

## LOCAL OFFER

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES  
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## OUR NEXT DROP IN

Drop-in & Chat



**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 11.30-1.00pm**

Bury SEND Hub, Bury2Gether Centre, Coronation Road Library, Westminster Ave, Radcliffe,  
M26 3WD

### INCLUSION SERVICES

Do you want to find out more how about the Section Six guidance in the Code of Practice for schools? This will help you to understand how schools can support your child if they receive SEN support. Cath Atherden Head of the Inclusions Team will be available to talk through what support is available for your child, followed by a Q&A session'.

Partnership working across Education, Health and Social Care

# SEND - Have your say...



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Survey of Parents and Carers of Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs (SEND) in Bury 2022

From 12 December 2019 to 1 February 2020 we launched our first survey for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND to give them the opportunity to have their say about education, health and social care services in Bury.

These views informed Council and CCG service improvement and parents/carers were advised of the actions taken by us in a "You Said We Did" response produced in summer 2020.

We are hoping that you will participate again so we can compare your feedback with the last survey to hopefully evidence improvement, or if you are new to services that you will give your feedback on your experiences to date.

***THE SURVEY IS NOW LIVE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 UNTIL 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022.***

We will keep you updated on the survey through the One Community page and will keep you informed as to how your feedback will be used.

**Your voice really matters to us –help make our SEND services better in Bury!**

**[www.onecommunitybury.co.uk](http://www.onecommunitybury.co.uk)**



In partnership with Bee Inclusive, BURY2GETHER have opened a brand new SEND Hub in Bury. The Hub is a place for co-production, consultation and a space where SEND organisations can utilise in order to deliver their services. Additionally the Hub will be a base for social opportunities for children and young people with SEND and a place to deliver support to parent/carers such as Local Offer drop-in sessions and parent surgeries with service representatives.

The SEND Hub boasts a fully equipped disabled changing facility and a private carpark with an accessible ramp to the building. The Bury SEND Hub is now open and available for all SEND families. Details of upcoming events can be found on BURY2GETHER's website [www.bury2gether.co.uk](http://www.bury2gether.co.uk) and Bee Inclusive website [Bury SEND Hub](#)



# Service Updates

## CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TEAM

### Getting to know you 😊

We know how important it is for our families to feel they have a social worker who understands their needs and is able to progress plans. We have been focussing on getting to know our children and families as well as we can to support you better. We are helped in this as we are fully staffed with 13 team members. Please visit our page on the Local Offer to see links to staff profiles.

<https://theburydirectory.co.uk/services/children-with-disabilities-team>

Everyone on the team is very committed to professional development and have a programme of learning that aims to build on new skills and competencies. We have been working with Millwood and Elmsbank school to support our relationship building and direct work with the children and young people on our caseload. We also have basic Makaton training up and coming which will be new to our students and a useful refresh for experienced workers.

## INCLUSION SERVICES

In the January newsletter, I promised some more detailed feedback in respect of the Parent/Carer response to the Inclusion Service pages on the Local Offer.

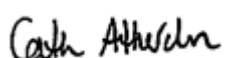
Thank you for the positive feedback you gave, particularly in respect of the professional profiles used by our service members to introduce themselves to you and your children.

You identified some technical issues that could be improved such as the amount of text on the Inclusion Service home page, a lack of organisation to support navigation and the confusing picture of elderly people for a service which supports children! Also, you identified a need to explain some of the terminology that has been used which may not be familiar to parents and carers. We are working with the Family Information Service to resolve these issues and will be able to send further updates as soon as they are fixed.

Some of your comments were in respect of parent and carer access to the teams within Inclusion Service. Unfortunately, the specialist teams within the service are funded by schools so only schools can refer into the services. This would apply to the Sensory Needs Team, the Additional Needs Team (Cognition and Learning Team and Social Communication Difficulties Team) and the Primary SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) Team. However, if parents felt that specialist advice was needed to support their child's inclusion in school, then the best course of action would be to contact your school Senco to chat with them about a possible referral.

