

Bury SEND

LOCAL OFFER NEWSLETTER

May 2023



News from SEND and Inclusion Services

Update on changes to EHC Assessment and Review Team staffing:

The team is sad to say goodbye to Natalie Owen, Caseworker, as she has left to return to work in a school. The team is pleased to welcome our new Caseworkers, Lisa Beresford and Katie Brown. School Allocations have been adjusted to reflect the staffing changes and Natalie's caseload has been transferred accordingly. If you are not aware of your new Caseworker, please email ehc@bury.gov.uk

The team is receiving a high volume of calls to the general phone number. Team members want to spend as much time as possible on calls to resolve concerns so are not always available to accept new calls. The team also checks emails regularly throughout the day and would advise that an email is sent to record your question or query so that it can be dealt with by the appropriate team member.

Best wishes

Sian O'Brien – EHC Assessment & Review Team Manager



Oak Learning Partnership (OLP) Outreach Team has hosted the Summer Term SENCO Solution Meeting. The event was very well attended by over 30 SENCOS from across the authority. The SENCOS were given a range of updates by Bury's Health services including the Speech and Language Team, the Sleep Nurse, the Learning Disability Team. Other services supporting the event included First Point, Early Break, Worry Wizards, Kooth and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). The head teacher of Elmsbank Special school, Orienne Langley Sadler organised an activity for health professionals and SENCOS to discuss 'buds' 'thorns' and 'flowers'. This powerful activity enabled a range of professionals to reflect on provision within the authority (what is working well) and highlighted systems that need to improve. This information will be fed back to the relevant services.

We are all working to achieve the best outcomes for Bury's students with SEND, and education professionals are committed to supporting our Health Service drive to ensure students are able to 'wait well'. We look forward to working together in the near future.

Please note all presentations and notes have been shared with SENCOS. Please contact OakILP outreach if you haven't received the notes.



The Visual and Hearing Impairment/Deaf Education Service, previously known as the Sensory Needs Team, held its most recent Youth Social Group trip in March for secondary pupils with a visual and/or hearing impairment.

Our Young people from various high schools in Bury loved making their own pizzas and socialising with new friends at Pizza Express on The Rock in Bury. Following the pizza making, they enjoyed eating their pizzas with an ice cream for dessert. All students said they really appreciated having this opportunity to socialise with young people who have had similar experiences to themselves.

We look forward to organising our next event in the summer term, continuing to build supportive relationships between high school students with hearing and visual impairment.

**Hulya Whittaker, Specialist Teacher of the Deaf
Vision & Hearing/Deaf Education Service**



You Said

We are doing

We did

BURY SEND SURVEY 2022

EDUCATION HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

Thank you to all who responded to the annual SEND Survey in 2022. We have listened and are working on areas that you have stated that we need to develop and improve. Some of those changes will take some time to complete and some are things that we can move on quickly.

We have reviewed all the findings from the survey and we wanted to update you on where we are up to on the improvement journey for SEND service by using a 'you said, we are doing and we did' approach. Please click on the link to the Local Offer to read the feedback.

[SEND Local Offer Feedback | The Bury Directory](#)

LOCAL OFFER



The co-production events are now successfully underway. The events so far have been well-attended by a cross section of Bury's parents and carers, Local Authority and Health services and independent and third sector organisations. There has been lots of lively discussion generating useful insights and ideas to shape our revised Local Offer. Sincere thanks to those of you who have already contributed.

Discussion has focused on the content of each section of the Local Offer and the structure and organisation of the information. Already, Bury's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) has started amendments to the information shared on their page in response to the feedback at the SEN Support event. All feedback has been collated in readiness for the next Local Offer steering group meeting in two weeks' time. Revision work for the first two sections will then begin.

A key theme arising from the events so far has been about accessibility of information. People have requested that information is presented using a variety of media, including video clips to share the positive experiences of Bury families. If you would like to share your family SEND journey with other parents, please contact us via the send.localoffer@bury.gov.uk mailbox. Alternatively, you can leave a message on the Local Offer page:

[SEND Local Offer Feedback | The Bury Directory](#)

In response to feedback, the dates, times and venues for the remaining events are shown below along with an additional date for an evening virtual event:

- **Short Breaks:** Friday 19th May 2023, 12-2pm at Bury2gether SEND Hub
- **Virtual session for parents/carers (all sections):** Tuesday 23rd May 2023, 7-8pm via Microsoft Teams
- **Preparing for Adulthood:** Thursday 25th May 2023, 10am-12pm at Bury2gether SEND Hub
- **Health Services:** Tuesday 6th June 2023, 10am-12pm at Bury2gether SEND Hub
- **Transport and Travel:** Monday 12th June 2023, 12-2pm at Millwood Primary Special School

Please email send.localoffer@bury.gov.uk if you would like to attend any of the sessions so that we can ensure the correct numbers have been catered for. The formal invite with the agenda will then be emailed to you.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the events. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



SEND Information Day

Thursday 29th June 2023

10.00am-2.00pm

The Elizabethan Suite

The Town Hall, Knowsley Street, Bury BL9 0SW

Everyone welcome!

