

## Update for October 2016 Network Meetings

### June 16 Network Meetings – Improving Community Health Services

- The children's development leaflet will be amended to take on parent views
- We have raised issues around lack of health provision for 16-18 years olds and the need for better transfers between children and adult services. This is being addressed and we await an update this autumn.

### Previous Network Meetings

- Key areas identified for action around SEND reform services are SEN Support and multi-agency involvement in drafting EHC Plans to make the process more holistic and faster to complete.
- SEN Support will be the focus of an upcoming peer review for the local area.
- Multi-agency drafting is being addressed as part of the Think Family approach for children with SEND.
- Our Activity Passport is now live. To qualify you need to be a member of SCIP (Special Needs Community Information Point). To join for free please mail [SCIP@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:SCIP@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### Preparing for Adulthood Support Group

- The last of the series on benefits and young people's rights session ran last month, further info. can be found on our website. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we have a session in Bar Hill, details can be found here <http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/parents-14-25s> In April next year we are planning Housing and Circles Of Support information sessions in conjunction with the Thera Trust (a group of companies that support adults with a learning disability in their own home, at work, in their local community, and for short breaks).
- We are working with Carer's Trust to run a session specifically on young adult's rights (18 – 25 years olds).

### Continence Service

- A recent survey shows that there are still issues with the delivery of the continence service, especially around assessment and products available. We will continue to raise these concerns with the Health Joint Commissioning Board.

### Self-Harm Parent Support Group

- Support for this issue is continuing and our group will run monthly staying in the Huntingdon and Cambridge areas. We are seeking funding to run more groups and have prepared a business case and two case studies. We have support from the GP lead on mental health for children and young people.

### ADHD/ASD Parent Support Groups

- Now running in four areas of the county and have been very successful. They will continue until March 2017 to include a monthly evening group that rotates at each of the four locations

## Volunteer News

- We continue to have a strong group of volunteers who support the team on a regular basis in a variety of roles – we are always looking for more volunteers so if you are interested in joining the team please email Carole – [carole@pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](mailto:carole@pinpoint-cambs.org.uk)
- Volunteer induction training will be taking place during November in Chatteris & Histon. This is a 2-day course for both existing and new volunteers. The course is designed to give our volunteers the tools to communicate effectively and with confidence in whatever role they would like to volunteer in.
- We have very recently signed a contact with spice who run the time credits scheme in Cambridgeshire. Volunteers can sign up to earn time credits in return for volunteering for Pinpoint. Further details on this will be sent to all our volunteers.

## SENDIASS & Core assets EHCP sessions

- Core assets and Sendiass ran a EHCP clinic at the switch café, St Neots in September and have further dates planned on October 14<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9.00am – 2.30pm, also at the switch café. Pinpoint volunteers are joining the sessions to offer support on all aspects of SEN. Please contact Sylvia Nicklin - [Sylvia.Nicklin@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Sylvia.Nicklin@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) for further information.