There are some elements of Inclusion Service that are open to parents and carers. Parents very often contact me directly as service manager and my contact details can be found on the Local Offer page. I can then direct the query to the right person, or sometimes will return a call or email myself, especially if it is in respect of a child or young person who is not able to attend school. Parents and carers can also use the Educational Psychology helpline to speak to an Educational Psychologist and I have asked for the details of the helpline to be made clearer on the Educational Psychology Service page to be sure that parents/carers can locate them. Your support is proving to be invaluable in ensuring our pages are helpful and clear.

With many thanks,



## SEN SERVICES

Welcome to this month's SEND newsletter. This month we have been focusing on reducing the backlog of EHC cases so that families who have been waiting for more than 20 weeks can receive an outcome and we can work with them on what happens next. We are really pleased to say we have reduced the number of backlog cases to zero-you may remember that was the target for February. We are not relaxing though. We will be monitoring progress with all the cases so that we can address the situation if there is any deterioration in performance. We are determined to make sure that we meet all our targets, including the requirement to respond within 6 weeks of receiving a request.

### Where are we now?

1. We are going to review the EHC planning processes with parents over the next four-six weeks. Look out for opportunities to get involved.
2. New EHCP caseworkers are starting at the moment. Three are joining in the next three weeks. We aim to have a complete team by the end of April.
3. We have held a number of Person Centred meetings and have six more planned for the coming weeks.

### Our priorities

Over the next few weeks we will be working to introduce regular surgeries: opportunities for families to book in slots to talk through any concerns or queries regarding their plans. We are also proposing to introduce a weekly evening callback service, for anyone who can't usually make a call during the day. We are planning to look at how we communicate with parents, partners and other stakeholders. This is an important area where we will be seeking your participation.

We are going to implement the outcome of the EHC planning process review.

## YOU SAID... WE DID...

You said	We did
We need updated information of services.	We are producing regular Local Offer newsletters
It would be helpful to have Local Offer Drop'ins	We have started to set these up.
The relationship with the Council is adversarial	We are planning to hold regular sessions with parents face to face to build better relationships
You have to keep repeating your story	We are moving to a "Tell it once" culture. This will take some time because we are recruiting and training staff.
We need more staff in the SEND Team.	We have recruited 8 staff and have further vacancies to fill. We expect to be fully staffed by the end of April.

## **Bury Educational Psychology Service**

### **Does your child worry about attending school?**

Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) describes children and young people who experience difficulty attending school due to emotional factors, often resulting in absences from school. Information and resources about how to support children and young people who experience EBSA can be found on the Bury Directory, alongside the support currently available through Bury's EBSA Pathway: [Support for Children & Young People | The Bury Directory](#)

A parent and carer information session (delivered in December 2021) explored some of the factors which can trigger and maintain anxiety about attending school, alongside core approaches and strategies which are recommended to support a successful return to school. The session was delivered by Bury's Educational Psychology Service and CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service). **A recording of the session can be found here** <https://youtu.be/zqNo2k7LiT4>

## **Do you and your child want to be part of developing Bury's approach to SEND?**

**What is involved?** Bury's Inclusion Service and Educational Psychology Service are working to develop Bury's graduated approach document. This is a guidance toolkit to support settings and schools in Bury to confidently identify and support children and young people's SEND. **To ensure the toolkit includes the experiences of people living in Bury, we want to meet with parents, carers, children and young people.**

### **What will happen?**

- Opportunity to hear about the project.
- Opportunity to share your views and experiences.
- Your child will be invited to join a craft activity and to share their experiences of school if they wish.
- Refreshments will be provided and a free MAX discount card (for members of BURY2GETHER) and Hidden Disability Sunflower lanyards will be available to collect.



### **When and where?**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
**at the Bee Inclusive Centre in**  
**Radcliffe, M26 3WD**

**11am-12.30pm** for parents and carers  
**4.30-5.30pm** for parents, carers and their children



### **Parent Surgeries with the SEN Team**

The Bee Inclusive Centre, Coronation Road Library, Westminster Ave, Radcliffe, M26 3WD

Do you have concerns regarding your child's EHC Plan and want to speak to the SEN Team? There is an opportunity for you to have a private appointment to talk through your child's plan and any problems you have come across. The one to one appointments will be half hourly based on a first come first served basis. The sessions will be held on:

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup> between 6.00pm and 8.00pm.** Please contact the Communications and Engagement Officer on **07581020879** or email [Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk](mailto:Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk) to book a time slot.