A free drop-in event organised by the
Local Authority and BURY2GETHER for Parent/Carers and
Professionals supporting children and young people with SEND
(Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

- Information stands from SEND Services and Providers
- Refreshments available

Tram & Bus Station nearby

Carparking- Manchester Road, Castle Leisure Centre, Q-Park- Knowsley Place

(Payment for parking can be made by downloading the Parking mobile app & payment solution | PayByPhone)

For more information, please email: Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk



Need advice?

Our Bolton drop-in is available **Thursdays 10am - 3pm.**

Citizens Advice Bury & Bolton
1 Victoria Plaza, Oxford Street, BL1 1RD

Get help with:

- Money Advice & Energy
- Welfare Benefits
- Housing Advice
- Community Care

citizens advice Bury & Bolton

Bury Domestic Abuse Support and Prevention

for children and young people

A new partnership for Bury residents, or a Bury cared for children in out-of-borough placement.

Counselling Support

Individual counselling sessions for children and young people aged 5-18 involved in situations of domestic abuse (using harm or experiencing harm.)

Delivered in confidential school / community settings.

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Anchor Project

For children and young people aged 5-19 who have witnessed domestic abuse or who are in an unhealthy relationship of their own. Using a trauma informed approach, we offer: Group work to overcome the trauma of domestic abuse and/or unhealthy relationships.

- One to one supporting change sessions to encompass:
- Emotional support working with Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) trauma
 - Safety planning and risk assessments
 - Strategies, tools and techniques for creating and maintaining healthy relationships (underpinned using Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) / Adaptive Mentalization Based Integrative Treatment (AMBIT) strategies)

Displaying Harm Programmes

Must be aged 13-19 years old (referrals for those aged 10-12 and 20-21 may be considered on a case-by-case basis.)

Respect Young People's Programme for children and young people displaying harmful behaviours in their relationships towards their parents/carers.

TLC Healthy Relationships Programme for children and young people displaying harmful behaviours in their relationships towards siblings, or in their own intimate relationships.

- Face to face specialist support for children and young people using harm
- Mixture of group work and one to one sessions
- Support for parents and guidance service for professionals in relation to children and young people displaying harm

Respect Accredited



CARE & CONVO

Supporting Parent/Carers who have a Child/Young Person with a Special Educational Need and/or a Disability (SEND), aged 0-25, who access Bury services.

Are you a Parent/Carer?

Fancy a brew and an offload to other parent/carers? We are here to listen. (Children/Young People welcome).

Bury SENDiass will be attending to support/advise parents.

Next dates: Wed 17th May & Wed 21st June 1pm-2pm

During this session, our parent/carer wellbeing library will be open! This is the opportunity for our members to borrow wellbeing resources and equipment to use at home.



Our printing station will be set up. The sensory room will be open and parent/carers can help themselves to 'invisible disability' lanyards.



Please let us know you are coming by booking your place at the email address below:

BURY2GETHER@gmail.com
www.bury2gether.co.uk

The Bury SEND Hub
(Home of BURY2GETHER)
Westminster Avenue
Radcliffe
Greater Manchester
M26 3WD

@BURY2GETHER

Social Activities



Marvin's Story Time Show!



Bee Inclusive have organised Marvin's Story Time Show with Positive Eye for children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) aged 0-16 years who live in or access services in Bury. Children that are visually impaired, those with complex care needs and PMLD will be prioritised. These sessions were generously funded by The Boshier-Hinton Foundation.



Marvin's Story Time Show is an inclusive opportunity for children and their carers to participate in a meaningful fun story time. The Story Time Show touches on all the literacy access skills for children, tactile, fine motor, language, book and story, concept development etc. Marvin's Adventures are linked to everyday experiences making them a starting point from which to build concepts and meaningful literacy opportunities. More information about the show can be found here:

https://positiveeye.co.uk/marvin_story-time_show/

A parent/carer is required to stay and supervise their child during this session.



