

Parent, Carer Forum Meeting



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**You are invited to our next Parent, Carer Forum Meeting on
Wednesday 28th September 2016**

Venue: Chester Rugby Football Club, Hare Lane, Littleton .Chester CH3 7DB
Registration, tea, coffee from 9.30am,
meeting starts at 10am and finishes at 1pm (with lunch)

The purpose/aim of the parent / carer group:

- *Opportunity for parents and professionals to network and share information.*
- *To access decision makers and influence services.*
- *Parents to be able to offer feedback into the Local Authority with regard to Special Educational Needs and Disability issues*
- *Parents to be able to share experiences with other parents*
- *Possible future involvement in Local Authority strategic meetings*
- *Access to training for parents.*

Draft programme for the day:

Update on Special Education Needs

Helen Nuttall from Cheshire West & Chester Council will be describing how special educational needs funding works in our local authority and sharing new paperwork regarding assessments for Education, Health and Care Plans

Update on Government Offer of 30 hours FREE CHILDCARE

Sue Lawson from Cheshire West & Chester Council will explain this new government initiative which is being made available in our area before the official rollout for 3 and 4 year olds.

Current Effectiveness of Health & Social Care Support In Our Area & Planned Improvements

Jackie Lewis from Healthwatch, an independent consumer champion for Health & Social Care in Cheshire West, will talk to you about the findings from the recent research to identify gaps in this provision including the improvements planned and now in place.

Your Response To The Local Offer

Feedback about the Local Offer- a summary of what families and professionals have said about the offer and what Cheshire West and Chester Council intend to do about it.

Brain Injury Rehabilitation & Development (B.I.R.D.)

B.I.R.D is a charity offering specialised, non-evasive exercise treatment to children and adults with brain injury and/or learning disability. Estelle Bryne from the charity will give a presentation of the BIRD therapy approach and a description of courses available to parents, .carers and staff in the areas of communication difficulties in children and Mental Health First Aid.

You will also have the opportunity to chat to other parents - this is always a great source of support and information - and you can chat informally to professionals who are attending.

As always we look forward to seeing current members of the forum and any new members who would like to join us.

The forum is free and there is no charge for the refreshments. If you need transport please contact us and we will try to arrange this for you.



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