## School & College Transport Team

The team manages travel assistance and home to school transport provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to support attendance at schools and colleges both in Bury and outside of the borough. The team also fulfils the Council's statutory duties in relation to travel assistance and free school travel passes.

Over the past few months, the team have been busy with the day to day running of transport whilst dealing with the challenges the coronavirus pandemic has presented. Unfortunately, due to self-isolating requirements several drivers and pupil escorts have recently been unavailable for work which has resulted in transport being cancelled. Cancellation of transport is only ever as a last resort as we fully appreciate the impact this has. However, as you can appreciate, it has been a difficult period when there have not been enough spare drivers and members of staff to provide the cover that is needed.

February to September is an exceptionally busy period for the team as we plan travel arrangements for the new academic year. We are continuing to work remotely and are available from 7:30am to 4:45pm, Monday to Friday during the school term. During school holidays the team are available from 9am to 4pm.

Our School and College Travel Assistance webpage holds information regarding the service, SEND travel policy and the relevant application forms that are available for you to download; [www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=10420](http://www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=10420)

There may be occasions when it is difficult to reach us by telephone as we are all on calls, please do leave a voice message and we will get back to you as soon as possible or you can email [schoolandcollegetransport@bury.gov.uk](mailto:schoolandcollegetransport@bury.gov.uk).

We appreciate some parents are anxious about their children travelling on dedicated home to school transport. As an alternative to transport, we are also able to offer a mileage reimbursement or a personal travel budget to support attendance at school.

If you would like to take your child to and from school yourself using your own vehicle, we are able to reimburse the mileage between your home address and school. Mileage reimbursements are based on two return journeys per day.

It is also possible for us to provide you with a Personal Travel Budget to make your own bespoke arrangements to support travel to and from school.

If you would like to discuss any of the travel options available to you or have any queries, please get in touch.

Nicola Hudson – Transport & Contracts Manager

# HEALTH UPDATE



CAMHS Bury have been experiencing ongoing increased demand on the service resulting in longer waiting times for both assessment and treatment appointments.

We are also seeing an increase in urgent mental health/crisis presentations. In order for the service to safely meet the current demand for urgent mental health support we have cancelled all routine appointments for the time being.

In addition to current pressures outlined we also have a number of vacancies and sickness levels have increased significantly due to the current covid situation. We are working closely with commissioners regarding this and are welcoming new staffs over the coming weeks/months.

All families who have been effected have been sent out a letter advising of support available whilst waiting for an appointment.

If parents/young people require any non-urgent wellbeing advice/support; the Bury getting help line offers an all-age free telephone service for residents of Bury experiencing difficulties with their wellbeing: 0161 464 3679. Further details can be found on their website: <https://earlybreak.co.uk/what-we-do/emotional-health-wellbeing-services/getting-help-line/>

We also have a number of self-help resources available for children/young people, parents and professionals available on our website: <https://www.penninecare.nhs.uk/burycamhs>

During office hours if you have urgent concerns regarding your child's mental health please contact the department on **0161 716 1100** and ask to speak with a member of the duty team.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a specific time frame for appointments at this time however will provide a monthly update via the newsletter.

# Community Offer

**The Enterprise Centre** is running a series of 'live well with nature' activity sessions. All activities are free and include refreshments and snacks. Each programme runs between 4 and 6 weeks. The programmes include

- 'Together Tuesday' – small group meet and eat with a community self-taught artist who will share art therapy in nature
- 'Wellbeing Wednesday' – looks at a range of holistic therapies including a walk on the wild side, the power of trees and interesting facts about crystal and reiki healing
- 'Toddler Trails Thursday' – encourages young mums, dads or grandparents with toddlers to get outside for an hour and then return to hot snacks and drinks whilst they explore natural craft projects

Numbers are limited to 6 per group to ensure quality of delivery and experience, so early booking is essential. Please contact [Dannielle@theenterprisecentre.co.uk](mailto:Dannielle@theenterprisecentre.co.uk) with name, address, date of birth and telephone and one of the team will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Bury College** is holding **Apprenticeship Information Evenings** on 7 February, 16 March and 21 April from 6.00-7.30pm. The events will provide short presentations along with the opportunity to speak with members of staff from the apprenticeship team. The events will take place in the Jim Cartwright Theatre, Beacon Centre, Bury BL9 0AT. You can find more information here: [Bury College Events](#)



