



September E-Bulletin



Welcome to our latest e-bulletin, we hope that you all had a good summer and that your children/young people are now settled back into education. This could be within mainstream settings, colleges or home education.

It was good to see new faces at the family fun day and seeing the children enjoying themselves. Thank you to all who attended.

Over the holiday many families were left feeling anxious after receiving letters from Truro College stating many of the courses were now being offered as three days instead of the five they were expecting. We were pleased to hear many families had contacted the college and the local authority regarding this. We along with other organisations involved with young people had regular contact and meetings both with the local authority and the college to ensure this issue could be resolved. We are glad to report it has for this academic year with those wishing to attend five days it being offered. We had a meeting this week to discuss this not happening again for families in the future.

It had a knock-on effect for transport who were left in a position of not knowing which days young people would need transport for. People are often ready to knock transport but, on this occasion, they sorted most transport requests out within a short timescale.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at The Aiming Higher Conference, details of which are in this e-bulletin.

Future events we have coming up for you to look out for are:

Carers break days

Information Days

Training events

Details will be released in the near future.

Fun Holiday Activity Days for disabled children and young people!

Action for Children Cornwall SPACE is a Cornwall Council funded service providing Holiday Activities for disabled children and young people aged between 5 – 18 years. We offer disabled children and young people exciting new activities to try, providing families with an all-important short break. We also offer three youth groups for young disabled people between 13 – 25 years. These youth groups run at Fourways in St.Blazey, Hayle Youth Project in Hayle and Chy Trevail in Bodmin.

Referral Criteria

Children and young people are able to access these short breaks and youth groups if they have one of the following:

a Statement of Educational Needs (SEN) Band 1-3
an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP)
or a learning disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010 - “a child or young person that has a physical or mental impairment that has ‘substantial’ and ‘long term’ negative effects on their ability to do normal daily activities’.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information about our criteria and referral process.

Fun and Inclusive!

We arrange lots of fun activities like puppetry, theatre trips, art sessions and outdoor activities. We have friendly staff to support disabled young people to take part and achieve, feel empowered and increase confidence. Disabled young people can meet new people and make friends while trying out new and exciting activities

How to make a referral...

We have a simple and quick referral process that can be made by families, disabled young people or professionals.

To obtain a referral form please contact our Business Support Team on 01872 885447

Fill in the online referral form and email it to the project:

cornwall.space@actionforchildren.org.uk

Or alternatively you can request a paper copy, fill out and post to Action for Children, Helford House, May Court, Truro Business Park, Threemilestone, Truro TR4 9LD

Aiming Higher

for Disabled Children



Aiming Higher for Disabled Children Annual Conference

2nd October 2018

9:30am – 3.30pm

The Royal Cornwall Showground Pavilion in Wadebridge Cornwall

To book a place at the conference, please complete the form below (including your workshop preferences) and email or post to:

Aiming Higher Annual Conference ☎ aiminghigher@cornwall.gov.uk

☒ Children & Family Services, Room 3.10, St Johns Hall, Alverton Street, Penzance TR18 2QR

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any queries, or need further information, please email the above address or telephone 01736 336809

Are you a Parent or a Professional (please tick)

Number of places requested:	
Name(s) of delegate(s):	
Service/organisation: (if appropriate)	
Contact telephone number:	
Contact email address:	

Lunch will be provided at the conference. Please tick below if you have any special dietary requirements:

Vegetarian Vegan Gluten Free Dairy free

Other (please state)

Please state if you have any specific access requirements

Data Protection Act – Privacy Statement

The Data Controller for all of the information you provide on this form is Cornwall Council, New County Hall, Truro TR1 3AY. Data Protection Registration Number: Z1745294

The information you provide on this form will be used only for the purposes of the Aiming Higher Conference 2018, to enable us to make appropriate arrangements for the day, and to contact you if we need to clarify anything about your dietary requirements, or workshop preferences.

Your data will be held within Cornwall Council's secure network and premises, and will not be processed outside of the UK. Access to your information will only be made to authorised members of staff who are required to process it for the purposes outlined in this privacy notice.

The information will be kept for three months after the Aiming Higher conference, to enable us to contact you if you have requested further information after the conference, and will then be destroyed securely.

A copy of our Privacy Notice can be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk/csprivacynotice. This Privacy Notice sets out the basis by which any personal data we collect from you, or that you provide to us, will be processed by us, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act.

