



# **SEND Voices Wokingham AGM**

## **Update on Wokingham SEND Innovation & Improvement Programme**

Wednesday 8th March 2023  
Via Zoom

# 2022 – 2023 What have we done?

The last year has been busier than ever, but we are pleased to have

Regular contact with over 1250+ families via email, social media & contacts with other local voluntary groups

**Membership:** ↑ **28%**  
(24% 2022, 20% 2021)  
**Max Cards offered to all members**

## Surveys:

- Annual SEND Local Area survey
- Transport
- EOTAS

**Highest attendance ever by parent carers at our Local Offer Live event**

## 27 events for Parent Carers

- **14 training/workshop sessions** (EHCP Process, Annual Reviews, SEN Support in Schools, Effective Communications and Preparing for Adulthood)
- **6 drop-ins** (SEND Team, SEND Green Paper, SEND IIP update)
- **2 focus groups** (Transport & EOTAS)
- **4 coffee mornings**

## Booklets & Flyers:

- **Local Offer Guide 2<sup>nd</sup>ed** – 1,000+, sent to members, GP's & schools
- **Early Years Flyer**
- **SEND Guide** (at the printers)

# 2022 – 2023 What happened behind the scenes?

- Committee estimate work level increased to **1250+ hours** work for SVW
- We continue to be involved with the SEND Innovation & Improvement project and the Accelerated Project Plan (for Transitions to Adulthood)  
**5 work streams** and **over 550 hours work** – a **20%+ increase** in hours from 21/22.
- Total work by SVW equivalent to **6 days a week**
- We also continue work with:
  - Berkshire West SEND Joint Implementation Group
  - Health Keyworker Programme & CAMHS LD Mental Health service
  - Berkshire West CYP Mental Health Forum
  - WBC Children’s Overview & Scrutiny Committee
  - WBC Operational Meetings
  - WBC Residents Equality Forum
  - WBC Autism Strategy
  - Wokingham EY Best Start in Life group
  - SEND Transport Forum
  - SENDIASS Steering Group
  - DfE SEND Update
  - Short Breaks
  - NNPCF SE Regional PCF
  - Healthwatch
  - SE19 Joint SEND Forum



# 2022 - 2023 Our Finances (to be finalised at the end March 2023)

## DfE Funding

Department of Education Grant	£17,500
Priority Grant (SEND Guide & Charity)	£3,375
<b>Total funding 2022/2023</b>	<b>£20,875</b>

## Summary of Expenditure (forecast to end of March)

Parents Events	£2,074
Training/technical support (for SVW)	£15
Admin cost	£5,974
Meeting cost	£6,240
Hard to Reach - unable to do activity/unforeseen circumstances	
Infrastructure/Resources/Other	£3,300
Priority Grant	£3,375
<b>Total estimated expenditure</b>	<b>£21,228</b>

## Forecast Outturn (Year End Forecast)

Expenditure	£21,228
Income	£20,875
Outturn	- £353

## 2022 - 2023 grant

We will be applying for £17.5K DfE grant and additional Contact Priority grants if available

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**When you need Early Years Support for 0-5's .....**  
**Support for children with SEND & their families in the Early Years in Wokingham Borough**

**Where do I start?**  
 It can be an overwhelming and confusing time when you first realise your child has special educational needs. You may also be worried that nurseries and schools don't understand your child's needs.

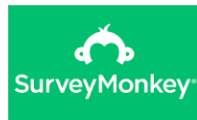
A child has special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) if they have learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn, than most other children of about the same age. If you think your child may have special educational needs talk to your child's key worker or contact the 'SEN co-ordinator', or 'SENCO' at your child's pre-school or nursery. Or speak with your GP, health visitor, or a Family Support Worker at your local children's centre.

Every nursery and pre-school have a Special Educational Needs Coordinator, known as a SENCO. They make sure children with special educational needs get the support they need. All pre-school, nursery and children's who are in receipt of funded hours must publish information about how they support children with special educational needs and disabilities. This is known as their Local Offer.

**Local Offer** More information about all the services, organisations, advice, and support for Under 5s with SEND can be found on the WBC Local Offer: <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/Local-offer-for-0-5s-year-olds-with-additional-needs/children-under-5/>

**Need more help?** Please contact the Early Years Service  
 By email: [earlyyears@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@wokingham.gov.uk) Tel: 0118 974 6900

Useful contact details overview (information correct September 2022)



**SEND Guide for Parents**  
 A quick and easy guide for parent & carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

Wokingham Borough Council website is being updated June 2023 and some links may not work after this date. Please contact SEND Voices Wokingham if you are having problems finding the information you need  
 Email: [info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](mailto:info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk)

Website links & information correct as of March 2023.

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## 2022 – 2023 Who has made this happen?

- **Our Steering Committee and areas of responsibility**

Sarah Clarke – Chair & NNPCF SE Regional Representative

Debbie Jacobs – Vice Chair

Jacky Mackenzie – Treasurer

Aleca Rzyso – Secretary

Judith Newman, Lynn Boba - Committee Members

Terri Walsh – Participation Coordinator & Administrator



- **Our Parent Reps**

Suzanne Chatt, Karen Bush



# Thank you

**Thank you & farewell**

**Judith Newman**



# 2023 - 2024 SEND Voices Wokingham Charity No.1201621

Following our EGM and application to the Charity Commission  
SEND Voices Wokingham is now a registered charity

This will allow us to expand our service to offer more information and  
support to families

## Would you like to get involved as a Trustee?



## 2023 – 2024 What else are we planning?

- Continued involvement with all aspects of the SEND Innovation & Improvement Programme – to ensure family views are included & heard
- Continued involvement with Health and other strategic boards across WBC and the NHS – to ensure family views are included & heard
- Host SENDIASS Training courses – to ensure families feel empowered
- Regular drop-in events with SEND, Short Breaks and other support organisations – increase drop-in events to meet senior leaders
- Local Offer Live day – October 23 – with more Preparing for Adulthood
- Repeat the Annual SEND survey and Transport surveys – to track how things are going and help set our priority work focus

# What is Important to You?

# **Update on the Wokingham SEND Innovation & Improvement Programme from WBC**