**JIGSAW Bury** are having a Ladies fashion show and pop-up shop. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Our Lady of Grace Church Hall. 11 Fairfax Road, Prestwich M25 1AS. Tickets £5 Doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7pm. Tickets to be purchased in advance by email [jigsaw@bury.gov.uk](mailto:jigsaw@bury.gov.uk) or telephone: 0161 253 6853

**SEND Family swim sessions-** Organised in partnership with BURY2GETHER for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, aged 0-17. £7 per family. Discounts for Bury Leisure members. Venue/Date- Ramsbottom pool, every Sunday.

Time- 12.15pm-1.15pm please do not arrive before 12.10pm.

Limited spaces, booking is essential: 0161 253 7000 (Ask for SEND swim)



**Bury Youth Services** offers a range of youth groups for young people with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities at the New Kershaw Centre. For further information please contact Siobhan tel: 07583072683 email: [s.whelan@bury.gov.uk](mailto:s.whelan@bury.gov.uk) or Cat tel: 07909915389 or email [cath.reynolds@bury.gov.uk](mailto:cath.reynolds@bury.gov.uk)



**Bee Inclusive** are hosting Children Inspired Yoga Manchester, for an introductory session on Wednesday 2nd March, at 5pm for 40 minutes.

Bee Inclusive does have a portable hoist available for Wheelchair users, however please bear with us as we are trying to get it serviced before the session - we will keep you informed!

This taster session is initially for Primary School aged children. However, we are looking for different age group sessions, such as a daytime Early Years group. Please let us know if this is something you would be interested in!

To book on, please click on the link below:

<https://portal.childreninspiredbyyoga.com/.../Course.../...>

The next Bee Inclusive session at Jump Xtreme, Bolton is on Wednesday 2nd March at 6 pm for young people with SEND and their families.

The cost per child is £8 for an hour on the trampolines (6pm-7pm) or £10 for an hour on the trampoline plus an hour in the soft play area (6pm-8pm).

Spaces are limited to 30 and must be booked in advance. To book email [hellobeeinclusive@gmail.com](mailto:hellobeeinclusive@gmail.com) stating number of children attending - siblings are welcome. Parent/carer goes free and music and lights will be turned down.



**a social and sports group  
for young disabled people**

**About Jigsaw:** Jigsaw is a sports and social group for young disabled people aged 13+, based in Bury. Our aims are to promote fun, freedom and independence; support people to enjoy an active social life, help people reach their sporting potential and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

**Jigsaw, Unit 28, Bury Business Centre, Kay Street, Bury, BL9 6BU**

**Phone:** 0161 253 6853 **Email:** [jigsaw@bury.gov.uk](mailto:jigsaw@bury.gov.uk) **Website:** [www.jigsawbury.org](http://www.jigsawbury.org)



## Bee Inclusive

Bee Inclusive is a 'not for profit', Community Interest Group, founded in Greater Manchester and based in Bury.

We provide social opportunities for children and young people with SEND (Special, Educational Needs and Disabilities).

We have moved into a community centre in Radcliffe, complete with a new changing facility/disabled toilet, to ensure that we are as accessible as possible.

We are currently pitching for funding to install a sensory room.

Our organisation is run by SEND parent/carers, to ensure that the opportunities we provide are appropriate, safe and enjoyable for our children and young people.

### What we do

As a parent/carer led organisation, we want to ensure that our children and young people have the best possible access to inclusive, social opportunities.

We are an independent organisation, that self-funds to provide activities.

These may be delivered in our centre, facilitated by external providers or take place at other venues in the community.

We embrace everyone, including those that are neurodiverse, have additional needs and those that are disabled.

### Community Links

We encourage SEND organisations to get in touch with us and link in. We are looking for other organisations to collaborate with.

We also have opportunities for other SEND organisations to hire our rooms.

### Social Opportunities

We have been very lucky to have been awarded a grant from Bury's 'Let's do it' - Health Fund. We have lots of Social Opportunities planned going forward.

