND in York.

## What do SEND Champions do?

The SEND Champions will share information with staff at the hospital, work with people who are writing Educational Health and Care Plans, checking the advice before it is sent to the Special Educational Needs Team at City of York Council.

Each champion will lead on one area of work such as Voice and Participation, Quality Assurance, Training, Local Offer and Website Updates.

**What will this mean for me?**

The SEND champions will be local experts, helping other professionals across York to do the very best they can to support children and young people with SEND and their families.



# Keep us in the loop

**We know that it's important to keep you up to date with the work we're doing.**

We'll share regular messages through schools, settings and providers, the home tuition team if your child is educated at home, community drop in sessions across York and key annual events .

But why not get involved too? You can join our improvement journey, meet directly with leaders, share your views and make a difference to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities. Simply email [jointpartnership@york.gov.uk](mailto:jointpartnership@york.gov.uk) to get involved, or join York's Parent Carer Forum and work with other families in the city.

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City of York Council and the NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group are working together to improve services for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities, and their families, in York.

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For more information visit **[www.yor-ok.org.uk/send-updates.htm](http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/send-updates.htm)**