For further information or assistance on Data Protection Matters, please contact the Practice Development and Standards Service on 01872 327617 or email csfdpa@cornwall.gov.uk or the Council's Data Protection Officer at dpo@cornwall.gov.uk

You have the right to withdraw consent to the processing of your data at any time and your further rights as to how we handle your data can be found by following the above link. Should you wish to withdraw your consent, please contact us using the details above.

I confirm that I have read the statement above, and consent to the use of my data for the purposes of the Aiming Higher conference 2018

Name: <i>Please Print</i>	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>
Signature:	<input type="text"/>		

Filming at the Conference

This year, we will be filming the presentations at the Aiming Higher conference, so that those who were unable to attend the conference in person are able to access them. The videos will be posted on the Cornwall Council website after the event.

Please confirm, by ticking the boxes below, whether you consent to being filmed and for this to be shared on the Cornwall Council website. Cornwall Council will not publish further.

There will be a section of the audience seating set aside at the conference which will not be captured by the filming, but please be aware that the camera may pan around the rest of the audience.

I consent to being filmed at the Aiming Higher conference, and for any images of me/ comments made by me captured during filming at the Aiming Higher conference to be publicised via the Cornwall Council website.

I do NOT consent to being filmed at the Aiming Higher conference
(If you have ticked this box this will be indicated on the sign in sheet, but please also mention this when you sign in at the conference so that we can ensure you are directed to seating in the area not being captured by filming.)

Workshop Programme

We will be offering a choice of four workshops during the conference (see the attached sheet with further details). You will be able to attend TWO of these. We will confirm on the day whether you have been allocated the morning or afternoon workshop for your two choices.

Please indicate below which TWO workshops you would like to attend.

Workshop Number	Workshop title	Please Tick
1	Transport <i>reviewing ways of commissioning and managing this service</i>	
2	Early Years – Achievements & Aspirations	
3	Employability – the key to successful Preparing for Adulthood work	
4	Ambitions for Mental Health services for children	

Aiming Higher Conference 2018

Workshop Programme

There will be four workshops running. You will be able to attend two out of the four – one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Workshop 1

Transport

Lead by Helen Peerless (Policy & Organisation Manager, Education & Early Years, Cornwall Council)

Reviewing ways of commissioning and managing this service – how can we do things differently.

Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions on how home to school/college transport is commissioned, and how the Council endeavours to meet needs of pupils/students who require individualised transport arrangements. The group will primarily be a question and answer session on the broad subject of how home to school and post-16 transport is

managed. *(Please note though we will be unable to answer questions about individual cases.)*

The Council is undertaking a corporate transport review that encompasses children's and adult's services and information gathered from the review will inform how the Council may do things differently.

Workshop 2

Early Years – Achievements and Aspirations

Lead by Kay Henry (Chair, Parent Carers Cornwall)

(with Crin Whelan (Disabled Children's Early Help Team Lead),

Carol Kimberley (Head of Early Years and Foundation Stage) and

Hannah Fugill (Senior Educational Psychologist, Head of EYIS) (all TBC)

This workshop will consider what information parents/carers were told about their children when they were young children – what they were expected or predicted to achieve; what they have actually achieved since; and their aspirations for the future.

The aim of the workshop is to offer help and support to parents/carers who may have young children at the start of their journey – reflecting what is possible.

Workshop 3

Employability: the key to successful Preparing for Adulthood work

Lead by Graham Plunkett (Senior Secondary School Effectiveness Officer, Education and Early Years, Cornwall Council)

(with colleagues from Adults and Careers SouthWest)

Preparing for Adulthood came into being as a result of the Care Act and the Children and Families Act (2014). It is about helping young people to be proactive with regard to their future, getting their ideas and working out what will help with their transition points along the route of their plan to move from school into adulthood. It focuses upon:

- Employment
- Independent living
- Friends, relationships and community
- Good health

We believe that employment – where it is a potential outcome for a young person – is the key to delivering the other three outcomes listed above. This workshop will look at research that demonstrates the positive impact of employment and will consider examples of good and best practice from around the country. We will then look at how we can take lessons from the research and examples of practice and how this learning could be applied to our particular Cornish context.

Workshop 4

Ambitions for Mental Health Services for children

Lead by Liz Cahill, Children & Young People’s Commissioner, KCCG

The ‘Turning the Tide’ CAMHS transformation plan set ambitions to ensure we improve our response to children, young people and their families with emotional wellbeing and mental health needs. This requires system-wide focussing on building resilience to prevent ill health as well as capacity to intervene when things go wrong.