### How to keep up to date

- Sign up to our newsletter at:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSej8Pfwgqbv7qoQw8JeNAM29RsToqZ-7D9KQb6AzSyQsIPYhQ/viewform>
- [www.instagram.com/bee\\_inclusive](http://www.instagram.com/bee_inclusive)
- [www.facebook.com/beeinclusiveuk](http://www.facebook.com/beeinclusiveuk)
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Find out more at [beeinclusive.co.uk](http://beeinclusive.co.uk)

Or get in touch at [hellobeeinclusive@gmail.com](mailto:hellobeeinclusive@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Events 2022**  
**(for PARENT/CARER'S ONLY)**

*Please email or telephone us to book a place*

**IASS Independent Advice Service around Education and SEND**

**Facilitator:** Bury SENDIASS Service, **Date:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (between 10am – 4pm)  
*Individual appointments ONLY (please email for available times)*

**Coffee and Catch Up**

**Facilitator:** Lisa Joynson, **Date:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 6:30pm-8pm  
*(THIS EVENT IS VIRTUAL)*

**Sensory Processing Seminar**

**Facilitator:** Rehab For Independence, **Date:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March: 10am – 11.30pm  
*(THIS EVENT IS GOING TO BE **FACE TO FACE** ONLY at the address below)*

**Coffee and Catch Up**

**Facilitator:** Lisa Joynson, **Date:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March: 10am – 11.30am  
*(THIS EVENT IS VIRTUAL)*

**IASS Independent Advice Service around Education and SEND**

**Facilitator:** Bury SENDIASS Service, **Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April (between 10am – 4pm)  
*Individual appointments ONLY (please email for available times)*

**Sensory Processing Seminar**

**Facilitator:** Rehab For Independence, **Date:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April: 6pm – 7.30pm  
*(THIS EVENT IS GOING TO BE **VIRTUAL** ONLY)*

**Sensory Processing Seminar**

**Facilitator:** Rehab For Independence, **Date:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: 1pm – 2.30pm  
*(THIS EVENT IS GOING TO BE **FACE TO FACE** ONLY at the address below)*

**IASS Independent Advice Service around Education and SEND**

**Facilitator:** Bury SENDIASS Service, **Date:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May (between 10am – 4pm)  
*Individual appointments ONLY (please email for available times)*

**Sensory Processing Seminar**

**Facilitator:** Rehab For Independence, **Date:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June: 10am – 11.30pm  
*(THIS EVENT IS GOING TO BE **VIRTUAL** ONLY)*

# SPEAK ENQUIRE KNOW DISCUSS



## Local Offer events

Event	Date	Time	Details
Information workshop with Children with Disability Team on Short Breaks	8 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30pm-2.30pm	Online workshop presentation on 'Short Breaks' <b>Please email <a href="mailto:Bury2Gether@gmail.com">Bury2Gether@gmail.com</a> to be added to the attendee list.</b>
Inclusion Service and Educational Psychology Service	10 <sup>th</sup> March	11am-12.30pm and 4.30pm-5.30pm	An opportunity to find out about the 'Graduated Approach' and to share yours and your child's views and experiences of school. Held at the Bee Inclusive Centre.
Information workshop and a discussion with the Head of Inclusion Services.	15 <sup>th</sup> March	11.30am-1.00pm.	Cath Atherden will be holding a face to face information session for parents at the Bee Inclusive Centre. <b>Drop-in and visit the Centre to find out more from the Head of Inclusion Services how schools can support your child if they have a Special Educational Need.</b>
Parent Surgeries with the SEN Team	15 <sup>th</sup> March 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 29 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm-8.00pm	Do you have concerns about your child's EHC Plan. An opportunity to book a private appointment to talk through the plan and any issues you may have. Book a time slot with the SEND Communications and Engagement Officer on <b>07581020879</b> or email: <a href="mailto:Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk">Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk</a> for a designated time slot. <b>It will be based on a first come first served.</b>
Local Offer Drop-in	20 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am-12.00pm	Held at the Bee Inclusive Centre. SENDiass will be available to give information and advice.

For services, information, advice and news for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Bury please visit [www.sendlocalofferbury.com](http://www.sendlocalofferbury.com) or click the icon on The Bury Directory.