



Warwickshire Parent Carer Webinar (SEND) SEND Local Offer - 27th April 2022 Q&A's

1. What support is there for a 15-year-old with LD and ASD who can't access school or formal education? I seem to not be able to find anything to support us.

A further conversation was held with the Parent Carer following the Webinar to establish more information and support. This highlights Parent Carers' needs for the SEND Local Offer to provide support in identifying potential placements for their children, particularly when the need is very specific. This reflects other feedback from Parent Carers who find it difficult to navigate placement options. This feedback will be considered as part of the ongoing work to develop the Local Offer.

Families can access information on specialist settings on the Local Offer:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendspecialistsettings

They can also call the Family Information Service (FIS) for help to find information on the Local Offer by email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or phone 01926 742274 Monday-Friday 9-5pm. Families can also contact SENDIAS who have a team of local advisors to offer impartial, confidential advice and support on all matters relating to SEND. www.kids.org.uk/warwickshire-sendiass-front-page

Warwickshire County Council are also working with Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice to develop a policy on the use of EOTAS (Education Other Than At School), which is another type of provision for children or young people who can't access education and need a very individualised approach.

2. In the past I've looked for information for families and myself on school refusal but not been able to find anything. Will this be included?

The Emotional Based School Avoidance Project is starting shortly and will inform the resources to support families and settings who are involved with children or young people experiencing this difficulty. Feedback from this webinar will be shared with the project and thought given to how to make access to relevant information within the webpages of the SEND Local Offer.

There is advice on the IPSEA website regarding barriers to attendance and how to get support if parent carers need immediate signposting www.ipsea.org.uk/pages/category/children-out-of-school and also the 'Not Fine in School' website: <https://notfineinschool.co.uk/>

These links are included in the Practitioner and Parent Resource section of the Local Offer Website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send-resources/send-practitioner-parent-resources/3>

3. Could you provide schools with a one-page document to give out to parents/advertise on their websites regarding the local offer? STS staff did send something out with info about this webinar - is this something we could use?

A [flyer](#) has been developed on the Local Offer and will be shared widely. We are also happy to come to team meetings in schools and groups to present on the Local Offer if that would be



helpful. Please email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk for more information and to arrange a presentation.

- 4. The offer sounds great, and I think it will be very helpful if the information is easily available. Will it be distributed to health visitors, SALT and GP's? This would have been very useful at the very beginning of our journey.**

A [flyer](#) has been developed on the Local Offer and is being shared widely to include GP surgeries and colleagues in health, education and social care. There is a plan for a roadshow to visit relevant organisations and settings to build awareness about the Local Offer, so Health Visitors, Speech & Language Therapy and GPs will be included on the list.

- 5. I run a parental support group for parents of autistic children. Parents report information is disjointed e.g., health, CAMHS, LA, therapists. Could someone come to our group to share this? I expect no one is aware. People are looking for real people to talk to.**

The Family Information Service would be happy to attend any team meetings / briefings to talk about the Local Offer. Please email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk to arrange.

Parent Carers and Young People have said that they would like information primarily through a trusted person/organisation known to them. We would like to build a network of groups and organisations that are already have contact with families so that we can ensure they have the information they need, when they need it to enable them to offer the support to families.

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice and Sam Craven for the Participation Team are keen to meet parents and young people to hear their experiences and to ensure that families are informed about the opportunities to be involved in shaping SEND Services. Please email warwickshireparentcarervoice@gmail.com or samcraven@warwickshire.gov.uk

Useful Links

SEND Local Offer webpages <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>

New Local Offer Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WarksLocalOffer>

SEND Newsletter link: [SEND Newsletter](#)

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice

- www.warwickshireparentvoice.org
- <https://www.facebook.com/Warksparentcarervoice>

Please give your feedback on SEND services via the link below:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendfamilyfeedback>





If you aren't sure where to go for support the **Family Information Service helpline** is available 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday Phone: 01926 742274 email: fis@warwickshire.gov.uk