Date: Thursday 1st June
Time: 12.00-12.45pm



Location: Bee Inclusive, The Bury SEND Hub, Westminster Avenue, Radcliffe, M26 3WD. The venue is wheelchair accessible and has a disabled toilet with a change bed and hoist.

Booking in advance is essential to reserve your place.

Please visit www.beeinclusive.co.uk/events-1 to request a place via our booking form. Siblings may be considered if there are surplus spaces, please request on the booking form.

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www.facebook.com/beeinclusiveuk

www.instagram.com/bee_inclusive
www.twitter.com/bee_inclusive



SHAKE RATTLE & ROLL For Babies & Children!



Bee Inclusive have organised a music and movement session with Shake, Rattle & Roll for children aged 0-5 years with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), who live in or access services in Bury.



This session was generously funded by The Boshier-Hinton Foundation.



Date: Wednesday 31st May
Time: 11.00-11.45am



Location: Bee Inclusive, The Bury SEND Hub, Westminster Avenue, Radcliffe, M26 3WD. The venue is wheelchair accessible and has a disabled toilet with a change bed and hoist.

Shake, Rattle & Roll provides, fun, inclusive, and interactive music sessions for children age 0-5 and their carers. The session includes: music and singing with the use of interesting props and puppets, musical instruments and exciting circle games!



Booking in advance is essential to reserve your place.

To be considered for a place, you must meet the following criteria:

- child attending is 0-5 years with SEND
- lives in, or accesses services in Bury

If you meet these requirements, please visit www.beeinclusive.co.uk/events-1 to request a place via our booking form. Siblings may be considered if there are surplus spaces, please request on the booking form. A parent/carer is required to stay and supervise their child throughout the session.



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Mental Health Support

SilverCloud[®]
by Amwell[®]

NHS
Greater Manchester
Integrated Care

Is your child or teenager
struggling with worry
and anxiety?

The SilverCloud[®] platform
is here to support parents



As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, there is FREE support for parents from the SilverCloud[®] platform, a digital mental health partner. Sign up to the Supporting an Anxious Teen or Child Programme to learn how to help your child or teenage with worry and anxiety.

<https://gm.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>

Bury ICP SELF-HELP RESOURCES



We've put together a collection of self-help resources on low mood, anxiety, OCD and ADHD that we hope you find useful. These resources provide guidance and information that have all been quality assured by a Clinical Psychologist. There are resources for young children, teens and parents and carers.

- [ADHD](#)
- [Anxiety](#)
- [Low mood](#)
- [OCD](#)
- [Self-harm](#)

Look for some self-help resources for ADHD, OCD or anxiety?

Click the link below to find a collection of resources, all quality assured by a Clinical Psychologist, for young children, teens and parents and carers.

[Self-help resources - Mental Health \(gmintegratedcare.org.uk\)](https://gmintegratedcare.org.uk)

NHS
Greater Manchester
Integrated Care

Hey, how are you feeling ?

Thriving
IN BURY

I just feel
so alone.

I really need
some support
now.

We care, and we are listening...

If you're feeling sad,
worried, lonely or upset



Scan the QR code above or visit the website
below for confidential help, advice and support.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.

<https://padlet.com/ThriveinBury/YoungPeople>

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 2023

Thriving
IN BURY

Monday 15th May

Creative Living Centre (M25 1BP)

- Chair-based exercises: 10.30am-11.30am (Taster session with Susan (Peace Room)).
- How anxiety affects the body: 1pm-2.30pm (Understanding the autonomic nervous system (Peace Room)).
- Dream boards: 2.30pm-4pm (Create your own vision board to take home with a focus on moving forwards (Sunshine Café)).

The Big Fandango (34 Bolton Street, Bury)

- Coffee and chat: 10.30am-1pm. £3.
- "Women's Voices" Community Art Project: 1pm-5pm. Women 45+ £3.
- Craft room: 10am-5pm. £3 per hour.

Bury Involvement Group (BIG)

- Stronger Together-A support group for people who are feeling anxious, depressed, lost, in crisis, etc. 6:30pm-8:30pm, every Monday, in the Escape Room, at the Castle Leisure Centre, Bolton Street, Bury, BL9 0EZ.

ANDYSMANCLUB (BL9 9JX)

- Men's support group: 7pm each week, suicide prevention charity offering free-to-attend peer-to-peer support.