



parentcarervoice
NORTH YORKSHIRE
WORKING TOGETHER FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

1st October 2026

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

We've hit the ground running this new school year! But most important is...

**PARENT CARER CONVERSATIONS:
YOUR SEND QUESTIONS ANSWERED...**

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Who are Parent Carer Voice and what do we do?

We're a small team of parent carers dedicated to supporting and improving the lives of parents and carers across North Yorkshire and their children. Our remit is to ensure the voices of parents and carers inform SEND services development and practice during consultations with North Yorkshire Council and the Integrated Care Boards supporting our region. In addition to this, we provide training and information workshops, attend community events and carers groups and host wellbeing opportunities.

SEND EVENTS AND GROUPS ATTENDED THIS SEPTEMBER

- Carers Resource
- SEMH Network
- AWC Power Hour
- Ohana
- SEND Connect Fair
- Coffee that Cares
- SENdure
- Ryedale Special Families
- and more...

Live Q&A with North Yorkshire Council

21st October - we are hosting a live Q&A with representatives from North Yorkshire Council and the Integrated Care Boards supporting North Yorkshire. See our Facebook page for details and info on how to submit your questions to ensure we get the right professionals involved to answer them - the closing date to submit questions is Sunday 4th October at midnight.

SEPTEMBER'S NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

- **Experts at Hand** offer as part of planning the first year of SEND Reforms.
- **Inclusive Mainstream Toolkit** roll-out in schools and visibility to parents and carers.
- **SENDIAS Services Advisory Group** to support PCV as Chair of SENDIASS North Yorkshire's strategy meetings.
- **SEND Reform - Community of Practice** for Parent Carer Forums to learn about best practice engagement with local councils.
- **SEND/Alternate Provision Partnership Board** update.

CONSULTATION & FEEDBACK

- * **EOTAS** (education other than at school) consultations as part of the Government's SEND Reforms. We submitted a Government response and report for NYC, local MPs and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums to ensure North Yorkshire's parent and carer views are heard.
- * North Yorkshire Council's **Caring for All, All-Age Carers Strategy** the plan for carers support from 2026 - 2030.
- * North Yorkshire's draft **Our Plan for Children and Young People** for 2026 - 2029.

The emotionally charged EOTAS and Carers Strategy consultations provided highly critical evidence to inform our discussions with North Yorkshire Council going forward and provide constructive recommendations from a parent carer perspective. We also used the information to support our response to the draft plan for CYPs.



UPCOMING ON-LINE INFORMATION SESSIONS



CAMHS - Share your experience to help shape the future of CAMHS.
Date: 12th Nov, 12:30 & 6:30pm
Follow us on FB for more info.



Let's Talk sessions (regarding specific NYC / ICB services). We're currently planning these for the coming year and have more details in our next newsletter.



Unlocking Autism - NYES (North Yorkshire Education Service) FREE information and training to support neurodivergent children, young people and their families including ADHD, PDA, Selective Mutism, SEMH, Identity and more. [LINK](#)
[Unlocking Autism](#)
(NB. You need to create a free NYES account to access the courses and please direct any tech issues directly to NYES!)



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D.

TRAINING WE'VE UNDERTAKEN

Disability Hate Crime: delivered by York and North Yorkshire police for professionals working across education and support services. It highlighted the vulnerability of our children and young people and we are working with the police on an information leaflet to share with our community.

Padlet: new technology to improve communication including making it easier for Parents and Carers to provide us with direct information to support our upcoming meetings going forward. BUT it's another app for people to grapple with and costs money for us to host when funds are stretched. We're concerned it might not suit our parents and carers so *if you've used padlet, we'd love to hear your opinions on it!*
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We're discussing **Journey Mapping** training with SENDIASS for our Parent Participation Officers (PPOs) to enhance their direct, time critical support to parents and carers.

WHERE TO FIND US



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And finally...

- Andy Burnham recently announced the Department for Education's 'Valuing the Hard Hat as much as the Graduation Cap' - Technical Pathways from age 14 which we hope will benefit to our SEND young people, and,
- As you know, SEND mainstream education is changing. The Council for Disabled Children are providing free e-learning on Inclusion Bases. It might be worth taking a look to see how the changes might affect your child and what you can expect... LINK: [CDCInclusionbaseguide](#)

We hope you found our newsletter informative - 'til next time!

Catherine, Donna, Helen, Janet, Janine, Rebecca and Sarah