Last year’s workshop gave everyone an opportunity to tell us what they thought needed changing and to discuss the principles we were using to get that change. In 2018, we have increased investment and have started the process of change to new ways of working and delivering help.

However, changes are still in their infancy and we know that it might still feel difficult to access what is needed. This workshop provides the opportunity for you to tell us whether you have seen anything improve or not, and to look at some of what we are trying to achieve in order to inform the offer of help being developed.



Positive Behaviour Support – Parent & Carer Workshop

A workshop for parents supporting children who present behaviours that challenge. The workshop is designed to offer strategies, develop confidence, knowledge and understanding when supporting those who find it difficult to self-regulate.

We will explore; *Behaviour as Communication *Functions of Behaviour
*Emotional & Social Development *Attachment *Person Centred Approaches
*Strategies to cope with and support change in behaviours that challenge

*These workshops are subsidised to enable us to provide them **free** to the parents and carers of Cornwall.*

Cornubia

31 Eastcliffe Road

Par

PL24 2AQ

Wednesday 14th November 2018

10 am – 2pm

(refreshments and lunch will be provided)

Bookings via michellepcc@outlook.com





Relationships & Sex Education – Parent & Carer Workshop

“Every member of society has the same value as any other human being and the same rights as any other citizen. These rights include the right to sexual expression within the law; the right to an education to help them understand themselves, their sexual development and the choices open to them; and the right to protection from sexual abuse and exploitation.”

The workshop is for parents and carers of children with additional needs. Designed to improve the knowledge, skills and confidence in communicating with, supporting and educating children with additional needs about relationships, growing and changing and self-advocacy - in a positive, inclusive, safe and pro-active manner.

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Cornubia

31 Eastcliffe Road

Par

PL24 2AQ

Friday 12th October 2018

10 am – 2pm

(refreshments and lunch will be provided)

To book email michellepcc@outlook.com





The Independent Support service in Cornwall that was delivered through Disability Cornwall since September 2014 finished at the end of July this year.

“The programme was introduced in 2014. Its aim was to help families through the Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment and plan process, and with annual reviews of EHC plans, during the transition from Learning Difficulty Assessments and Statements to EHC plans. The Government provided over £60m to support the programme over its 4 year lifetime.

During the term of the project more than 160,000 children, young people and their families with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) were supported in England.”

Cornwall & IoS Sendiass will continue to offer Information, Advice and Support to children, young people and parent carers around the EHC Process and can be contacted either by:

Telephone: 01736 751921

Email: sendiass@disabilitycornwall.org.uk

Website: <https://www.cornwallsendiass.org.uk/>



Oasis group dates from September – December 2018

	Time & Day	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dracaena Centre – Falmouth Dracaena Avenue, TR11 2ES	Monday 9.30 – 11.30am	10 th	1 st	5 th	3 rd
Hayle Family Hub Bodriggy Street, TR27 4ND	Monday 9.30 – 11.30am	17 th	15 th	19 th	17 th
Pondhu Family Hub – St Austell Penwinnick Road, PL25 5DR	Monday 10am – 12pm	10 th & 24 th	8 th	12 th & 26 th	10 th
Lescudjack Centre - Penzance Penmere Close, TR18 3PE	Monday 1.00 – 2.30pm	10 th	1 st	5 th	3 rd
Bodmin Family Hub Chestnuts Centre, Fore Street, PL31 2JB	Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am	Every Week – Term Time Only			
Wadebridge Family Hub Goldsworthy Way, PL27 7AL	Tuesday 1.00 – 2.30pm	11 th	9 th	13 th	11 th
Helston Family Hub Bulwark Road, TR13 8JF	Tuesday 1.00 – 3.00pm	25 th	30 th	27 th	18 th
Growing & Knowing at Trevenon Church Hall , Church Road, Pool, TR15 3PT	Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am	19 th	17 th	21 st	19 th
Bosvigo Children’s Centre – Truro Bosvigo School, Chapel Hill, TR1 3BT	Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am	12 th	10 th	14 th	12 th
Camborne Children’s Centre Rosemellin on Gooseberry Bush site Cliff View Road, TR14 8QH	Friday 9.30 – 11.30am	7 th	5 th	2 nd	7 th
Newquay Family Hub Trenance Road, TR7 2LU	Friday 9.30 – 11.30am	14 th	12 th	9 th	14 th

For more information, or to be added to be kept informed of our service, please contact Friends of Face 2 Face at info.fof2fc@gmail.com with your details.